

# RRB Group D Syllabus 2026

Railway Recruitment Board — Railway Recruitment Board — Level 1 Posts

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| <b>Vacancies</b>        | Announced periodically for Track Maintainer, Helper, Pointsman and other Level-1 posts across zonal railways                                    |
| <b>Age Limit</b>        | 18–36 years (relaxation per government norms for SC/ST/OBC/PwBD/ex-servicemen)                                                                  |
| <b>Qualification</b>    | Class 10 pass, or ITI from a recognised institute, or National Apprenticeship Certificate (NAC) granted by NCVT                                 |
| <b>Application Fee</b>  | ■500 (General/OBC/EWS) — ■400 refunded on appearing in CBT.<br>SC/ST/PwBD/women/ex-servicemen candidates pay ■250, fully refunded on appearing. |
| <b>Official Website</b> | rrbapply.gov.in                                                                                                                                 |
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## Overview

RRB Group D recruits candidates for Level 1 (entry-level, non-supervisory) posts across Indian Railways — Track Maintainer, Helper (various technical trades), Pointsman, Assistant in different departments, and similar roles essential to daily railway operations and maintenance. It's one of the largest-scale railway recruitment drives given the vast number of Level 1 posts nationwide, attracting applications in the crores. Selection runs through a single computer-based test, a Physical Efficiency Test, and finally document verification and a medical examination — with no second written stage, unlike RRB NTPC.

## What's New in the 2026 Cycle

- Single-stage CBT (unlike RRB NTPC's two-tier CBT 1/CBT 2 structure) — merit is based on this one normalised score.
- PET standards differ for male and female/third-gender candidates and are a hard qualifying gate after the CBT.
- Extremely high applicant-to-vacancy ratio historically, given the broad Class-10/ITI eligibility.
- Minimum educational qualification accepts ITI/NAC as an alternative to Class 10, widening eligibility for technically trained candidates.

## Exam Pattern

### Computer-Based Test (CBT)

Mode: Online, objective MCQ | Duration: 90 minutes (120 minutes for eligible PwBD candidates)

| Section                          | Questions | Marks |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-------|
| General Science                  | 25        | 25    |
| Mathematics                      | 25        | 25    |
| General Intelligence & Reasoning | 30        | 30    |

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| General Awareness & Current Affairs | 20 | 20 |
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**Negative marking:** 1/3rd mark deducted per wrong answer | **Nature:** Normalised score used for shortlisting to PET and forms the basis of merit alongside PET clearance.

**Physical Efficiency Test (PET)**

Mode: Field test — running and/or weight-carrying task, category/gender-specific | Duration: Conducted on scheduled test dates

| Section                                           | Questions | Marks      |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Running distance/time and/or weight-carrying task | —         | Qualifying |

**Negative marking:** Not applicable — qualifying (pass/fail) only | **Nature:** Mandatory gate; candidates not meeting the standard are eliminated regardless of CBT score.

# RRB Group D — Detailed Subject-Wise Syllabus

## General Science

*Unique to Group D among RRB exams — dedicate focused revision time to Class 10-level physics, chemistry and biology.*

- Physics, chemistry and biology at a Class 10 level
- Everyday scientific phenomena
- Basic scientific principles relevant to daily life

## Mathematics

*Foundational-level questions — most candidates can master this fully with consistent practice.*

- Number system
- BODMAS, decimals & fractions
- LCM/HCF
- Ratio & proportion
- Percentage
- Mensuration
- Time & work, time & distance
- SI/CI, profit & loss
- Elementary algebra & geometry
- Trigonometry basics
- Statistics

## General Intelligence & Reasoning

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

- Analogies
- Alphabetical & number series
- Coding-decoding
- Mathematical operations
- Relationships
- Syllogism
- Jumbling
- Data sufficiency
- Puzzle
- Statement-argument and assumption

## General Awareness & Current Affairs

*Broad and current-affairs-heavy — steady daily revision beats infrequent long sessions.*

- Science & technology
- Sports
- Culture
- Personalities
- Economics
- Politics
- Current affairs — national & international

## Selection Process

- 1 Computer-Based Test (CBT) — normalised score.
- 2 Physical Efficiency Test (PET) — qualifying, category/gender-specific standards.
- 3 Document Verification.
- 4 Medical Examination.

## Salary & Job Profile

RRB Group D posts fall under Pay Level 1 (₹18,000 basic) of the 7th CPC matrix, plus Dearness Allowance, HRA, Transport Allowance and railway-specific perks including travel passes.

## 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
- General Science for Competitive Exams — Lucent Publications

## Previous Cut-off Trends (Approximate)

RRB Group D CBT cut-offs vary enormously by zone, category and gender given the huge applicant volume relative to vacancies — recent cycles have seen wide swings year to year. Always check the zone-wise and category-wise official cut-off list rather than a single national figure.

## Preparation Tips

- Given the very high applicant volume, prioritise accuracy over attempting every question — negative marking punishes guesswork heavily at this scale of competition.
- General Science is unique to Group D among RRB exams — dedicate specific revision time to Class 10-level physics, chemistry and biology.
- Begin PET training in parallel with CBT preparation, not after the result, since training takes months to show real improvement.
- Practise previous years' papers to internalise the balance of General Science, Maths, Reasoning and GA in actual exams.

## Exam Day Guidelines

- Carry the Admit Card and a valid original photo ID — no exceptions are made for missing documentation.
- Start PET training (timed runs and/or weight-carrying practice) well in advance — this is a hard elimination stage independent of CBT rank.
- No electronic devices are allowed inside the exam hall.
- Confirm your specific PET standard (distance/time/weight) for your category and gender well before the test date.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the minimum qualification for RRB Group D?

Class 10 pass, or an ITI certificate from a recognised institute, or a National Apprenticeship Certificate (NAC) granted by the NCVT.

### Is there a second CBT stage in RRB Group D, like NTPC?

No, RRB Group D has a single CBT stage, unlike RRB NTPC's two-tier CBT 1/CBT 2 structure.

### What happens after the RRB Group D CBT?

Candidates who qualify are shortlisted for a Physical Efficiency Test (PET), followed by document verification and a medical examination.

### Is there negative marking in RRB Group D?

Yes, 1/3rd of the marks allotted to a question is deducted for every wrong answer.

### **Do PET standards differ by gender?**

Yes, running distance/time and weight-carrying requirements are specified separately for male and female/third-gender candidates in the official notification.

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