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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

A firefighter (fireman) uses specialised fire-fighting and safety equipment to control fires and respond to emergencies. Besides putting out fires, firefighters rescue trapped people, assist during accidents, and provide relief during natural and man-made disasters. It is a physically demanding but highly respected public-service career.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	Class 10 pass, minimum age 18 years
Training Level	NSQF Level 5 Fire Fighting course
Average Starting Salary	Approx. ₹17,000 – ₹25,000 per month
Rajasthan Recruiting Body	RSMSSB (Rajasthan Subordinate and Ministerial Services Selection Board)

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Interest in helping others and saving lives during emergencies
- Belief in discipline, teamwork and public service
- Enjoying physically active, adventurous and challenging work

ABILITIES

- Strong physical fitness and stamina
- Ability to stay calm and make quick decisions under pressure and danger
- Ability to work in a team and communicate clearly

KEY SKILLS

- Fire-fighting techniques and operating equipment (hoses, pumps, suction)
- Correct use of breathing apparatus and personal protective gear

- First-aid and rescue techniques
- Quick and accurate decision-making in emergencies
- Knowledge of fire-safety protocols and risk assessment
- Maintaining physical fitness through regular training
- Discipline, team coordination and leadership skills

4 How to get there

- 1 Complete Class 10 and, after turning 18, enrol in an NSQF Level 5 Fire Fighter training course
- 2 Meet physical standards — men: height 165 cm, chest 81-86 cm, weight 50 kg (minimum); women: height 157 cm, weight 46 kg (relaxations available for certain categories)
- 3 Meet medical standards — vision 6/6 and no colour blindness
- 4 Complete training at NFSC Nagpur, a state fire training school, or an NSDC/JSS centre
- 5 For government fireman posts in Rajasthan, clear the written exam and Physical Efficiency Test (PET) conducted by RSMSSB
- 6 For officer-level roles, specialised fire engineering B.Tech/diploma courses at NFSC Nagpur can be pursued

MAIN EXAMS

- RSMSSB Fireman / Assistant Fire Officer recruitment exam — includes a written test plus a race, height-weight check and Physical Efficiency Test (PET)

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- National Fire Service College (NFSC), Nagpur — Nagpur, Maharashtra (<https://nfscnagpur.nic.in/>)
- राजस्थान कौशल एवं आजीविका विकास निगम (RSLDC) — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://livelihoods.rajasthan.gov.in/rsldc/>)
- NSDC प्रशिक्षण केंद्र लोकेटर — Pan-India (<https://www.nsdcindia.org/find-nsdc-training-centre>)

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- IISM India (Fireman/Fire Officer Course) — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://iismindia.com/>)
- Greenw Group Fire & Safety Training Institute — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://greenwgroup.co.in/fire-safety-course-in-jaipur/>)

ONLINE

- Bharat Skills (DGT) — Fire Technology & Industrial Safety Management — Online, Govt. of India (<https://bharatskills.gov.in/>)
- NIOS वोकेशनल अध्ययन केंद्र लोकेटर — Online, Pan-India (<https://voc.nios.ac.in/registration/locate-study-centre>)

FEES

Fire-fighting training under most government schemes (NSDC, JSS, NSQF, RSLDC) is free or heavily subsidised. Private institutes charge roughly ₹15,000 – ₹60,000 for 3-6 month fire & safety certificate/diploma courses, while NFSC Nagpur's professional courses follow their own separate fee structure.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- राष्ट्रीय छात्रवृत्ति पोर्टल (National Scholarship Portal) (<https://scholarships.gov.in/>)
- Buddy4Study — ITI/Vocational Scholarships (<https://www.buddy4study.com/article/iti-scholarships>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

State fire & emergency services, oil and gas companies (e.g. ONGC), airports, industrial plants/refineries, disaster management agencies

WORK CULTURE

Work involves shift duty, typically 8-9 hours across 5-6 days a week, with overtime common during emergencies. The job is physically demanding, disciplined and strongly team-based.

WHO HIRES

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| • Rajasthan State Fire Department / municipal fire services | • ONGC, oil refineries and gas companies |
| • Airports Authority of India (airport fire units) | • National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) |
| • Industrial/manufacturing companies (factory safety units) | • Private fire and safety service companies |
| • State Fire Services, CISF fire wing, AAI and defence establishments | |

DEMAND (2026)

Demand for trained firefighters stays steady due to industrial growth, new construction and mandatory fire-safety norms. In Rajasthan, RSMSSB periodically conducts direct recruitment for Fireman and Assistant Fire Officer posts, and the private sector also has a growing need for fire-safety officers.

7 Career growth

- 1 Fire Operator
- 2 Leading Fireman / Firefighter
- 3 Sub Officer
- 4 Fire Prevention Officer
- 5 Assistant Divisional Officer
- 6 Divisional Officer
- 7 Deputy Chief Fire Officer
- 8 Chief Fire Officer

EARNINGS

Starting	₹17,000 – ₹25,000/माह
Mid level	₹25,000 – ₹40,000/माह
Senior level	₹40,000 – ₹58,000+/माह

As per NCS (National Career Service), a firefighter's average income ranges between ₹17,000 – ₹58,000 per month. In Rajasthan, government firemen recruited via RSMSSB are placed in Pay Matrix Level 4, with an in-hand salary (including ration money and allowances) of roughly ₹34,500 – ₹37,700 per month — broadly consistent with the NCS figures. Actual pay depends on the employer, post and experience.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- Direct opportunity to serve society and save lives
- Job stability, pension and other benefits in government service
- Clear promotion path and skill-based career growth

The challenges

- Physically demanding and high-risk work
- Irregular shifts, night duty and constant stress
- Starting salary can be lower compared to some other government jobs

9 Real-life journeys

हर्षिनी कान्हेकर (Harshini Kanhekar)

India's first woman firefighter, Senior Fire Officer (ONGC)

Harshini Kanhekar is India's first woman firefighter. She completed the demanding seven-semester fire-fighting course at the National Fire Service College (NFSC), Nagpur, as its only female student, training with heavy hoses and equipment. Her first real assignment came while still a student, at a cylinder-blast site in Shirdi. After joining ONGC in 2006, she led fire-fighting operations across Mumbai, Kolkata and Delhi and eventually rose to Senior Fire Officer. She remains an inspiration for women considering a career in fire services across India.

The Better India · <https://thebetterindia.com/110666/first-woman-firefighter-india-harshini-kanhekar/>

राजेश शुक्ला (Rajesh Shukla)

Assistant Division Officer, Delhi Fire Service

Rajesh Shukla is an Assistant Division Officer with the Delhi Fire Service, serving since 2004. During the devastating Anaj Mandi fire in Delhi in December 2019, which claimed over 43 lives, he was part of a 30-member firefighting team. He entered the smoke-filled building at least 12 times and rescued 11 people before his breathing apparatus ran out, sustaining a knee injury and smoke-related headache in the process. He has also responded to major incidents such as the Hotel Arpit Palace fire in Karol Bagh and a fire at AIIMS hospital. His courage was publicly acknowledged by Delhi's Home Minister and the Union Health Minister.

The Better India · <https://thebetterindia.com/205938/delhi-anaj-mandi-fire-hero-rakesh-shukla-saved-lives-india/>

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