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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 Government of Rajasthan runs Vishram Bhawans and circuit houses across the state — the places where officers, guests and visitors on government business stay. The House Keeper is in charge of the accommodation side of those buildings: the arrangement and cleanliness of rooms, the store of linen and supplies, allotment and records, supervision of cleaning and maintenance staff, and the arrangements around guests arriving and leaving. The post belongs to the General Administration Department, is regular government service, and carries Pay Matrix Level 8. The most useful thing about it is the qualification, and it is of a different kind from most government posts on this portal: it is a HOSPITALITY qualification. Hotel management and catering is taught in this state as a route into hotels, and students on those courses are generally not told that the state government hires that exact skill into a permanent post. More striking still, there are two ways to reach this post and one of them does not require a degree at all — a trade diploma in House Keeping after Class 12 leads to the same post.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	Either of two — (i) a Bachelor's degree from a university established by law in India, together with a Post Graduate Diploma in Accommodation Operation and Management from a recognised institution of Hotel Management and Catering; OR (ii) Higher Secondary under the old scheme, or Senior Secondary (10+2), from a recognised board, together with a Trade Diploma in House Keeping from a recognised Food Craft Institute or a recognised institution of Hotel Management and Catering
Recruiting body	Rajasthan Staff Selection Board (RSSB) — the post belongs to the General Administration Department, Rajasthan
Age limit	18 to 40 years, reckoned on the 1st of January following the last date for applications
Starting salary	Pay Matrix Level 8 — a regular government pay scale
Demand	This is a small and specialised cadre and its recruitment comes at long intervals. The other side of that is that eligibility is confined to those with a hospitality qualification, so the competition is not of the size seen at general graduate posts

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- An interest in order and neatness — taking satisfaction in keeping a place organised and clean
- Supervising a small team and running day-to-day operations
- Service to people, and the work of hospitality

ABILITIES

- Attention to detail — in hospitality quality is made of small things, and that is where the difference shows
- Courtesy and composure, because the guests include senior officers and official visitors and requirements change without notice
- Organisation and record-keeping — room allotment, the linen and supplies store and the account of consumption are this post's responsibility

KEY SKILLS

- House keeping — preparing rooms, standards of cleanliness and checking quality
- Managing the store of linen, supplies and consumables
- Keeping the building's records and preparing bills and monthly statements
- Front office — allotment, registration and dealing with guests
- Supervising cleaning and maintenance staff and dividing the work among them
- Basic computer work, which is both in the examination and in the job

4 How to get there

- 1 There are two routes and their cost is very different — the choice should be made knowing that. The first: take a Bachelor's degree in any subject, then a Post Graduate Diploma in Accommodation Operation and Management from a recognised institution of Hotel Management and Catering.
- 2 The second route, and the most useful fact on this page: after Class 12 (or Higher Secondary under the old scheme), take a Trade Diploma in House Keeping directly, from a recognised Food Craft Institute or institution of Hotel Management. No degree is needed, and it reaches the same post — the same Level 8. Very few routes reach a regular government Level-8 post from a trade diploma after Class 12.

- 3 Candidates in the final year of the required qualification may apply, but the qualification must be acquired before the date of the recruitment examination. A candidate acquiring it after the examination is not treated as eligible.
- 4 When the Rajasthan Staff Selection Board issues the advertisement, apply online through the SSO portal. This recruitment comes at long intervals, so missing an advertisement is costly — watching the Board's website is the only reliable way.
- 5 Sit the written examination. Selection is on the marks of the written examination alone — the merit order is made from the marks obtained in it.

MAIN EXAMS

- The examination is in two parts and both are objective (multiple choice). Part-I — General English and General Hindi, General Knowledge, and Basic Computer Knowledge, maximum 100 marks. Part-II — House Keeping and Front Office, maximum 100 marks. In total 200 marks over 3 hours. One-third of a mark is deducted for each wrong answer. Note that half the marks are for the subject and half for general papers — so knowing house keeping alone is not enough, and neither is preparing only general knowledge.
- The recruitment runs under the Rajasthan Vishram Bhawan (State and Subordinate) Service Rules, 2019 as amended, read for the scheduled areas with the Rajasthan Scheduled Areas Subordinate, Ministerial and Class IV Service (Recruitment and Other Conditions of Service) Rules, 2014. That the Vishram Bhawan service has rules of its own is itself the proof that this post exists in its own right — it is not a sub-post of some larger cadre.
- This is the thing buried in a note to the scheme and it is decisive to know: Part-I is pitched at Senior Secondary board level, but Part-II is pitched at the level of the Post Graduate Diploma in Accommodation Operation and Applied Nutrition. So a candidate holding the trade diploma is eligible on the lower qualification but is examined at the higher one. That is not a reason to avoid the second route — it is a reason to prepare above your own certificate, and nobody tells candidates this.
- The first two years after appointment are probation, during which the pay scale of the post is not given but a Fixed Remuneration set by the state government, and allowances such as house rent allowance, dearness allowance, city compensatory allowance and special pay are not payable. On completion of probation the minimum of the pay scale and the allowances due under the rules apply, and the candidate becomes eligible for confirmation. This provision applies alike to all of Rajasthan's direct recruitments and is worth knowing in advance, because the income of the first two years is lower than expected.

