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1 About this career

The Medical Officer in Ayurved, Unani or Homoeopathy is the entry-level clinical post of the state's AYUSH services. The work is what any doctor's is — examining the patient, diagnosis, a treatment plan and medicines, and referring upward where necessary — but practised according to its own system of medicine. Rajasthan runs three separate parallel cadres for these systems: Ayurved, Homoeopathy and Unani, and the rules give all three an identical structure — Medical Officer at entry, then Assistant Director, Deputy Director, Additional Director and Director above it. Practically, that means a student taking a BAMS, BHMS or BUMS has a complete and clearly defined career path inside the state government, not only private practice. In rural Rajasthan an AYUSH dispensary is often the nearest government medical facility and the first one people reach, so the practical importance of this post is larger than the size of its cadre.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	A bachelor degree in the relevant system — BAMS for Ayurved, BHMS for Homoeopathy, BUMS for Unani — from a university established by law in India or equivalent, and recognised under the Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970 (Service Rules 1973)
Recruiting body	Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC), Ajmer — department: Ayurved and Indian Medicine (AYUSH)
Age limit	20 to 45 years, reckoned on the 1st of January following the last date for applications — the upper limit of 45 is five years above most Rajasthan posts (Service Rules 1973, rule 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	In all three systems the entry post is 100% by direct recruitment — every post above it is by promotion

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- An interest in medicine and in caring for patients
- Belief in and study of Indian or alternative systems of medicine
- Work connected with rural and community health

ABILITIES

- The ability to listen to a patient and connect symptoms in order
- Carrying through a long and patient course of treatment
- Recognising the limits of your own system and referring in time

KEY SKILLS

- Diagnosis and treatment planning within your own system
- Panchakarma and related procedures, in Ayurved
- Community health programmes and camps
- Knowledge of medicines, dosage and the vehicle of administration
- Running a dispensary, its stock and its records
- A grounding in modern medicine, so that serious cases are referred in time

4 How to get there

- 1 Pass Class 12 with science — physics, chemistry and biology — the prerequisite for all AYUSH degrees.
- 2 Clear NEET. Admission to the AYUSH undergraduate courses — BAMS, BHMS and BUMS — is through the same examination that leads to MBBS. This matters for students who take NEET but do not reach an MBBS seat: the AYUSH courses are a second legitimate route to becoming a doctor, on the strength of the same examination.
- 3 Complete the bachelor degree in your system — BAMS for Ayurved, BHMS for Homoeopathy, BUMS for Unani. These include an internship.
- 4 Check recognition when choosing a college. The rule requires the degree to be recognised under the Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970 — a degree from an unrecognised institution will not qualify for this post however completely the course is finished. This is exactly where both years and money are lost, so confirm before enrolling.
- 5 Your age must be between 20 and 45. The upper limit of 45 is higher than the 40 on most Rajasthan posts — which matters for candidates who have practised privately first, or whose studies finished late.
- 6 Apply when the RPSC advertisement appears.

MAIN EXAMS

- Two separate doors lead to this work, and knowing that is the most practical thing on this page. The route described above is REGULAR service, recruited by the Rajasthan Public Service Commission. The second route is CONTRACTUAL: for the National Health Mission the Rajasthan Staff Selection Board recruits "Contractual Aayush Officer (Ayurved/Homoeopathy/Unani)" — advertisement 06/2025 is an instance — under the Rajasthan Contractual Hiring to Civil Posts Rules, 2022. The qualification is much the same: BAMS (or Bhishagacharya/Ayurvedacharya) from a university established by law in India together with registration in the Rajasthan Board of Indian Medicine, OR BHMS with registration in the Rajasthan Homoeopathic Board, OR the Unani equivalent with its registration.
- In all three systems the entry-level Medical Officer post is filled 100% by direct recruitment — the Schedule shows no promotion percentage against it. Which means the post is reached only from outside, and every post above it is filled from within the department by promotion.
- One point about the age limit is worth recording, because these rules are easy to misread. The live text of rule 9 says 20 to 45 years. Quoted in a footnote lower on the same page is the older text, which set 28 years for junior posts and 40 for senior — that has been substituted out and does not apply.
- The difference is not in the qualification but in the terms of service, and that is what the decision should rest on. The contractual post carries an honorarium of ₹28,050 a month — a figure stated plainly in the advertisement, whereas the regular post's pay matrix level is not in the service rules and has to be looked up in its advertisement. But on the contractual post a pay scale, dearness allowance, annual increments, promotion and pension do not apply, and the engagement is tied to the mission's allocation. So the contractual post shows you a definite figure up front, and the regular post offers long-term security — the honest comparison holds both together. The practical advice is that after completing BAMS or BHMS you should watch for BOTH recruitments, because they come from different bodies at different times: the regular post from RPSC and the contractual one from the Staff Selection Board.
- The qualification is single and straightforward: a bachelor degree in the relevant system, from a university established by law in India or equivalent, and recognised under the Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970. The rule names the Act expressly, so checking recognition is not a formality.
- The rules give all three systems the same ladder, and several posts are declared "inter-changeable" — Assistant Director with Senior Medical Officer Grade-II, for instance, or Deputy Director with Senior Medical Officer Grade-I. Which means the later career can run in an administrative or a clinical direction, and the two are treated as the same level.

- One point is recorded here from this project's own record. On 19 August this post was searched for in the Commission's list of 246 advertisement names, was not found, and was written down as absent. That conclusion was correct about the advertisement list and wrong about the post — the service rules establish it plainly, with its cadre and promotion ladder. A post not appearing in a list and a post not existing are two different things.
- 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.
- 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.

