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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 Pharmacist handles everything to do with medicines in government hospitals, community and primary health centres and drug stores — dispensing against a prescription, keeping the store and the cold chain, checking for expiry, keeping the records, and explaining to the patient when and how to take the medicine. That last part matters most: at a village health centre a patient gets a few minutes with the doctor, but receives the medicine from the pharmacist's hand, and that is where the dose is actually understood. The qualification is not a degree — Class 12 with science, then a two-year Diploma in Pharmacy (D.Pharm) and registration with the Rajasthan Pharmacy Council. For a science student who will not get into MBBS or B.Sc. Nursing — and most will not — this is the shortest and cheapest real road into the health service.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	A Diploma in Pharmacy (D.Pharm), and registration as a Pharmacist with the Rajasthan Pharmacy Council — both are compulsory
Recruiting body	Rajasthan Staff Selection Board (RSSB) / the Appointing Authority — Medical & Health Department
Age limit	Minimum 18. The upper age limit is not given here — that figure could not be read from the extracted text of these rules; see the advertisement — the upper limit is relaxed for reserved categories and for women (detail below)
Starting salary	Pay matrix level not officially confirmed — see the advertisement
Demand	Posts at every government hospital and health centre; 100% direct recruitment

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- An interest in medicines, chemistry and how the body works
- Helping patients and contributing to health care
- Orderly store-keeping and record work

ABILITIES

- Great care — one mistake in a medicine or a dose costs a great deal
- Explaining a dose to a patient in plain language
- Staying calm and orderly even when the queue is long

KEY SKILLS

- Reading a prescription, matching the medicine and dispensing the right dose
- The drug store, the stock register and checking for expiry
- The cold chain and safe storage of vaccines
- The Drugs and Cosmetics Act and the rules on Schedule-H medicines
- Spotting an adverse effect and reporting it to the doctor
- Dispensing and record-keeping under the free medicine scheme
- Counselling the patient on dose, timing and precautions

4 How to get there

- 1 Pass Class 10, then take the science stream in Class 11 — with physics, chemistry and biology or mathematics.
- 2 Pass Class 12 with science. Pause here and think: seats in MBBS and B.Sc. Nursing are very few, and D.Pharm is a real and respected option — not a step backwards.
- 3 Do the two-year Diploma in Pharmacy (D.Pharm) at an institution approved by the Pharmacy Council of India. Check the approval before admission — a diploma from an unapproved institution will not carry you through registration.
- 4 Register as a Pharmacist with the Rajasthan Pharmacy Council. The rules make this the second compulsory half of the qualification — the diploma alone is not enough.
- 5 Apply online when the recruitment is advertised, and sit the written examination.

- 6 After document verification, join at a hospital or health centre. The option of a B.Pharm after the D.Pharm also stays open, and it widens what comes later.

MAIN EXAMS

- The written examination — the rules carry a special provision for this post: for appointment as Pharmacist the written examination is conducted by the Board or the Appointing Authority, and the merit list is prepared on the marks obtained in it.
- Bonus marks — under the rules the merit also carries bonus marks, as specified by the State Government, for length of experience on similar work under the Government of Rajasthan: in bodies such as the Chief Minister BPL Jeevan Raksha Kosh, the National Health Mission, Medicare Relief Societies, the AIDS Control Society and the cooperative consumer bhandars. If you have worked in any of those, keep the certificate safe.
- Registration — registration with the Rajasthan Pharmacy Council is a condition of eligibility, not a stage of selection. Do it as soon as the diploma is finished, because without it an application is incomplete.
- Note — this post is not in the Schedules to the CET Rules 2022, so no CET is required for it.

