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1 About this career

A Home Guard is a volunteer auxiliary to the police, assisting during emergencies, disasters, fairs, elections and traffic duty. Be clear-eyed: it is largely a stipended volunteer role, not a permanent high-salary job. In Rajasthan enrolment is done by the Home Guards Department, and for people with limited schooling it can be a good first step toward community service and later police recruitment.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	8th–12th pass
Age limit	About 18–40 years — the upper limit is relaxed for reserved categories and for women (detail below)
Selection	Physical & measurement test
Duty allowance	₹797/day (when deployed)

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Helping people and serving society
- Serving the nation with discipline
- Active work outdoors

ABILITIES

- Physical fitness and stamina
- Staying calm and courageous in emergencies
- Following instructions and discipline

KEY SKILLS

- Physical fitness
- Crowd and traffic management
- Local area knowledge
- First aid and disaster relief
- Discipline and teamwork
- Communication and public dealing

4 How to get there

- 1 Complete 8th/10th/12th in any stream.
- 2 Wait for the Rajasthan Home Guards Department recruitment notification.
- 3 Apply online for the district-wise post.
- 4 Pass the physical efficiency and measurement test (PET/PST).
- 5 Clear medical examination and document verification.
- 6 Get enrolled locally and undergo basic training.

MAIN EXAMS

- Rajasthan Home Guard recruitment (physical efficiency & measurement test)
- 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

- केंद्रीय प्रशिक्षण संस्थान, गृह रक्षा विभाग — Fatehpura Begas, Jaipur
(<https://home.rajasthan.gov.in/content/homeportal/en/homeguardsdepartment.html>)
- राजकीय विद्यालय (10वीं/12वीं हेतु) — Across Rajasthan

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- स्थानीय शारीरिक/पुलिस भर्ती तैयारी अकादमी — At district level

ONLINE

- Careers360 (भर्ती जानकारी) — Online (<https://competition.careers360.com/hi/articles/rajasthan-home-guard-bharti-2026>)
- 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)
- स्वयं (SWAYAM) — भारत सरकार के निःशुल्क ऑनलाइन कोर्स — Free (<https://swayam.gov.in/>)
- राष्ट्रीय डिजिटल पुस्तकालय (NDLI) — Free books and study material (<https://ndl.iitkgp.ac.in/>)
- एन.सी.ई.आर.टी. — निःशुल्क पाठ्यपुस्तकें — The foundation for general knowledge, maths and science (<https://ncert.nic.in/>)
- Testbook (भर्ती व फिटनेस तैयारी) — Private paid coaching — this portal does not endorse any institute. Look at the free options first: the Chief Minister Anuprati coaching scheme, and the recruiting board's own syllabus and past question papers. Check fees, facilities and success claims for yourself; no one can guarantee selection. (<https://testbook.com/rajasthan-home-guard>)

FEES

Becoming a Home Guard needs no expensive study or fees. Government-school 8th/12th is nearly free; the recruitment application fee is usually a few hundred rupees. The main preparation is physical fitness, which can be built for free.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- राष्ट्रीय छात्रवृत्ति पोर्टल (NSP) (<https://scholarships.gov.in>)
- Buddy4Study छात्रवृत्ति पोर्टल (<https://www.buddy4study.com>)
- विद्यालक्ष्मी शिक्षा ऋण पोर्टल (<https://www.vidyalakshmi.co.in>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Assisting police across urban and rural Rajasthan; deployment at fairs, festivals, elections, traffic points and disaster relief; and as Border Wing Home Guards in border areas.

WORK CULTURE

On deployment days, usually 8–9 hours in a shift system. Work is mostly outdoors and in demanding situations. Discipline and following orders are essential. Deployment is not continuous but as needed.

WHO HIRES

- Rajasthan Home Guards Department
- Civil Defence
- Traffic police support
- Rajasthan Police
- Disaster management and relief teams
- Border Wing Home Guards

DEMAND (2026)

Recruitment opens periodically and thousands of volunteers are deployed in Rajasthan, but it is not a permanent job. Rather than treating it as a sole income, it is best seen as service, experience and a stepping stone toward police or security careers. 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 Civilian (applicant)
- 2 Trainee Home Guard
- 3 Home Guard (volunteer)
- 4 Platoon Commander / supervisory role

EARNINGS

Starting	₹8,000–12,000/माह
Mid level	₹15,000–20,000/माह
Senior level	₹20,000–24,000/माह

This is not a fixed salary but a deployment-based allowance (about ₹797/day duty allowance in Rajasthan, 2026). Deployment is not continuous, so monthly income varies. Figures are indicative.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- A chance to serve community and nation with limited schooling
- Builds discipline, experience and a first step toward police jobs
- Local enrolment, service close to home

The challenges

- Not a permanent job; only a stipended volunteer role
- No guarantee of deployment or steady income
- Physically demanding, outdoor and shift work

9 Real-life journeys

Faizal Khan

Home Guard, Amer Mahal, Jaipur (Rajasthan)

While on duty at Amer Mahal, Faizal Khan found a bag near Sheesh Mahal containing ₹1.06 lakh cash and important documents. He honestly reported it to the control room and, after verification, returned everything to a tourist from Odisha, becoming an example of a humble Home Guard's integrity.

Tarun Mitra · <https://www.tarunmitra.in/state/rajasthan/example-of-honesty-home-guard-jawan-returns-bag-filled-with/article-150869>

Mangeram

Home Guard, Ambala (Haryana)

Hearing screams near Maharir Park pond, Home Guard Mangeram jumped in without hesitation and rescued a drowning student named Sakshi. The Superintendent of Police honoured him and fellow rescuers with appreciation certificates, showing how an ordinary Home Guard can save a life.

Amar Ujala · <https://www.amarujala.com/haryana/ambala/home-guard-honored-for-saving-drowning-student-ambala-news-c-36-1-skn1017-159516-2026-03-11>

Sangita Marandi

Lady Home Guard, Mayurbhanj

Sangita Marandi, a lady home guard in Mayurbhanj, found Rs 10,000 lying unclaimed near an ATM. Instead of keeping it, she immediately reported it to the Superintendent of Police and returned the money to its rightful owner, Dr. Nimai Charan Hembrum. She reasoned that since it wasn't her money, the owner would be worried about it. Police honoured her honesty with a cash reward. A humble home guard showed that real strength lies in integrity.

Deccan Chronicle · <https://www.deccanchronicle.com/nation/in-other-news/101023/odisha-woman-home-guard-returns-10k-she-got-from-atm-counter.html>

10 If this route does not work out

One exam or one attempt does not close the door. The same subjects also open these routes — entry is usually easier, and you can return to this field later.

- Indian Coast Guard

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