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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

The Statistical Officer is the officer on whose figures the government's decisions rest. In the Directorate of Economics and Statistics and across departments, the post runs censuses and surveys, collects, checks and analyses data, prepares district and state level statistical reports, and supplies the base material for evaluating schemes. When it is said how many people a scheme reached, or what a district's per capita income is, that number comes out of this machinery. It is one of the few government posts where postgraduates in mathematics, economics, commerce and statistics are all equally eligible — so it can be reached from the science, commerce and arts streams alike.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	At least a Second Class Master's in Economics, Statistics, Mathematics (with a paper in Statistics), Commerce (with Statistics) or M.Sc. (Agriculture) Statistics + an RS-CIT certificate or a declared equivalent (Service Rules 1958)
Recruiting body	Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC), Ajmer — department: Directorate of Economics & Statistics
Age limit	21 to 40 years, reckoned on the 1st of January following the last date for applications (Service Rules 1958, rule 12) — 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	Direct recruitment and promotion in a 1:1 proportion — half through the Commission, half by promotion from Assistant Statistical Officer

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- An interest in numbers, data and trends
- The analysis that sits behind policy and planning
- Survey work and gathering data from the field

ABILITIES

- Numerical ability and care — one wrong figure makes a whole report misleading
- Presenting complex data in plain language
- A systematic and patient way of working

KEY SKILLS

- Survey design, sampling and data collection
- Practical computer and spreadsheet work — the rule itself requires RS-CIT
- Report writing and tabulation
- Statistical analysis and drawing conclusions
- Statistical software and data management
- Building indicators for the evaluation of schemes

4 How to get there

- 1 Pass Class 12 in any stream — science, commerce or arts all lead here, provided the thread of mathematics or statistics is kept up.
- 2 Take a graduation, then a Master's in one of: Economics, Statistics, Mathematics (with a paper in Statistics), Commerce (with Statistics), or M.Sc. (Agriculture) Statistics. Note the rule requires at least a Second Class — merely passing is not enough.
- 3 Obtain the RS-CIT certificate — the course run by Rajasthan Knowledge Corporation Limited, certified by Vardhman Mahaveer Open University, Kota; or a certificate declared equivalent to it by the Department of Information Technology and Communication. This is the "and" limb of the rule, not an alternative — it is required in addition to the degree. The course is short and inexpensive, so it is sensible to do it in advance rather than in a rush when an advertisement appears.
- 4 Your age must be between 21 and 40. Be careful: the same paragraph of rule 12 also carries a minimum of 24 for Assistant Director — that belongs to a different post, not this one.
- 5 Apply when the RPSC advertisement appears.

MAIN EXAMS

- The recruitment structure for this post is distinctive and worth understanding. Under the rules, Statistical Officer posts are filled partly by promotion from among the Assistant Statistical Officers in various departments — excepting the Agriculture Department — and partly by selection through the Commission, in a proportion of 1:1. So direct recruitment accounts for only about half the posts.
- Pay particular attention to the RS-CIT condition, because it is joined by "and" in the rule and is easy to skip while reading. However good the degree, eligibility is not complete without that certificate. It is a Rajasthan-specific condition and is not usually found in statistical recruitments in other states.
- The list of eligible subjects is unusually open — Economics, Statistics, Mathematics, Commerce and Agricultural Statistics all qualify. Practically, that means the post is open even to students who did not read statistics as their main subject, provided their mathematics or commerce Master's carried a paper in statistics.
- A rename is worth recording: the heading in the rules was formerly "Statisticians" and was substituted with "Statistical Officer". The older text is quoted in a footnote.

