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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 Combined Hindi Translators Examination is the Staff Selection Commission recruitment through which a postgraduate with a grip on both Hindi and English enters the ministries and offices of the Government of India as a translator. It fills posts such as Junior Hindi Translator, Junior Translation Officer, Junior Translator, Senior Translator and Hindi Pradhyapak. What the work is, is easy to describe and easy to underrate: every order, rule, report and circular of the Government of India has to go out in both languages, and that translation is done by this cadre. Because of the official languages policy the requirement is statutory, not merely formal. For readers of this portal the examination has one distinctive feature: it is among the few central examinations where a Hindi-medium background is not an obstacle but the greatest asset — provided English was carried alongside, and that proviso is the most important warning on this page.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	A Master's in Hindi with English as a compulsory or elective subject, or as the medium of examination, at DEGREE level; or a Master's in English with Hindi in the same position; or a Master's in another subject with Hindi medium and English as a subject at degree level (and the converse)
Recruiting body	Staff Selection Commission (SSC), Government of India
Age limit	18 to 30 years. The date of reckoning changes each cycle, so take it from that year's notice
Starting salary	Level 6 to Level 7 of the CENTRAL pay matrix depending on the post — a basic of ₹35,400 to ₹44,900
Demand	Selection is by an objective paper followed by a descriptive paper of translation and essay

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- An interest in language, translation and exactness in words
- Work with government documents and administrative language
- Reading and writing in both Hindi and English

ABILITIES

- Equal command of both languages — a grip on only one is not enough
- The capacity to learn and retain technical terminology
- Exactness of meaning, because in government translation one word can change what a rule means

KEY SKILLS

- Translation in both directions — Hindi to English and English to Hindi
- Essay and coherent writing in both languages
- An understanding of the official languages policy and the directions under it
- Administrative and legal terminology
- Grammatical accuracy and a grip on sentence construction
- Hindi typing on a computer (Unicode) — required in practice

4 How to get there

- 1 Pass Class 12 in any stream. There is no stream condition for this route.
- 2 Make this decision while doing the graduation, because it is the decisive point of the whole route: if you intend a Master's in Hindi, keep English at degree level as a compulsory or elective subject, or take a course whose medium is English. If you intend a Master's in English, keep Hindi in the same position. The condition falls on the GRADUATION, not on the Master's — and that is what makes it dangerous.
- 3 The converse has to be said too: a student who dropped the other language at graduation will not be eligible for this post however good a Master's in Hindi or English they later take. It is a slip that cannot be repaired afterwards, and it happens at 18 or 19 when its consequence is invisible.

- 4 Complete the Master's — in Hindi, English or another subject, according to the combinations given in the notice. The exact wording is in that cycle's notice and should be read against your own marksheets, because the condition turns not on the name of the subject but on the position it held.
- 5 Begin regular translation practice, and do it not from newspapers or literature but from government material — the annual reports, notifications and circulars of ministries are published in both languages and are the real material of this examination.
- 6 Your age must be between 18 and 30, and you apply online when the Commission's notice appears.

MAIN EXAMS

- The qualification condition is the single most important thing about this examination and needs to be understood word for word. The notice says: a Master's in Hindi with English as a compulsory or elective subject at degree level or as the medium of examination; or a Master's in English with Hindi in that same position; or a Master's in a subject other than Hindi or English, with Hindi as the medium and English as a subject at degree level. Note that in every option one condition falls at degree level. In other words this examination looks not only at your Master's but at your graduation marksheets.
- The practical meaning of that condition for readers of this portal is very direct. Many students drop English at graduation simply because it feels hard or because the marks are lower. That decision closes this entire translator cadre — and they usually discover it after finishing the Master's, when nothing can be done. That is why this page repeats it in three places.
- Against that, for students who kept both languages this examination is unusually favourable. In most of the central examinations on this portal — CGL and CHSL particularly — English is the largest challenge for a Hindi-medium candidate. Here the position reverses: your command of Hindi is the qualification rather than the obstacle, and the competition is confined to those who worked in both languages up to postgraduate level. The cadre is small, but so is the number of people who can reach it.
- Selection is by two papers of different kinds. The first is objective, covering general Hindi and general English. The second is descriptive, requiring translation and essay — and that is the stage that does the real filtering. Preparation for the descriptive paper happens by writing, not by reading; the practice that counts is translating daily and having it checked. The detailed scheme is in that cycle's notice and in the Commission's scheme of examination.

- One caution: pay matrix level numbers do not mean the same thing in the state and at the Centre. Central Level 6 is ₹35,400 and Level 7 is ₹44,900, while the numbers in the Rajasthan matrix carry different values. Compare the rupee figures, not the level numbers.

