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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 Rajasthan Administrative Service is the state's top civil service, filled through the Rajasthan State and Subordinate Services Combined Competitive Examination conducted by the Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC), Ajmer. A single exam fills posts in RAS, RPS (police), Accounts Service, Tehsildar Service and many other state and subordinate services. Any graduate can sit for it, and a selected candidate can go on to become a Sub-Divisional Magistrate running the administration of an entire sub-division.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	Graduation in any subject from a recognised university
Recruiting body	Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC), Ajmer
Age limit	21 to 40 years, reckoned on the 1st of January following the last date for applications — Rule 13 of the Combined Competitive Examination Rules 1999 — the upper limit is relaxed for reserved categories and for women (detail below)
Starting salary	Pay Matrix Level-14, basic pay Rs 56,100
Demand	607 posts in the 2026 notification, roughly 5 lakh applicants a year

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Interest in society and public service
- Taking decisions and leading people
- Reading history, polity and current affairs

ABILITIES

- Capacity for long, disciplined study
- Clear writing in Hindi and English
- Reasoned analysis and impartial judgement

KEY SKILLS

- Rajasthan history, art-culture and geography
- Answer writing and time management
- General Hindi and General English grammar
- Understanding of government schemes and data
- Indian Constitution and public administration
- Current affairs and newspaper analysis
- Communication and confidence for the interview

4 How to get there

- 1 Pass Class 10 and 12 in any stream; preparation is fully possible in Hindi medium too.
- 2 Complete graduation in any subject (B.A., B.Sc., B.Com. etc.) - this is the minimum educational qualification.
- 3 Build a base in Rajasthan studies, the Constitution and current affairs during graduation itself; download the syllabus from the RPSC website.
- 4 Apply online when the RPSC notification is out and sit the Preliminary exam (200 marks, objective, qualifying only).
- 5 Clear the four descriptive papers of the Main exam (800 marks in total).
- 6 Face the interview (100 marks); after selection, train at HCM RIPA, Jaipur and join the service.

MAIN EXAMS

- Rajasthan State and Subordinate Services Combined Competitive Examination (RAS/RTS) - RPSC
- Preliminary exam - General Knowledge and General Science, 150 questions, 200 marks, 3 hours, with negative marking
- Main exam - four descriptive papers of 200 marks each (three General Knowledge, one General Hindi and General English)
- Interview / personality test - 100 marks; final merit is on the combined 900 marks of Mains and interview

- 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

- HCM RIPA (Rajasthan State Institute of Public Administration) — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://hcmripa.rajasthan.gov.in/>)
- Mukhyamantri Anuprati Coaching Yojana (free coaching, apply via SSO) — Across Rajasthan (<https://sso.rajasthan.gov.in/signin>)
- Rajasthan Career Guidance Portal — Online, Government of Rajasthan (<https://cg.rajasthan.gov.in/careerguidance/>)

ONLINE

- RPSC official syllabus and previous papers — Online (<https://rpsc.rajasthan.gov.in/>)
- Rajasthan Knowledge Corporation Limited (RKCL) skill courses — Online and IT-Gyan Kendras (<https://www.rkcl.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)
- 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. The RPSC exam fee is about Rs 400 - 600 (concession for reserved categories). Private coaching runs Rs 40,000 - 1,50,000, but eligible students get free coaching under the Mukhyamantri Anuprati Coaching Yojana, and many candidates are selected through self-study with no coaching at all.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Mukhyamantri Anuprati Coaching Yojana (free RAS coaching) (<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 collectorates, sub-divisional and tehsil offices, the Secretariat in Jaipur, block development offices, urban bodies, revenue courts and field inspections in villages.

WORK CULTURE

Direct contact with the public, public hearings and file disposal; long hours during disasters, elections and law-and-order duties. Transfers happen across Rajasthan. Full opportunities are available for women and persons with disabilities.

