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यह एक स्वतंत्र परियोजना है, जो सरकार की आधिकारिक करियर-मार्गदर्शन सामग्री पर आधारित है। · An independent project based on the Government's official career-guidance content.

1 About this career

An Assistant at the Reserve Bank of India is the clerical-grade post of the central bank whose officer-grade post is Grade 'B'. The difference between the two is large and worth knowing at the outset: Grade 'B' asks for 60% in graduation, the Assistant only 50% (pass class for SC/ST/PwBD). Grade 'B' carried 60 posts; the Assistant-2023 recruitment carried 450. And the Assistant examination is wholly multiple-choice — no descriptive paper, no interview, only a Language Proficiency Test at the end. The starting basic pay is ₹20,700 and initial monthly gross emoluments are approximately ₹47,849 (without HRA). For a student who wants to work at the Reserve Bank but finds 60% marks or a descriptive examination a barrier, this is the practical door.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	A Bachelor's degree in any discipline with at least 50% marks in the aggregate (pass class for SC/ST/PwBD candidates) and a knowledge of word processing on a PC. The candidate must be able to read, write, speak and understand the language of the state falling under the recruiting office applied for
Recruiting body	Reserve Bank of India — recruitment is by the Bank itself, office by office
Age limit	Between 20 and 28 years (as on September 01, 2023 in Assistant-2023); relaxation of 5 years for SC/ST, 3 years for OBC and 10 to 15 years for PwBD candidates
Starting salary	Basic pay of ₹20,700 a month; initial monthly gross emoluments of approximately ₹47,849 (without HRA)
Interview	No interview — only a preliminary examination, a main examination and, at the end, a Language Proficiency Test

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Office work, records and care with numbers
- An interest in banking and currency management
- A steady, regular and disciplined working day

ABILITIES

- Numerical ability — 35 questions in the preliminary and 40 in the main
- Clerical speed and accuracy, and ease with a computer
- Reasoning ability — carried at equal weight in both examinations

KEY SKILLS

- Word processing on a PC — this is part of the qualification itself
- Assistant-level office work across the Bank's departments
- Maintaining records connected with currency and exchange
- Reading, writing, speaking and understanding the language of the state

4 How to get there

- 1 Take a degree in any discipline and make sure of 50%. This is lower than the 60% required for Grade 'B', but it is still a condition — 49.99% is treated as less than 50%, which the notification states in so many words.
- 2 Learn word processing on a computer. It is not desirable but an essential part of the qualification.
- 3 Choose the recruiting office in the application with care — the Language Proficiency Test at the end is in the language of that state, and failing it means no appointment.
- 4 Prepare all three sections of the preliminary — English, Numerical Ability and Reasoning — evenly, because you must qualify in each test separately.
- 5 Applications are made only at opportunities.rbi.org.in. This recruitment does not come every year, so missing an advertisement is costly.

MAIN EXAMS

- Selection is through a preliminary examination, a main examination and a Language Proficiency Test. There is no interview — which separates this post from the Grade 'B' officer, where the interview carries 75 marks.
- The preliminary is 100 questions, 100 marks and 60 minutes in three sections: English Language, 30 questions for 30 marks in 20 minutes; Numerical Ability, 35 for 35 in 20 minutes; Reasoning Ability, 35 for 35 in 20 minutes. Each section is separately timed and each must be qualified separately — strength in one does not cover weakness in another.

- The main examination is 200 questions, 200 marks and 135 minutes in five sections, each of 40 questions for 40 marks: Reasoning (30 minutes), English Language (30 minutes), Numerical Ability (30 minutes), General Awareness (25 minutes) and Computer Knowledge (20 minutes). Note that all five carry equal weight here — unlike the IBPS examinations, where the questions are equal but the marks are not.
- Except for the Test of English Language, all the online tests are available bilingually, that is, in both Hindi and English.
- This page is written from the 'Assistant-2023' recruitment advertisement, which carried 450 posts and reckoned age as on September 01, 2023. No newer Assistant advertisement was found on searching (as of September 6, 2026) — this recruitment does not come every year. The shape of the examination and the eligibility stay as described; when a fresh advertisement opens, take the vacancies, the dates and the reckoning date from that one.
- There is negative marking in both examinations — a quarter mark is deducted for each wrong answer. The shortlisting ratios are also given in the notification and are useful in planning preparation: roughly 10 times the number of vacancies are shortlisted from the preliminary for the main, and roughly 2 times from the main.
- At the end comes the Language Proficiency Test, conducted in the official or local language of the state concerned. The notification is strict about it: a candidate not proficient in that language is disqualified. For a Hindi-speaking student applying to a Rajasthan office, this stage is not difficult in practice.