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- University of Rajasthan and the state universities — M.A. in Hindi and in English — Jaipur, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Ajmer and Kota (<https://uniraj.ac.in/>)
- Government colleges across Rajasthan — B.A. with both Hindi and English, which is the combination this route needs — In nearly every district (<https://hte.rajasthan.gov.in/>)
- Vardhman Mahaveer Open University, Kota — for completing a degree or Master's alongside work — Kota, Rajasthan (<https://www.vmou.ac.in/>)
- Central Institute of Indian Languages — material on translation and terminology — Mysuru, Government of India (<https://www.ciiil.org/>)

ONLINE

- कर्मचारी चयन आयोग — विज्ञप्ति एवं योग्यता की विस्तृत शब्दावली — Read the degree-level condition here, word for word (<https://ssc.gov.in/>)
- राजभाषा विभाग, गृह मंत्रालय — राजभाषा नीति एवं सरकारी शब्दावली — This policy is the basis of the entire cadre (<https://rajbhasha.gov.in/>)
- एस.एस.सी. — पिछले वर्षों के प्रश्न-पत्र (निःशुल्क) — For practice on the descriptive paper (<https://ssc.gov.in/for-candidates/previous-year-question-paper>)
- 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

The cost of this route is low and is almost entirely the cost of an ordinary graduation and Master's. A B.A. at Rajasthan's government colleges and an M.A. in Hindi or English at the state universities cost very little, and if study has to run alongside work both can be done through Vardhman Mahaveer Open University, Kota. No expensive professional course or certificate is needed. The thing that matters more than money is the choice of subjects, and that is free: keeping both languages at graduation is the only real "fee" on this route, and it is paid when filling an admission form, not later. Preparation costs little too — translation practice is done from government material, which is free: the annual reports, notifications and circulars of ministries are published in both languages, and reading them side by side is the best preparation for this examination. The official-languages terminology is free as well. For students of Rajasthan from the SC, ST, OBC, MBC, EWS and minority categories, SSC examinations are included in the Mukhyamantri Anuprati Coaching Yojana.

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 ministries, departments, subordinate offices and undertakings of the Government of India — often in Delhi and the larger cities, though a posting can be anywhere. The work is entirely inside the office.

WORK CULTURE

This is quiet, concentrated, text-based work whose rhythm stays much the same through the day — documents arrive, they are translated, the translation is checked, and it goes onward. The pressure is seasonal: deadlines tighten around the budget, a session of Parliament, annual reports or a major notification, and the pace is ordinary the rest of the time. The largest demand of the post is accuracy, and the reason is practical: government translation is not merely a matter of language but of legal meaning. If the Hindi and English texts of a rule differ, that difference becomes a question of interpretation later. So there is no such thing here as a translation that is nearly right. The other side is that the work stays largely invisible — a notification you translate is read by thousands, but no name appears on it. For someone who needs visibility in their work this is not suitable; for someone who takes satisfaction in language and precision it is an unusually good post, and the hours are settled as well.

WHO HIRES

- The various ministries and departments of the Government of India
- Public undertakings and banks, which carry official language officer posts
- The subordinate offices and directorates of the central government
- State governments and the courts, which carry equivalent translation posts

DEMAND (2026)

Because of the official languages policy the need for translation in central government is statutory and is not confined to one department — every ministry, every large office and many undertakings carry posts in this cadre. Demand is therefore steady, though the cadre is smaller than the large recruitments such as CGL or CHSL and vacancies do not come in large numbers every year. The arithmetic of competition here is unusual and worth understanding: applicants are fewer because the qualification is narrow — a Master's plus the other language at degree level — and among those fewer applicants, fewer still can genuinely write well in the descriptive translation paper. For someone who can really work in both languages, this is among the most favourable central examinations on this portal. The same qualification also carries in several other directions: official language officer posts in public undertakings and banks, translation posts in the courts and state governments, publishing and editing, and freelance translation. The preparation therefore does not depend on one post. 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 Junior Hindi Translator / Junior Translation Officer / Junior Translator — the entry post, central Pay Matrix Level 6 (basic ₹35,400)
- 2 Senior Translator — reached through the same examination and also by promotion; Level 7 (basic ₹44,900)
- 3 Hindi Pradhyapak — the training and teaching direction, a post filled by the same examination
- 4 Assistant Director (Official Language) and above — the senior level of the official language cadre, by departmental promotion

EARNINGS

Starting	केंद्रीय पे मैट्रिक्स लेवल 6 — मूल वेतन ₹35,400 (कनिष्ठ अनुवादक)
Mid level	₹55,000 – ₹75,000 (भत्तों सहित, वरिष्ठ अनुवादक के स्तर पर)
Senior level	₹90,000 से अधिक (भत्तों सहित, सहायक निदेशक एवं उससे ऊपर)

The starting figure is the first cell of Level 6 of the central pay matrix, taken from the Commission's own pay-scale list; Senior Translator posts sit at Level 7, whose first cell is ₹44,900. These are basic pay; dearness allowance, house rent allowance and transport allowance are added on top, and since many posts in this cadre are in Delhi and the larger cities, the house rent allowance often makes a large difference here. It is worth noting that this level sits well above the central recruitments that ask for Class 12, and the reason is precisely that this one asks for a Master's together with a two-language qualification. One caution: pay matrix level numbers do not mean the same thing in the state and at the Centre; compare the rupees, not the level numbers. The mid-level and senior figures are approximate and are not confirmed from any official pay statement; 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 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 Hindi-medium background is an asset here rather than an obstacle — the opposite of most central examinations on this portal
- The other side of a narrow qualification — fewer applicants, and fewer still who reach the descriptive stage
- Quiet office work with settled hours, where pressure is seasonal
- The same qualification also works in official language posts in banks and undertakings, in the courts and in publishing

The challenges

- The qualification condition falls at degree level and cannot be repaired later
- The cadre is small and vacancies do not come in large numbers every year
- The descriptive translation paper does the real filtering, and preparing for it means writing
- The work stays invisible — the translation travels onward, the name does not

9 Sources & further reading

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4. SSC — Previous year question papers — <https://ssc.gov.in/for-candidates/previous-year-question-paper>
5. Rajasthan Staff Selection Board (official) — <https://rssb.rajasthan.gov.in/>
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