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1 About this career

The Veterinary Officer is the officer of Rajasthan's Animal Husbandry Department who holds charge of a veterinary hospital or sub-centre. The post covers the treatment and surgery of sick animals, vaccination and the containment of epidemics, artificial insemination and breed improvement programmes, guiding livestock keepers on feed and disease management, and running the government's livestock schemes. For Rajasthan the post matters more than it might elsewhere: farming here rests on the rains, and in a drought year a family's income comes from its animals, so saving one buffalo or goat can save an entire household's economy. It is one of those posts where the result of the work shows the same day, and where the livestock keeper knows you by name.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	A Bachelor's degree in Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry (B.V.Sc. & A.H.), or its equivalent from a recognised University (Service Rules 1963)
Recruiting body	Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC), Ajmer — department: Animal Husbandry
Age limit	20 to 40 years — note the minimum is 20, not the 21 most Rajasthan posts carry (Service Rules 1963, Schedule Col. 9) — the upper limit is relaxed for reserved categories and for women (detail below)
Starting salary	The pay matrix level is not given in the service rules — see the advertisement
Demand	100% by direct recruitment — there is no promotion quota on this post, so every sanctioned post is filled through the Commission

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- An interest in caring for animals and understanding their diseases
- Living in a rural area and working with livestock-keeping families
- The practical use of biology and medical science

ABILITIES

- Physical capacity and nerve — handling a large animal, and doing it while the animal is in pain
- Explaining patiently to a livestock keeper who may have had little schooling
- Diagnostic ability, because the patient cannot say where the pain is

KEY SKILLS

- Diagnosis, treatment and surgery
- Artificial insemination and breed improvement
- Managing the medicine store, records and the hospital itself
- Vaccination drives and the control of epidemics
- Obstetrics and animal reproduction work
- Training livestock keepers and extension work

4 How to get there

- 1 Pass Class 12 in the science stream with biology. Physics, chemistry and biology is the combination needed ahead.
- 2 Sit the NEET-UG examination. Admission to B.V.Sc. & A.H. in India goes on NEET marks — the same examination as for MBBS, so no separate preparation is needed.
- 3 Complete the five-year B.V.Sc. & A.H. course, which includes the final-year internship. In Rajasthan it is available at the Rajasthan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Bikaner and its affiliated colleges.
- 4 Register with the Rajasthan State Veterinary Council. Under the Indian Veterinary Council Act, veterinary practice is not permitted without registration, and the registration is asked for at the time of appointment.
- 5 Your age must be between 20 and 40, and you apply when the RPSC advertisement appears.

MAIN EXAMS

- One feature sets this post apart from most government posts, and it works in your favour: it is a 100% direct-recruitment post. There is no promotion quota, so every sanctioned post is filled through the Commission's recruitment. For comparison — on several posts in this same list, half or more go by promotion of staff already in service, and only the remainder is left for a direct candidate. That is not the case here.
- The qualification carries an "or its equivalent" limb, so degrees from other veterinary universities in India also count, provided the university is a recognised one. Registration under the Indian Veterinary Council Act is separately required — that is a condition of the profession rather than of the service rule, but the work cannot be done without it.
- Note the minimum age. On this post it is 20, whereas most Rajasthan posts set it at 21. The difference looks small but is a real one: B.V.Sc. is a five-year course, and someone who entered at 17 finishes around 22, so the minimum rarely binds — but the number in the rule is 20, and that is what this page states.
- A rename is worth recording, because it causes confusion in older lists: the remarks column of the same row in the rules states that the post of Sheep & Wool Extension Officer is re-designated as Veterinary Officer. If you come across the older name somewhere, it is referring to this post.

- Selection follows the Commission's recruitment process, and the detailed shape of the papers is given in that cycle's advertisement; it is not printed here because the 1963 service rules do not schedule a fixed examination scheme. Note — this post is not in the Schedules to the CET Rules 2022, so a CET score is not required for it.
- Relaxation in the upper age limit — 5 years for male candidates of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classes, More Backward Classes and Economically Weaker Sections; 5 years for women candidates of the General category; and 10 years for women candidates of those same categories. Which means plainly that the bare figure printed against a post understates a reserved-category woman's eligibility by a decade — if you are in that category, work out your eligibility only after adding the relaxation. In Rajasthan, 30% of the posts in direct recruitment are reserved category-wise for women candidates. Widows and divorced women have no upper age limit at all — the rules say it in those words. It is Rule 13(9) of the Rajasthan State and Subordinate Services (Direct Recruitment by Combined Competitive Examination) Rules 1999, it appears again as the same proviso in the Rajasthan Medical & Health Subordinate Service Rules, and RPSC advertisements reproduce it. A widow must furnish a certificate of the death of her husband from the competent authority, and a divorced woman the proof of divorce. The exact terms of relaxation and reservation are given in that recruitment's own advertisement.

