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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 State Forensic Science Laboratory is where the physical evidence of a crime is examined — blood from the scene, poisons, weapons, cartridge cases, burnt residue, handwriting and questioned documents. The Junior Scientific Assistant is the technical worker of that laboratory: receiving samples and maintaining the chain of custody, carrying out tests by prescribed methods, running the instruments, recording observations and preparing the basis for the senior scientific officer's report. The work connects directly to the process of justice, because the laboratory's report becomes evidence in court. Two things about this post are not generally known to students. First, going into forensics does not require a special "forensic science" degree; an ordinary B.Sc opens this route, and which of the laboratory's seven disciplines you are eligible for is decided by which subjects you studied. Second, the post carries Pay Matrix Level 10, whose starting basic is ₹33,800 — that level is reached on a bachelor's qualification alone, with no master's degree required.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	A B.Sc degree from a university established by law in India — with the subjects matching the discipline applied for: Physics and Chemistry for Documents; Chemistry for the Chemistry wing; Physics and Physical Chemistry for Physics; Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics for Ballistics; Botany, Zoology, Biochemistry or Microbiology for Biology and for Serology; and Chemistry for Toxicology. All the posts also require a working knowledge of Hindi written in the Devanagari script and a knowledge of Rajasthani culture. No postgraduate degree is required
Recruiting body	Rajasthan Staff Selection Board (RSSB) — the post belongs to the State Forensic Science Laboratory Department, Rajasthan, Jaipur
Age limit	18 to 40 years, reckoned on the 1st of January following the last date for applications
Starting salary	₹33,800 (basic) — Pay Matrix Level 10
Demand	The cadre is small and the recruitment comes at long intervals — the advertisement itself records that no examination for this post had been held in the previous three years, and grants candidates three additional years of upper-age relaxation for that reason

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- The experimental side of science — doing tests in a laboratory yourself
- Investigation, and the process of reaching a conclusion from evidence
- Work whose result is used directly in the process of justice

ABILITIES

- Great care and precision — an error made here can change the direction of a criminal case, so carefulness in this post is not merely a virtue but a requirement
- Impartiality — recording the result the test gives, whichever side it happens to favour
- A disciplined habit of record-keeping, because if the chain of custody of a sample is broken the evidence loses its value

KEY SKILLS

- Receiving, identifying, recording and safely storing samples
- Carrying out chemical, physical or biological tests by prescribed standard methods
- Operating, calibrating and maintaining laboratory instruments
- Recording observations accurately and preparing the data for the examination report
- Laboratory safety and the safe handling of chemical substances
- Maintaining confidentiality, because the cases are pending before the courts

4 How to get there

- 1 Pass Class 12 with science. The route begins to be decided here, so choose the subjects with thought.
- 2 Take a B.Sc — and this is the most practical point on the page: the subjects of your B.Sc decide which wing of the laboratory you will be eligible for. Chemistry opens both the Chemistry wing and Toxicology. Physics with Chemistry opens Documents (questioned-document examination). Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics together also open Ballistics — that combination reaches the largest number of wings. Botany, Zoology, Biochemistry or Microbiology open the Biology and Serology wings.

- 3 Note that no special "forensic science" degree is asked for. That misconception is common, and because of it students either move to expensive private courses or abandon the route believing their ordinary B.Sc will not do. The advertisement asks for an ordinary B.Sc.
- 4 A postgraduate degree is not required. If you wish to study further, do it for your own reasons — not for eligibility to this post. You are qualified to apply the moment the B.Sc is complete.
- 5 Candidates in the final year of the qualification may also apply, but must furnish proof of having acquired it by the date of the written examination. When the advertisement comes, apply online through the SSO portal.

MAIN EXAMS

- Selection is made by the Board through a written examination. One thing has to be said plainly here: this advertisement does not carry the examination scheme or syllabus at all — it states that these are available separately on the Board's website. This page therefore does not give a number of papers, marks or duration, because that information is not in this document. Inferring it from the shape of other recruitments would have been easy, but it would have been an inference and not a fact. Before applying, check the current scheme and syllabus on the Board's website yourself.
- The recruitment runs under the Rajasthan State Forensic Science Subordinate Service Rules, 1980. That the service has rules of its own is the proof that this is an independent cadre and not a sub-post of some larger department. The post belongs to the State Forensic Science Laboratory Department, Jaipur.
- The post is filled in seven separate wings and the application is wing-specific: Documents, Chemistry, Physics, Ballistics, Biology, Serology and Toxicology. The practical consequence is that the competition divides by wing as well — you are not competing against everyone who holds a B.Sc, but only against those whose subjects match your wing. Candidates holding Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics together are eligible for the largest number of wings, and that is a real advantage at the time of applying.
- Age is reckoned on the 1st of January following the last date for applications, and the ordinary limit is 18 to 40. This advertisement also carried an additional provision that tells you what this cadre is really like: the department itself recorded that no direct recruitment examination for the post had been held in the previous three years, and for that reason granted candidates three further years of relaxation in the upper age limit. A department conceding in writing that it has not recruited for three years is the most honest possible measure of how rare this opening is.