5 Where to study

ONLINE

- Reserve Bank of India — Opportunities portal (advertisements, admit cards, results) — All India (<https://opportunities.rbi.org.in/>)
- Reserve Bank of India — main website — All India (<https://www.rbi.org.in/>)

FEES

There is no separate cost of study — the qualification is a degree in any discipline, available at very low fees in a government college. A knowledge of word processing is compulsory, and can be picked up in any ordinary computer course or at a common service centre. The examination fee is as stated in the advertisement and is reduced for the reserved categories.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Mukhyamantri Anuprati Coaching Yojana (free coaching, apply via SSO) (<https://sso.rajasthan.gov.in/signin>)
- National Scholarship Portal — central and state scholarships for graduation (<https://scholarships.gov.in/>)

6 What the work is like

WHO HIRES

- Reserve Bank of India — the country's central bank; recruitment is for its regional offices

DEMAND (2026)

The recruitment does not come every year, but when it does the posts are reasonably many — 450 in Assistant-2023. That is far more than the 60 posts of Grade 'B', and the marks condition is lower too, which makes this the more practical door into the Reserve Bank for a graduate. A student aiming at it should keep applying alongside to IBPS Clerk, SBI Junior Associate and IBPS RRB Office Assistant — the preparation for all three is nearly the same.

7 Career growth

- 1 Assistant — the clerical-grade entry post, basic pay ₹20,700
- 2 Regular movement through the scale, which runs up to a basic of ₹55,700
- 3 Assistant Manager (Grade 'A') through internal examination and promotion
- 4 Further promotion through the officer grades

EARNINGS

Starting	मूल वेतन ₹20,700 प्रति माह; आरंभिक मासिक सकल परिलब्धियाँ लगभग ₹47,849 (मकान किराया भत्ते के बिना)
Mid level	वेतनमान में वृद्धि के साथ; भत्तों सहित सकल इससे ऊपर
Senior level	वेतनमान का उच्चतम मूल ₹55,700, तथा पदोन्नति पर अधिकारी वेतनमान में

The figures are the advertisement's own. The full scale is printed as ₹20700-1200(3)-24300-1440(4)-30060-1920(6)-41580-2080(2)-45740-2370(3)-52850-2850(1)-55700. Where Bank accommodation is not provided, House Rent Allowance of 15% of pay is paid additionally. The perquisites include Bank accommodation subject to availability, newspaper, briefcase, book grant, an allowance for furnishing the residence, dispensary facility with reimbursement of OPD and hospitalisation expenses, and an interest-free festival advance.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- 50% in graduation is enough — lower than the 60% required for Grade 'B', and for SC/ST/PwBD candidates only a pass class
- The whole examination is multiple-choice — no descriptive paper and no interview
- Far more posts than Grade 'B' — 450 in Assistant-2023 against 60 in Grade 'B'
- The posting stays at the recruiting office chosen, with no all-India transfer
- Except for the test of English, all tests are available in Hindi too

The challenges

- This is a clerical-grade post. The Grade 'B' officer's starting basic is ₹78,450 against this post's ₹20,700 — the gap is very wide.
- The recruitment does not come every year. No advertisement later than Assistant-2023 was found on searching (as of September 6, 2026).
- Failing the Language Proficiency Test at the end means no appointment — it is a pass-or-fail stage
- Each section must be qualified separately, so deep preparation in one favourite subject does not help
- A quarter mark is deducted for each wrong answer

9 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.

- Customer Service Associate (Clerical Cadre) — Public Sector Banks, through IBPS
- Junior Accountant and Tehsil Revenue Accountant (Rajasthan)
- Development Assistant / Development Assistant (Hindi) — NABARD

10 Sources & further reading

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