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1 About this career

Settle first which post this is. Rajasthan has two posts called Platoon Commander — one in the Rajasthan Armed Constabulary, filled through the Public Service Commission's combined Sub-Inspector examination; and this one, in the Home Guards, recruited by the Rajasthan Staff Selection Board through the CET Graduate Level route. This page is about the second. A Home Guards Platoon Commander leads a platoon of Home Guard volunteers — their training, duty roster and discipline are his or her responsibility. Home Guards are deployed at elections, fairs, festivals, traffic duty and disaster relief, so the work runs alongside both the police and the civil administration.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	Graduation in any subject or its equivalent; OR a duly discharged ex-serviceman of the rank of Naib-Subedar and above + CET Graduate Level
Recruiting body	Rajasthan Staff Selection Board (RSSB), Jaipur
Age limit	20 attained and 25 not attained — the narrowest window among the cadres read from the Department of Personnel — 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	50% by direct recruitment, 50% by promotion from Head Constable

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- An interest in uniformed, disciplined work with leadership in it
- A part in disaster relief and public service

- Training others and running a team

ABILITIES

- Physical fitness and stamina
- Giving clear instructions and holding discipline
- Calm leadership in a crowd and under pressure

KEY SKILLS

- The platoon's duty roster, attendance and records
- Crowd control and helping with traffic arrangements
- Civil defence procedures
- First aid and the use of rescue equipment
- Drill and basic training for Home Guard volunteers
- Disaster response — floods, fires and relief camps
- Coordinating with the police, district administration and disaster management

4 How to get there

- 1 Pass Class 12 in any stream.
- 2 Complete graduation in any subject. Keep the age arithmetic alongside — the window here is 20 to 25, so applying has to begin as soon as the degree is done.
- 3 There is a separate route for ex-servicemen — a duly discharged ex-serviceman of the rank of Naib-Subedar and above is eligible without a degree. Among these 21 posts this is the only such route.
- 4 Prepare physically — start running and general fitness practice during the degree itself.
- 5 Qualify the RSB CET Graduate Level examination; the score stays valid for 3 years.
- 6 Apply online when the advertisement appears, clear the examination and the physical stages, and join the Home Guards.

MAIN EXAMS

- CET Graduate Level (RSB) — the Platoon Commander of the Home Guards Subordinate Service is named in Schedule-I of the CET Rules 2022. The score stays valid for 3 years.
- The Platoon Commander main examination, conducted by the board. Its marking scheme, duration and syllabus are published in that cycle's advertisement.

- The physical stages — physical standards and an efficiency test apply to this uniformed post, with the detail given in the advertisement. The exact measurements for this post could not be read from the service rules this page is built on, so no figure is stated here — read the advertisement itself.
- 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 colleges of Rajasthan — graduation in any faculty — In every district (<https://hte.rajasthan.gov.in/>)
- District sports stadiums and school grounds — free physical preparation — District headquarters and blocks
- Home Guards and Civil Defence, Rajasthan — the organisation itself — Jaipur and district units (<https://home.rajasthan.gov.in/>)

ONLINE

- गृह विभाग, राजस्थान — गृह रक्षा एवं नागरिक सुरक्षा — The department this post belongs to (<https://home.rajasthan.gov.in/>)
- राष्ट्रीय आपदा प्रबंधन प्राधिकरण — निःशुल्क आपदा प्रतिक्रिया सामग्री — For understanding the nature of the work (<https://ndma.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

Graduation at a government college costs roughly Rs 3,000 - 15,000 a year. CET and the main examination cost a few hundred rupees, with a concession for reserved categories. Physical preparation costs nothing. For ex-servicemen the post is open without any further study at all, so for someone returning from the armed forces the cost is close to zero.

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

District Home Guards offices and training centres, and wherever Home Guards are deployed — elections, fairs, festivals, religious gatherings, traffic junctions, flood and disaster relief camps, and duties in support of the police.

WORK CULTURE

This is uniformed, disciplined service where duty runs on events rather than on the clock. Elections, fairs and festivals can mean several days of continuous duty, and a flood or disaster means leaving at once. The leadership part is the largest — the Home Guard volunteers under you are not full-time employees, so they are led rather less by orders and rather more by example. There are a good number of ex-servicemen in this cadre, which keeps a military stamp on the working culture.

WHO HIRES

- Home Guards and Civil Defence, Government of Rajasthan
- Rajasthan Police — deployment on supporting duties
- Election duty and the district administration
- District Home Guards units and training centres
- The State Disaster Management and Relief Department
- Civil defence units

DEMAND (2026)

The Home Guards structure exists in every district and volunteers are deployed continuously at elections, fairs, festivals and disasters, so Platoon Commander posts endure. Under the service rules 50% are filled by direct recruitment and 50% by promotion from Head Constable — half the cadre is open to a candidate from outside. The cadre is not large, and this post only came into this project's inventory once it was found in the CET Schedule, so the recruitment does not come round often. The real constraint is again the age: a 20-to-25 window usually leaves three or four attempts after the degree. 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 Platoon Commander (on probation) — posted to a district Home Guards unit
- 2 Company Commander — 100% by promotion, on experience as Platoon Commander
- 3 Supervisory posts at District Commandant level
- 4 Senior posts in the Home Guards and Civil Defence organisation, through promotion

EARNINGS

Starting	विज्ञप्ति में घोषित पे मैट्रिक्स स्तर के अनुसार
Mid level	₹38,000 – ₹48,000 (भत्तों सहित, कंपनी कमांडर स्तर पर)
Senior level	₹55,000 से अधिक (भत्तों सहित, वरिष्ठ पदों पर)

Keep one distinction clear — a Platoon Commander is a regular salaried employee of the state government, while the Home Guard volunteers working under him or her are paid a fixed allowance for days of duty, not a regular salary. Confusing the two is the commonest misunderstanding about this post. 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

- Any graduate is eligible, and there is a no-degree route for ex-servicemen
- A uniformed leadership post with a promotion path to Company Commander
- Work tied directly to disaster relief and public service

The challenges

- The age window is only 20 to 25 — the narrowest among the cadres read from the Department of Personnel
- The cadre is small and the recruitment does not come round often
- Duty runs on events — several continuous days at elections, fairs and disasters

9 If this route does not work out

One exam or one attempt does not close the door. The same subjects also open these routes — entry is usually easier, and you can return to this field later.

- Deputy Jailor (Prisons Department, Rajasthan)
- Contractual Safai Karmchari — Urban Local Bodies, Rajasthan

- Vehicle Driver — Rajasthan Motor Garage Subordinate Service

10 Sources & further reading

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