- 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

- Government Senior Secondary Schools — Class 12 with science — In every block
- Government polytechnics and government pharmacy institutions — D.Pharm — Jaipur, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Kota, Udaipur and others (<https://dte.rajasthan.gov.in/>)
- Rajasthan University of Health Sciences (RUHS), Jaipur — Jaipur (<https://ruhsraj.org/>)

ONLINE

- फार्मसी काउंसिल ऑफ़ इंडिया — मान्यता प्राप्त संस्थानों की सूची — Check an institution's approval here before taking admission — it is the single most important step (<https://www.pci.nic.in/>)

- राजस्थान फार्मसी काउंसिल — पंजीकरण — Registration after the diploma is done here (<https://www.pci.nic.in>)
- चिकित्सा एवं स्वास्थ्य विभाग, राजस्थान — The department this post belongs to, and the free medicine scheme (<https://rajswasthya.rajasthan.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

Schooling to Class 12 with science at a government school is close to free. The D.Pharm fee is very low at a government institution and several times higher at a private one — so try for a government polytechnic or government pharmacy institution first. Set it against the alternative: MBBS takes more than five years and costs a great deal, while D.Pharm takes two and makes you eligible for a government post directly. The registration fee runs to a few thousand rupees. Fee-reimbursement and scholarship schemes apply for SC, ST and OBC students.

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 hospitals, community health centres, primary health centres, sub-centres, district drug stores and the distribution counters of the free medicine scheme. Postings are usually in your own district or division, and the need is greatest in rural areas.

WORK CULTURE

The work runs on hospital hours, and in shifts at the larger hospitals. The counter is crowded during OPD and speed and accuracy have to be held together — that is the real test of this job. The load rises sharply in a seasonal illness, a vaccination drive or an outbreak. The responsibility is heavy, because a wrong medicine or a wrong dose lands directly on the patient, so the rules and the records here are not formality but safety. The satisfaction is that at a village health centre you are the person who explains to the patient how the medicine is to be taken — and it is often that explanation which lets the treatment work at all.

WHO HIRES

- Medical & Health Department, Government of Rajasthan
- Hospitals attached to the Medical Education Department
- District drug stores and free medicine scheme counters
- Government hospitals, community and primary health centres
- Units of the National Health Mission
- ESI, railway and other government hospitals

DEMAND (2026)

Rajasthan's health structure reaches down to the village — every primary and community health centre dispenses medicine, and the free medicine scheme has increased that work further, so pharmacist posts are permanently needed. Under the rules the post is filled 100% by direct recruitment, so the whole cadre is open to candidates from outside. The board's own archive records a "Pharmacist 2018" recruitment. One practical point worth planning around: for someone holding a D.Pharm the road is not limited to a government job — private hospitals, retail chemists (which require a registered pharmacist by law), pharmaceutical companies and wholesale stores are all open. So this is not a recruitment where failing to be selected wastes the year; the qualification itself earns a living. 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 Pharmacist — posted to a hospital or health centre
- 2 Senior Pharmacist and Chief Pharmacist grade posts, on experience and promotion

- 3 Drug store in-charge and district-level supervisory posts
- 4 Completing a B.Pharm or M.Pharm while in service also opens a route towards posts such as Drug Inspector — those posts carry their own qualification and recruitment, so read their advertisement

EARNINGS

Starting	विज्ञप्ति में घोषित पे मैट्रिक्स स्तर के अनुसार
Mid level	₹35,000 – ₹45,000 (भत्तों सहित, कुछ वर्षों बाद)
Senior level	₹50,000 से अधिक (भत्तों सहित, वरिष्ठ एवं पर्यवेक्षी पदों पर)

Two things to weigh when comparing. First, the cost of reaching this post is only two years after Class 12, so read the pay against that cost and not on its own. Second, the D.Pharm and the registration earn a living in the private sector too, so this qualification does not depend on being selected. That is what separates it from posts whose qualification is useful for one recruitment and nothing else. 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**

- No degree needed — a two-year diploma after Class 12 science is enough
- The qualification earns a living by itself — a retail chemist is required by law to have a registered pharmacist
- 100% direct recruitment, and a real need for the post in rural areas

The challenges

- A diploma from an unapproved institution is worthless at registration — check approval first
- The responsibility is heavy; one mistake in a medicine or dose lands directly on the patient
- The upper age limit for this cadre could not be read from the text of the rules — it has to be confirmed from the advertisement each time

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