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- Rajasthan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (RAJUVAS), Bikaner — the state veterinary university — Bikaner, Rajasthan (<https://www.rajuvas.org/>)
- College of Veterinary and Animal Science, Bikaner — B.V.Sc. & A.H. — Bikaner, Rajasthan (<https://www.rajuvas.org/>)
- Post Graduate Institute of Veterinary Education and Research, Jaipur — under RAJUVAS — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://www.rajuvas.org/>)
- Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Izatnagar — postgraduate study and research — Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh (<https://ivri.nic.in/>)

ONLINE

- पशुपालन विभाग, राजस्थान — This is the department the post belongs to (<https://animalhusbandry.rajasthan.gov.in/>)
- Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India — the Veterinary Council sits under it; the Council site is not currently reachable — Veterinary practice is not permitted without registration (<https://dahd.gov.in>)
- National Testing Agency — NEET-UG, the entrance for B.V.Sc. & A.H. — Government of India (<https://neet.nta.nic.in/>)
- आर.एस.एस.बी. — पिछले प्रश्न-पत्र, उत्तर कुंजी व पाठ्यक्रम (निःशुल्क) — The Staff Selection Board's own site — the most reliable free preparation material there is (https://rsmssb.rajasthan.gov.in/show_archived?menuName=Xj4lCb9vGxpQnfls%2FxlZ2g%3D%3D)
- विभागीय सेवा नियम (कार्मिक विभाग) — पद की योग्यता व आयु मूल दस्तावेज़ में पढ़ें — The Department of Personnel publishes the service rules for every cadre. Read these before any coaching material — qualification, age and the method of recruitment are settled here and nowhere else. (<https://dop.rajasthan.gov.in/>)
- स्वयं (SWAYAM) — भारत सरकार के निःशुल्क ऑनलाइन कोर्स — Free (<https://swayam.gov.in/>)
- राष्ट्रीय डिजिटल पुस्तकालय (NDLI) — Free books and study material (<https://ndli.iitkgp.ac.in/>)
- एन.सी.ई.आर.टी. — निःशुल्क पाठ्यपुस्तकें — The foundation for general knowledge, maths and science (<https://ncert.nic.in/>)

FEES

Fees for B.V.Sc. & A.H. at a government veterinary college are far lower than for MBBS, and Rajasthan has its own veterinary university at Bikaner, so a student from the state usually does not need to go outside it. The larger part of the cost is five years of hostel and food, not fees. Admission goes on NEET marks, and NEET preparation is the same as for MBBS — so a student already preparing for NEET needs nothing extra for this route. One practical point that is not said often enough: for students whose NEET marks fall short of MBBS, B.V.Sc. is a complete and respected medical path in its own right, not a "second option" — and at the end of it stands this government post, on which recruitment is 100% direct. Scholarship and fee-reimbursement schemes apply for SC, ST, OBC and EWS students.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Mukhyamantri Anuprati Coaching Yojana (free coaching, apply via SSO) (<https://sso.rajasthan.gov.in/signin>)
- Rajasthan Social Justice and Empowerment Dept scholarships (<https://sje.rajasthan.gov.in/>)
- National Scholarship Portal (NSP) (<https://scholarships.gov.in/>)
- Buddy4Study scholarship search (<https://www.buddy4study.com>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Veterinary hospitals, veterinary sub-centres and first-grade veterinary hospitals — most of them in rural areas and at tehsil level. Much of the work is in the hospital, and in the field during vaccination drives, epidemics and animal camps.

WORK CULTURE

This post is tied to rural life and should be chosen as such. The first posting is usually in a village or a small town, and there the Veterinary Officer becomes a known figure — a livestock keeper will knock on the door at night, because his buffalo is calving and she is his largest asset. The work is physically demanding: handling large animals, running camps in the heat, and sometimes operating in uncomfortable conditions. Shortage of resources is a reality and it would be wrong to hide it — equipment, medicines and support staff are not always sufficient, and much runs on the officer's own capacity to organise. What comes back in return is unusual: the result of the work shows immediately, the community gives real respect, and in a drought year, when the crop fails, your work is directly saving a family's income.