- Note — this post is not in the Schedules to the CET Rules 2022, so a CET score is not required for it. It is a Commission post, not a Board post.
- 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

- University of Rajasthan — M.A. Economics, M.Sc. Statistics, M.Com. — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://uniraj.ac.in/>)
- Jai Narain Vyas University and Mohanlal Sukhadia University — Economics, Mathematics and Statistics — Jodhpur and Udaipur
- Rajasthan Agricultural Universities — M.Sc. (Agriculture) Statistics — Bikaner, Jobner, Udaipur (<https://raubikaner.org/>)
- RS-CIT centres of Rajasthan Knowledge Corporation Limited — the certificate the rule requires — In every district of Rajasthan (<https://www.rkcl.in/>)

ONLINE

- आर्थिक एवं सांख्यिकी निदेशालय, राजस्थान — This is the department the post belongs to (<https://statistics.rajasthan.gov.in/>)
- Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation — national statistical system — Government of India (<https://mospi.gov.in/>)
- स्वयं (SWAYAM) — सांख्यिकी एवं आँकड़ा विश्लेषण के निःशुल्क पाठ्यक्रम — Government of India (<https://swayam.gov.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://ndl.iitkgp.ac.in/>)
- एन.सी.ई.आर.टी. — निःशुल्क पाठ्यपुस्तकें — The foundation for general knowledge, maths and science (<https://ncert.nic.in/>)

FEES

Both the graduation and the Master's can be done at Rajasthan's government universities for very little, and departments of economics, mathematics and commerce exist in nearly every division — so no expensive study is needed to reach this post. RS-CIT costs a few thousand rupees and is available at district level; doing it during the Master's is the most practical course. For preparation in statistics and data analysis, SWAYAM and the material of the Government of India's statistics ministry are free. One point to keep in mind — the rule asks for at least a Second Class, so marks in the Master's count directly for this post, and that is useful to know from the first year.

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

The Directorate of Economics and Statistics, district statistical offices, and the statistical units of various departments. Most of the work is in the office over data and reports, with fieldwork during surveys.

WORK CULTURE

This is quiet, regular, orderly work — the routine is far steadier than in most inspection and field posts, and that is part of its appeal. The pressure is seasonal: deadlines tighten when the budget, the economic review or a major survey is under way, and the pace is ordinary the rest of the time. One feature of the post is that its product travels a long way while staying invisible — a figure you prepare will be quoted onward in policy papers, in Assembly answers and in newspapers, without your name on it. That is exactly why accuracy matters unusually here: a wrong number, once published, is almost impossible to withdraw, because by then it has been quoted in many places.

WHO HIRES

- Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Rajasthan
- Statistical and evaluation units across departments
- District statistical offices
- The Planning Department and the state evaluation organisation

DEMAND (2026)

Every department of government runs on data and the demand for evaluation of schemes has grown, so the need for a statistical cadre is a standing one. But the structure of recruitment has to be kept in view: under the rules half the posts are filled by promotion, so direct-recruitment vacancies are only about half the total, and the advertisement does not come every year. One practical point is that this same qualification in statistics and economics carries along several other routes — the Indian Statistical Service and other central recruitments, banking and insurance, research institutions, and private-sector data analysis. Preparing for this post therefore does not narrow your options; the same preparation works in several directions. 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 Assistant Statistical Officer — the post from which half the Statistical Officer posts are filled by promotion
- 2 Statistical Officer — direct recruitment and promotion in a 1:1 proportion
- 3 Assistant Director — with a different age condition (24 to 40) and different experience requirements
- 4 Deputy Director — a Second Class Master's with five years of handling official statistics, or ten years of teaching
- 5 Joint Director and Director — on seven and ten years of experience respectively, the top of the Directorate

EARNINGS

Starting	विज्ञप्ति में घोषित पे मैट्रिक्स स्तर के अनुसार
Mid level	₹55,000 – ₹75,000 (भत्तों सहित, कुछ वर्षों बाद)
Senior level	₹90,000 से अधिक (भत्तों सहित, उप निदेशक एवं उससे ऊपर)

The 1958 service rules do 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 postgraduate qualification, 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

- A post reachable from the science, commerce and arts streams alike
- A steady, orderly routine compared with field posts
- The same qualification also works in central statistical services, banking and data analysis
- The RS-CIT condition is short and inexpensive, so completing eligibility is not hard

The challenges

- Half the posts go by promotion, so direct-recruitment vacancies are limited
- A Master's is required, and with at least a Second Class
- The RS-CIT condition is joined by "and" in the rule and is easily missed on a reading
- The credit is usually invisible — the figure travels onward, the name does not

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