- After appointment, during the probation period it is not the pay scale of the post that is paid but a monthly fixed remuneration as ordered by the state government. On completion of probation the full pay scale and allowances apply. This provision applies alike to all of Rajasthan's direct recruitments.

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner — B.Sc in the science subjects this post asks for — Bikaner, Rajasthan (<https://www.mgsubikaner.ac.in/>)
- Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur — B.Sc in physics, chemistry, botany, zoology and microbiology — Udaipur, Rajasthan (<https://www.mlsu.ac.in/>)
- Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati University, Ajmer — B.Sc in the science subjects — Ajmer, Rajasthan (<https://www.mdsuajmer.ac.in/>)

ONLINE

- गृह विभाग, राजस्थान — राज्य विधि विज्ञान प्रयोगशाला इसी विभाग के अधीन है — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://home.rajasthan.gov.in/>)
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- 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/>)

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This route is inexpensive, and that is its greatest practical merit. Three years of B.Sc at a government college costs less in total than a single year at a private institution, and nothing special or expensive is needed beyond it — no master's, and no private "forensic" diploma. Students interested in forensic science are often steered towards costly private courses; the qualification for this post asks for none of them. The expense is only that of an ordinary B.Sc, and that degree keeps several other routes open in any case.

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

- State Forensic Science Laboratory Department, Rajasthan — the main laboratory at Jaipur and regional units elsewhere in the state

DEMAND (2026)

This is a small and specialised cadre and its recruitment comes at long intervals — the firmest proof of which is in the advertisement itself, granting extra age relaxation because no examination had been held in three years. So the practical advice is plain: do not plan around this one post. The advantage of the B.Sc is precisely that it keeps several doors open at once — this portal carries other scientific posts such as Chemist, Laboratory Assistant and Laboratory Technician, and private testing laboratories, pharmaceutical and food industry also employ on the same degree. Watch the Board's website, and when this advertisement does come, apply. 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 seniority, annual increments, confirmation and pension-related benefits attach to it. The full pay scale applies on completion of probation.
- 2 Within the laboratory the way forward runs to Scientific Officer and above, depending on promotion under the service rules and the qualifications those require. In that direction a postgraduate degree — which was not needed for entry — becomes useful later, so studying further while in service is a sensible plan here.
- 3 The B.Sc keeps working outside this post as well. Testing laboratories, quality control, the pharmaceutical and food industries and teaching all remain open on the same degree. So time invested on this route is not wasted, whether or not this particular post comes.

EARNINGS

Starting	₹33,800 (मूल, पे मैट्रिक्स लेवल-10)
Mid level	₹45,000 – ₹60,000 (भत्तों सहित, कुछ वर्षों की सेवा के बाद)
Senior level	₹70,000 से अधिक (भत्तों सहित, वरिष्ठ एवं पर्यवेक्षी स्तर पर)

The advertisement gives Pay Matrix Level 10 for this post on the seventh pay scale, and that level was confirmed by reading it — the OCR had rendered it as "Level-0". The starting basic at Level 10 is ₹33,800, one of only three levels for which this portal has a rupee figure confirmed from a document. Read that figure against the qualification, because it is the biggest thing about this post: Level 10 on a B.Sc alone. The Junior Engineer (Agriculture) and Motor Vehicle Sub Inspector posts on this portal are also at Level 10, and one of them asks for a degree while the other asks for a three-year diploma — so a pay level is not tied directly to a level of qualification; it is settled by the post and the service rules. During 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

- Pay Matrix Level 10 (₹33,800 basic) on a B.Sc alone — no master's required. Very few scientific posts reach this level on a bachelor's qualification.
- No special or expensive "forensic" course is needed to enter forensic science. An ordinary B.Sc is the qualification, and clearing up that misconception is valuable in itself.
- Because the application is separate for seven wings, the competition divides — you compete only against those eligible for your wing, not against every B.Sc holder.
- The work is meaningful and its result is used directly in the process of justice, and laboratory work keeps regular office hours.

The challenges

- The recruitment comes at long intervals — the advertisement itself grants extra age relaxation because no examination was held for three years. Planning around this post alone is unwise.
- The cadre is small, so the number of posts is limited and the opportunities for promotion within it are limited too.
- Wing-specific eligibility cuts both ways: it reduces competition, but if your B.Sc subjects do not match any wing you cannot apply at all. The choice of subjects becomes decisive at the degree stage and cannot be changed later.
- The material in some wings is unpleasant — blood and body fluids, or toxic substances — and the demand for precision is very high, because an error here can change the direction of a criminal case.

9 Sources & further reading

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