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur — a Government of India institution of national importance — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://nia.nic.in/>)
- Government Ayurved, Unani and Homoeopathy colleges of Rajasthan — Jaipur, Udaipur, Ajmer and others (<https://ayush.gov.in>)
- Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Rajasthan Ayurved University — Jodhpur, Rajasthan (<https://www.rajuvas.org>)
- Government senior secondary schools — Class 12 with biology, the first step — In every block

ONLINE

- आयुर्वेद विभाग (आयुष), राजस्थान — This is the department the post belongs to (<https://ayush.gov.in>)
- National Commission for Indian System of Medicine — recognised colleges and courses — The official source for checking recognition (<https://ncismindia.org/>)
- National Commission for Homoeopathy — Government of India (<https://nch.org.in/>)
- Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India — Government of India (<https://ayush.gov.in/>)
- NEET — the entrance examination for all AYUSH undergraduate courses — National Testing Agency (<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://ndl.iitkgp.ac.in/>)
- एन.सी.ई.आर.टी. — निःशुल्क पाठ्यपुस्तकें — The foundation for general knowledge, maths and science (<https://ncert.nic.in/>)

FEES

This is a clinical course of five and a half years including internship, so it is a long study and should be planned for with that known. Government AYUSH colleges charge far less than private institutions, and giving a government seat priority in the NEET counselling is the single largest financial decision on this route — private AYUSH college fees are several times higher. Rajasthan has government institutions such as the National Institute of Ayurveda at Jaipur and the Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Rajasthan Ayurved University at Jodhpur. State scholarships and schemes such as Anuprati apply. One further practical point: the degree is not only for this government post — private practice, AYUSH hospitals, medicine manufacturing, research and teaching all open from it, so waiting for a recruitment does not mean pausing your livelihood.

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

Government AYUSH dispensaries and hospitals, district AYUSH units, and community health programmes and camps. Postings are usually at dispensaries in rural areas or small towns, where the Medical Officer works alone or with a very small staff.

WORK CULTURE

At a rural dispensary this is often a solitary job — the same person is the clinician, the manager and the record-keeper, and the number of patients arriving is greater than expected. People often come because it is the nearest government facility rather than because they chose the system; which means a large share of what arrives is ordinary and acute illness, and the doctor has to know when to treat within their own system and when to refer upward without delay. That judgement is the most important skill in this post and also the hardest. On the other side, these systems have real strength in chronic conditions — joint disease, skin conditions, digestive and lifestyle disorders — and there a long relationship with the patient develops of a kind that a busy modern OPD rarely allows. An AYUSH doctor's standing in a community is often one of trust, particularly where they have been in one place for years.

WHO HIRES

- Department of Ayurved (AYUSH), Rajasthan — government AYUSH dispensaries and hospitals
- Hospitals attached to government AYUSH colleges
- District AYUSH units and community health programmes
- Posts under the separate rules for rural AYUSH services — the Rajasthan Rural Ayurvedic, Unani, Homoeopathy and Naturopathy Service Rules, 2008

DEMAND (2026)

Rajasthan has a large network of AYUSH dispensaries and in rural areas they are often the nearest government medical facility, so the need for this cadre is permanent. One practical consequence of three parallel cadres for three systems is that the competition is divided too — BAMS holders compete for the Ayurved posts, BHMS for Homoeopathy and BUMS for Unani, and none is eligible for another's. That matters for students choosing a system, because the number of posts is not the same across the three. Another point that is rarely made: admission to these courses is through NEET itself, so for a student who takes NEET but does not reach an MBBS seat, this is a second legitimate and complete route to becoming a doctor, with a defined state-government career structure attached. Keep in mind too that rural AYUSH services have their own separate rules of 2008, so check which rules an advertisement runs under. 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 Medical Officer (Ayurved / Homoeopathy / Unani) — the entry post, 100% by direct recruitment
- 2 Assistant Director / Senior Medical Officer Grade-II — 100% by promotion; the rules declare these two inter-changeable
- 3 Deputy Director / Senior Medical Officer Grade-I — 100% by promotion, inter-changeable
- 4 Additional Director / Pradhan Medical Officer — on 18 years of service together with the prescribed experience
- 5 Director — the top of the cadre, by promotion from Additional Director

EARNINGS

Starting	विज्ञप्ति में घोषित पे मैट्रिक्स स्तर के अनुसार
Mid level	₹70,000 – ₹95,000 (भत्तों सहित, वरिष्ठ चिकित्सा अधिकारी स्तर पर)
Senior level	₹1,10,000 से अधिक (भत्तों सहित, उप एवं अतिरिक्त निदेशक स्तर पर)

The 1973 service rules do not give a pay matrix level for this post, so no starting figure is printed on this page — it will be in that cycle's advertisement. This post requires a clinical degree of five and a half years, so its pay sits well above graduate-entry posts. 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. One comparison is worth keeping in mind: early income in private AYUSH practice is highly uncertain, whereas this post carries a regular salary and security of service from the first day. 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 second legitimate and complete route to becoming a doctor, through NEET
- In all three systems the entry post is 100% direct recruitment
- An upper age limit of 45 — five years above most posts
- A clear ladder to Director, in which the administrative and clinical directions are treated as the same level
- The same degree also works in private practice, medicine manufacturing, research and teaching

The challenges

- A long course of five and a half years including internship
- The recognition condition is strict — a degree from an unrecognised college does not qualify
- The three cadres are separate, so a candidate of one system is not eligible for another's posts
- A solitary job at a rural dispensary, where the doctor is also the manager and record-keeper
- Judging the limits of your own system and referring in time is difficult and carries responsibility

9 Sources & further reading

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