WHO HIRES

- Animal Husbandry Department, Rajasthan
- The Gopalan Department and the state's livestock development schemes
- Veterinary hospitals and sub-centres at district and tehsil level
- The Rajasthan Cooperative Dairy Federation and district milk unions

DEMAND (2026)

Rajasthan is among the largest states in the country by livestock, and its rural economy rests heavily on milk, wool and the animal trade, so the need for Veterinary Officers is a standing one. Two things work in this post's favour. First, it is a 100% direct-recruitment post, so the whole of the sanctioned strength comes through direct recruitment — a better position than on many posts in this list. Second, the B.V.Sc. degree is not confined to this post: private veterinary hospitals and clinics, the dairy and poultry industries, animal-feed and pharmaceutical companies, central government recruitments, and postgraduate study and research all open from the same degree. It should also be known that the advertisement does not come every year and vacancies are decided by the department's requirement. The number of posts describes the department's requirement, not your chances of selection. One thing to be clear about — the "demand" described above counts posts, not your chance of getting one. Selection is by open competition and the number of applicants runs to many times the number of posts, so most candidates are not selected in any given recruitment. That is not an argument against this career; it is an argument against making it your only plan. Keep studying or building a skill alongside your preparation, so that the year is not lost whichever way the result goes.

7 Career growth

- 1 Livestock Assistant and Animal Attendant — the subordinate posts of the department, who work alongside the Veterinary Officer (they are not a promotion route to this post, since it is filled 100% by direct recruitment)
- 2 Veterinary Officer — 100% by direct recruitment, through the Commission
- 3 Senior Veterinary Officer and Assistant Director — by promotion on experience
- 4 Deputy Director and Joint Director — district and divisional level supervision
- 5 Director, Animal Husbandry Department — the top of the department

EARNINGS

Starting	विज्ञप्ति में घोषित पे मैट्रिक्स स्तर के अनुसार
Mid level	₹60,000 – ₹80,000 (भत्तों सहित, कुछ वर्षों बाद)
Senior level	₹95,000 से अधिक (भत्तों सहित, उप निदेशक एवं उससे ऊपर)

The copy of the 1963 service rules that was read does not give a pay matrix level, so no starting figure is printed on this page — it will be in that cycle's advertisement. This is a gazetted-level post requiring a five-year professional degree, so it sits above posts that ask only for a graduation. The mid-level and senior figures above are approximate and are not confirmed from any official document; read them as a direction, not a promise. The starting figure is BASIC PAY, so that it can be compared directly against other careers. Dearness allowance (60% of basic since 1 January 2026) and house rent allowance are added on top of it, so take-home pay is appreciably higher. The mid-level and senior figures are approximate monthly income including allowances, not basic pay. Note — in Rajasthan a direct recruit is a probationer-trainee for the first 2 years and is paid a fixed remuneration, not the pay scale; dearness allowance and house rent allowance are not payable in those two years (Rajasthan Service Rules, rule 7(30A)). The full pay scale applies once probation is completed. The pay matrix level for this post could not be confirmed on this page from an official document — it is not in the service rules and not in the CET Rules 2022 schedule. No level is therefore stated here. The correct figure is printed in the official advertisement for the recruitment; check it there before applying. The figures above rest on the Rajasthan 7th pay matrix, which is what applies as of 17 August 2026. The Terms of Reference of the 8th Central Pay Commission were approved on 28 October 2025 and it must report within 18 months of its constitution. State governments normally adopt a Central Pay Commission with modifications, and later than the Centre does — so Rajasthan pay will be revised too, though by how much and when is not yet settled.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- 100% direct recruitment — with no promotion quota, the whole sanctioned strength comes through the Commission
- The same degree also works in private clinics, the dairy and poultry industries, and central recruitments
- The result of the work shows the same day, and the community gives real respect
- NEET preparation serves both routes — MBBS and B.V.Sc. alike

The challenges

- Postings are usually rural, and an emergency call can come at any hour
- Physically demanding work — handling large animals carries risk as well
- Shortages of equipment, medicines and support staff are an ordinary reality
- A five-year degree plus council registration — the cost of entry is high in time

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