- Age is reckoned on the 1st of January following the last date for applications. There is an additional provision here that matters in recruitments held at long intervals: if no direct recruitment took place in a particular recruitment year and the candidate was age-eligible in that year, they are treated as eligible — but this relaxation is not given beyond 3 years. Since this post's recruitment comes years apart, that provision has real practical use here.

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition, Jaipur — the accommodation operation and house keeping courses this post asks for — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://ihmjaipur.com/>)
- National Council for Hotel Management and Catering Technology — the council under which the institutes and their diplomas are recognised, with the list of affiliated institutes and Food Craft Institutes — All India (<https://www.nchm.gov.in/>)

ONLINE

- सामान्य प्रशासन विभाग, राजस्थान — विश्राम भवन एवं सर्किट हाउस इसी विभाग के अधीन हैं — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://gad.rajasthan.gov.in/>)
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- 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/>)

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The two routes are worth costing against each other, because the difference is large. The degree-then-postgraduate-diploma route is five to six years. A trade diploma in House Keeping after Class 12 is usually one to one and a half years, and at a government Food Craft Institute its fees are far below those of private hotel management institutes. Both reach the same Level-8 post. For a student for whom both time and money are limited, the second route is clearly the better one — provided the institute is RECOGNISED, because recognition is what decides eligibility here and a diploma from an unrecognised institute is of no use at the time of applying.

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

WHO HIRES

- General Administration Department, Government of Rajasthan — the Vishram Bhawans and circuit houses across the state

DEMAND (2026)

This is a small and specialised cadre and its recruitment comes at long intervals — it should not be planned for as a regularly recurring opening. The positive side is that eligibility is confined to those holding a hospitality qualification, so the competition is not of the size seen at general posts open to any graduate. The practical advice is to treat the hospitality qualification as one that works in the private sector too — hotels, resorts, hospitals and institutional house keeping — and to take this government post when it comes. The qualification works in both places, and that is the real strength of this route. 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 This is a post in regular government service, so it carries seniority, annual increments, confirmation and the pension-related benefits that contractual posts do not. After completing two years of probation the holder becomes eligible for confirmation.
- 2 The cadre is small, so the promotion ladder within it is limited — that should be known honestly. The practical way forward is usually departmental supervisory responsibility and charge of larger buildings.
- 3 The hospitality qualification is itself a ladder, and it works outside this post as well. The same skill is used in hotels, resorts, hospitals and institutional house keeping, and with experience the routes to House Keeping Supervisor and Executive House Keeper open up. Even if the government post does not come, the qualification is not wasted — which cannot be said of several government posts on this portal.

EARNINGS

Starting	पे मैट्रिक्स लेवल-8 (परिवीक्षा के दो वर्ष में नियत पारिश्रमिक)
Mid level	लेवल-8 का वेतनमान एवं भत्ते, कुछ वर्षों की सेवा के बाद
Senior level	वरिष्ठता एवं वार्षिक वेतन-वृद्धि के साथ, नियमित सेवा के अनुसार

The advertisement gives Pay Matrix Level 8 for this post on the seventh pay commission, and that level was confirmed by reading it. No starting basic in rupees is printed here deliberately, because no confirmed rupee figure for Level 8 has been found in any document behind this portal — Level 5, Level 10 and Level 14 have confirmed anchors; Level 8 does not. Guessing a number would have been easy, but a wrong number would shape a candidate's decision. So only what the document states appears here. The ECG Technician post on this portal sits at the same Level 8 and can be compared against. Note too that during the first two years of probation it is not this pay scale but a fixed remuneration that is paid. 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 regular government post for a hospitality qualification — an uncommon combination. Hotel management study is usually treated as a private-sector route only, and this post breaks that assumption.
- A regular government post at Level 8 can be reached with nothing more than a trade diploma after Class 12. Routes that reach this level on so little study are few on this portal.
- Selection is by written examination alone and half the marks are for the subject — so someone who has genuinely studied house keeping and front office gets a direct advantage from it.
- The qualification remains useful even if the government post does not come — the same skill works in hotels, resorts, hospitals and institutional house keeping. That reduces the risk.

The challenges

- The recruitment comes at long intervals and the cadre is small. Planning around this post alone is unwise — pairing the hospitality qualification with private-sector work is the practical approach.
- Part-II of the examination is at the level of the postgraduate diploma, while eligibility can be met with a trade diploma. A candidate coming by the second route has to prepare above the level of their own qualification, and this sits buried in a note in the advertisement.
- Because the cadre is small, the scope for promotion within it is limited.
- The hours follow the arrival and departure of guests, so this is not a post with entirely fixed office hours; official tours and functions make it busier. And the first two years of probation are spent on a fixed remuneration, without allowances.

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