

CRPF Constable (Tradesman) Syllabus 2026

Central Reserve Police Force — Central Reserve Police Force — Constable (Tradesman)

Vacancies	Announced periodically for Tradesman posts (Cook, Washerman, Barber, Tailor, Carpenter, and other trades) within the CRPF
Age Limit	18–23 years (relaxation per government norms for SC/ST/OBC/PwBD/ex-servicemen)
Qualification	Class 10 pass (Matriculation) from a recognised Board; some trades may require basic trade-specific experience or certification
Application Fee	■100 (General/OBC/EWS male candidates). Women and SC/ST candidates are exempted.
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Overview

CRPF Constable (Tradesman) recruits candidates for support-trade posts — such as Cook, Washerman, Barber, Tailor and Carpenter — that keep the Central Reserve Police Force's establishments and personnel supported across its deployments nationwide. It's one of the more accessible CRPF recruitment routes given the Class 10 qualification bar, though it still involves the full CAPF-style selection pipeline — a written exam, Physical Efficiency Test and Physical Standard Test, a trade or skill test specific to the applied trade, and a final medical examination.

What's New in the 2026 Cycle

- Covers multiple distinct trades (Cook, Washerman, Barber, Tailor, Carpenter, and others) — each candidate is examined and skill-tested for their specific applied trade.
- Written exam is at a Class 10 level, making this one of the more accessible CRPF recruitment routes academically.
- The Trade/Skill Test is a hard qualifying gate specific to the applied trade, in addition to the general written exam and PET/PST.
- Selected Tradesman constables support CRPF operations and establishments across the force's deployments nationwide, including field areas.

Exam Pattern

Written Examination

Mode: Online/Offline objective MCQ | Duration: 2 hours

Section	Questions	Marks
General Intelligence & Reasoning	25	25
General Knowledge & General Awareness	25	25

Elementary Mathematics	25	25
English/Hindi	25	25

Negative marking: As per the current notification (verify against the official notice) | **Nature:** Merit-determining for shortlisting to PET/PST and the Trade/Skill Test.

Physical Efficiency Test (PET) & Physical Standard Test (PST)

Mode: Field test — running, height, chest (male) & weight measurement | Duration: Conducted on scheduled test dates

Section	Questions	Marks
Race, Height/Chest/Weight measurement	—	Qualifying

Negative marking: Not applicable — qualifying (pass/fail) only | **Nature:** Mandatory gate before the Trade/Skill Test.

Trade/Skill Test

Mode: Practical skill demonstration specific to the applied trade | Duration: Varies by trade

Section	Questions	Marks
Trade-specific practical test (Cook/Washerman/Barber/Tailor/Carpenter, etc.)		Qualifying

Negative marking: Not applicable — qualifying (pass/fail) only | **Nature:** Mandatory; candidates must demonstrate competence in their specific applied trade.

CRPF Constable (Tradesman) — Detailed Subject-Wise Syllabus

General Intelligence & Reasoning

Standard pattern-based reasoning — quick to improve with regular timed practice.

- Analogies & similarities
- Spatial visualisation
- Arithmetic reasoning
- Coding-decoding
- Problem-solving & analysis

General Knowledge & General Awareness

Broad and current-affairs-heavy — steady daily revision beats cramming.

- Current affairs — national & international
- India and neighbouring countries
- History, culture & geography
- Indian polity & economy basics

Elementary Mathematics

Class 10-level fundamentals — most candidates can master this fully with consistent practice.

- Number systems
- Percentage, ratio & proportion, averages
- Profit, loss & discount
- Mensuration, time & distance, time & work

English/Hindi

Basic comprehension at a Matriculation level — a light-touch but consistent revision approach works well.

- Basic grammar & sentence structure
- Vocabulary & spellings
- Comprehension of simple passages at a Matriculation level

Trade/Skill Test

A genuinely practical test, not theoretical — hands-on practice in your specific trade matters more than written revision.

- Practical demonstration of skills specific to the applied trade (e.g. cooking, tailoring, carpentry, barbering, laundry)

Selection Process

- 1 Written Examination.
- 2 Physical Efficiency Test (PET) and Physical Standard Test (PST).
- 3 Trade/Skill Test specific to the applied trade.
- 4 Document Verification.
- 5 Medical Examination.

Salary & Job Profile

CRPF Constable (Tradesman) posts fall under Pay Level 3 of the 7th CPC matrix (₹21,700–₹69,100), plus Dearness Allowance, HRA, Ration Money Allowance and other force-specific allowances depending on posting and deployment.

Best Books for Preparation

- Lucent's General Knowledge
- Fast Track Objective Arithmetic — Rajesh Verma (Arihant)

- A Modern Approach to Verbal & Non-Verbal Reasoning — R.S. Aggarwal
- CRPF Tradesman Previous Year Papers — various publishers

Previous Cut-off Trends (Approximate)

CRPF Constable (Tradesman) cut-offs vary by trade, category and state-wise vacancy allocation, since each trade has its own distinct applicant pool and vacancy count. Always check the trade-wise and category-wise official cut-off list rather than a single overall figure.

Preparation Tips

- Since the written exam is at a Class 10 level, focus on accuracy and speed on fundamentals rather than advanced topics.
- Don't neglect the Trade/Skill Test in favour of only written preparation — it's an equally hard qualifying gate specific to your applied trade.
- Build basic physical fitness alongside written exam prep, since PET/PST timing is non-negotiable.
- Revise General Knowledge with a steady, broad-based approach rather than deep specialisation in any one area.

Exam Day Guidelines

- Carry the Admit Card and a valid original photo ID to the written exam and every subsequent stage.
- Begin physical training well in advance, since PET/PST is a hard elimination gate before the Trade/Skill Test.
- Practise your specific trade skill thoroughly if you have limited hands-on experience — the Trade Test is genuinely practical, not just theoretical.
- No electronic devices are allowed inside the written exam hall.

Frequently Asked Questions

What trades are covered under CRPF Constable (Tradesman) recruitment?

Trades typically include Cook, Washerman, Barber, Tailor, Carpenter and other support trades, with each candidate examined and skill-tested for their specific applied trade.

What is the minimum qualification for CRPF Constable (Tradesman)?

Class 10 (Matriculation) pass from a recognised Board, though some trades may require basic trade-specific experience or certification.

Is there a practical test in this recruitment?

Yes, a Trade/Skill Test specific to the applied trade is a mandatory qualifying stage, in addition to the written exam and PET/PST.

Is there a physical test for Tradesman posts?

Yes, PET and PST apply to Tradesman posts as well, similar to general CRPF Constable recruitment, though specific standards may vary by trade and posting requirements.