WHO HIRES

- Government of Rajasthan - district administration (collectorate)
- Home Department and Rajasthan Police Service (RPS)
- Finance Department and Rajasthan Accounts Service
- Revenue Department and Board of Revenue, Ajmer
- Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department
- State Secretariat and various corporations and boards, Jaipur

DEMAND (2026)

Rajasthan has a steady annual requirement for administrative officers - the 2026 notification carried 607 posts, of which 192 are in state services and 415 in subordinate services. Competition is very high, but vacancies come out every year and retirements keep creating new ones. 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 Probationary officer (HCM RIPA, Jaipur) - 2-year probation
- 2 Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) / Deputy Collector - junior scale
- 3 Additional District Magistrate (ADM) - senior scale
- 4 Joint Secretary / department head - selection scale
- 5 Promotion into the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and the post of District Collector

EARNINGS

Starting	₹56,100 (मूल, लेवल-14)
Mid level	₹67,300 – ₹79,900 (लेवल 16-19)
Senior level	₹1,23,100 से अधिक (लेवल-21, सुपर टाइम स्केल)

The starting figure is BASIC PAY — the entry basic at pay matrix Level 14 — 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. Under the Rajasthan 7th pay matrix, RAS starts at Level-14 with a basic pay of Rs 56,100. With dearness allowance, house rent allowance and other allowances, the starting gross is roughly Rs 85,000 - 90,000 a month. During the 2-year probation a fixed remuneration is paid, and the full pay scale applies afterwards. The figures above rest on the Rajasthan 7th pay matrix, which is what applies as of 16 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

- The highest prestige, authority and public-service opportunity in the state
- Complete job security, pension, housing and medical benefits
- Any graduate is eligible, and there is no limit on attempts up to the age bar

The challenges

- Extremely tough competition - only a few hundred are selected from lakhs of applicants
- It often takes two to three years from notification to the final result
- Political and public pressure, frequent transfers and long working hours

9 Real-life journeys

Kushal Chaudhary

State topper (Rank 1), RAS 2023 examination

Kushal Chaudhary is from Dungariya Kala village in the Pushkar area of Ajmer district, where his father Prabhu Chaudhary farms. Kushal prepared while working as a lab technician at a government school and never took any coaching. In the RAS 2021 attempt he missed the interview stage by just 12 marks, but on his very next attempt he stood first in all of Rajasthan.

ETV Bharat · <https://www.etvbharat.com/hi/state/etv-bharat-exclusive-interview-with-ras-2023-topper-kushal-chaudhary-rajasthan-news-rjs25101604319>

Shalu Kaswan**Rank 8, RAS 2024 examination**

Shalu Kaswan comes from village 50 NP Tatarsar in Raisinghnagar tehsil of Sri Ganganagar district, where her father Chetram Kaswan is a farmer. She studied at her village school and a college in Raisinghnagar, and prepared entirely through self-study at home without any coaching. She secured Rank 8 in the RAS 2024 examination on her very first attempt.

ETV Bharat · <https://www.etvbharat.com/hi/state/ras-result-2024-shalu-kaswan-secured-the-8th-rank-in-the-ras-examination-in-her-very-first-attempt-rjs26041803114>

Sushil Kumar Meena**Rank 3 in the Scheduled Tribe category and 236 overall, RAS 2024 examination**

Sushil Kumar Meena, from Baswa in Dausa district, comes from an ordinary family in which his father supports the household by rearing goats. On his second attempt he secured Rank 3 in the Scheduled Tribe category and 236 overall in the RAS 2024 examination. He became the first student from his area to reach this level.

Patrika · <https://www.patrika.com/dausa-news/ras-success-story-bakerwal-son-sushil-meena-tops-himanshu-mahendra-sanjay-gaurav-and-avi-mishra-also-selected-20512708>

10 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.

- Lower Division Clerk / Junior Assistant (Rajasthan)
- Patwari (Revenue Department, Rajasthan)
- Gram Vikas Adhikari (VDO / Gram Sevak)

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