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Government of India  
Ministry of Communications  
Department of Posts  
(DE Section)

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New Delhi – 110 001  
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**NOTIFICATION**

Subject: Conduct of Limited Departmental Competitive Examination (LDCE) for promotion to the cadre of Inspector Posts (66.66%) Departmental quota for the vacancy year 2024 (01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024), scheduled to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2024.

The Limited Departmental Competitive Examination for promotion to the cadre of Inspector Posts (66.66% of vacancies) for the vacancy year 2024 is scheduled to be held as under:

Date of Examination	Paper	Timings
21 <sup>st</sup> September, 2024 (Saturday)	Paper-I	10:00 AM to 01:00 PM
21 <sup>st</sup> September, 2024 (Saturday)	Paper-II	02:00 PM to 05:00 PM
22 <sup>nd</sup> September, 2024 (Sunday)	Paper-III	10:00 AM to 01:00 PM
22 <sup>nd</sup> September, 2024 (Sunday)	Paper-IV	02:00 PM to 05:00 PM

2. Online Applications are invited from the willing and eligible candidates who fulfill the eligibility criteria as given in subsequent paras. Application should be submitted online through <https://k8sapi.cept.gov.in/deptexam> as per instructions enclosed as **Annexure-I**. The schedule of activities for the examination are as under:

Sl No.	Activity	Schedule
1.	Online application process starts from	01.08.2024 from 9:00AM
2.	Last date to submit online application	16.08.2024 upto 5:30PM
3.	Verification of details of online applications by Controlling Officer by doing "Verify" / "Allow Re-submission"	To be completed by 20.08.2024
4.	Correction in application form, if any, by the candidate and resubmission of application by candidate	From 9:00AM on 21.08.2024 till 5:30PM on 23.08.2024
5.	Verification of resubmitted application by the Controlling Officer (on day to day basis)	To be completed by 30.08.2024
6.	Approval/finalization of online applications and allotment of Centre etc. by the Nodal Officer	To be completed by 07.09.2024
7.	Admit cards available for downloading by candidates from	13.09.2024
8.	Date of Exam	21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> September, 2024

3. Eligibility Criteria: -As per Department of Posts (Inspector Posts) Recruitment Rules notified in GSR 89 (E) dated 05.02.2019 (enclosed as **Annexure-II**), the following categories of officials are eligible to appear for the above Examination.

- Officials of various grades, as specified below, with eight years of regular qualifying service as on the crucial date for determining the eligibility service as specified by Central Government are eligible for appearing in Limited Departmental Competitive Examination:

- (a) Higher Selection Grade-II (Level-6) in all offices including regular service put in as Lower Selection Grade and Postal Assistant or Sorting Assistant;
- (b) Postmaster Grade-II (Level-6) in all offices including regular service put in as Postmaster Grade-I and Postal Assistant;

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- (c) Stenographer Grade-I (Level-6) in all offices including regular service put in as Stenographer Grade-II;
- (d) Lower Selection Grade (Level-5) in all offices including regular service put in as Postal Assistant or Sorting Assistant;
- (e) Postmaster Grade-I (Level-5) in all offices including regular service put in as Postal Assistant;
- (f) Postal Assistant/Sorting Assistant (Level-4) in all offices;
- (g) Stenographer Grade-II (Level-4) in all offices.

Note: Age limit for appearing in Limited Departmental Competitive Examination is not exceeding forty-five years as on the crucial date of eligibility, to which the vacancies pertain to. As per Saving clause of RRs dated 05.02.2019, standard age relaxation of 5 years is applicable to SC/ST officials.

4. Crucial date for calculation of age and service eligibility conditions: -

Vacancy year (vacancy period)	Crucial date of eligibility
2024 (01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024)	01.01.2024

5. The APS authorities (Controlling Authority) will verify and send 'Applications' of APS applicants through online to the concerned Nodal Officer of the respective Circle(s).

6. Pattern & Syllabus of Examination: - The pattern and syllabus applicable for the said LDCE IP has been circulated vide letter No. 7-14/201 I -SPN-II dated 06<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 and is enclosed at **Annexure-III**. The pattern & Syllabus for the examination is also available in the Employee Corner in the Department of Posts' official website i.e. [indiapost.gov.in](http://indiapost.gov.in).

7. Venue for conducting the Examination: The Examination will be conducted at all Circle Headquarters only. The candidates will have to appear from the respective Centre of their Circle only and under no circumstances, they may be permitted to appear from other Circle Centres.

8. Applicants serving on deputation in APS will appear from the examination centre of their parent Civil Circles.

9. The procedure for selection shall be as per the guidelines issued vide Directorate's letter No. X-7/15/2021-SPN-II (Pt.) dated 17.05.2022 (**Annexure-IV**). The vacancies will be all India level and all eligible feeder grade officials, as prescribed in Recruitment Rules of Inspector Posts, of all Postal Circles shall be allowed to appear in the LDCE for Inspector Posts irrespective of availability of vacancy in a Postal Circle. A common merit list shall be drawn corresponding to the all India level vacancy position.

9.1 Applicants while submitting online application for appearing in LDCE for Inspector Posts shall also provide order of preference of all 23 Postal Circles, which shall form the base of allocation of Postal Circle to successful candidates. Preference (s) once exercised shall be final and no change shall be entertained at any subsequent stage.

10. The vacancies (provisional) for the vacancy year 2024 (category-wise) are as under:

Vertical			Total	Horizontal			
UR	SC	ST		VH	HH	OH	Others
84	21	4	109	1	2	1	1

Note: Above vacancies are provisional only. Final vacancy position, category wise, will be published in due course.

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