

Civil Services Examination, 2025 – minimum qualifying marks

In the Civil Services Examination 2025, the minimum qualifying standards/marks secured by the last recommended candidate in various categories at various stages are as under:-

Examination	General	EWS	OBC	SC	ST	PwBD-1	PwBD-2	PwBD-3	PwBD-5
CS(Prelim)*	92.66	89.34	92.00	84.00	82.66	76.66	54.66	40.66	40.66
CS(Main)#	739	706	717	700	694	703	708	536	451
CS(Final)	963	926	931	905	902	917	944	804	631

*Cut off marks on the basis of GS Paper-I only. GS Paper-II is of qualifying nature with 33% marks as per Rule-15 of Civil Services Examination, 2025.

Subject to 10% marks in each of the seven competitive papers i.e. Essay, GS-I, GS-II, GS-III, GS-IV, Optional-I and Optional-II.

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2. Wherever two or more candidates have secured equal aggregate marks in CSE Exam, 2025, the tie(s) have been resolved in accordance with the principles approved by the Commission, viz.

- (i) If the marks in aggregate (Final Marks) are equal, the Candidate securing more marks in the Compulsory[@] (Common) Papers of written examination (“Paper-I : Essay”, “Paper-II : GS-I”, “Paper-III : GS-II”, “Paper-IV : GS-III”, “Paper-V : GS-IV”) and the Personality Test put together has been ranked higher;
- (ii) If the marks at (i) above are equal, then the candidate securing more marks in the Compulsory[@] (Common) Papers of written examination (“Paper-I : Essay”, “Paper-II : GS-I”, “Paper-III : GS-II”, “Paper-IV : GS-III”, “Paper-V : GS-IV” put together) has been ranked higher;
- (iii) If the marks at (i) & (ii) above are also equal, the candidate Senior in age has been ranked higher.

[@] Compulsory Papers include Essay, General Studies-I, General Studies-II, General Studies-III and General Studies-IV.

Abbreviation	Expanded Version
GENERAL	General Category
EWS	Economically Weaker Section
OBC	Other Backward Classes
SC	Scheduled Castes
ST	Scheduled Tribes
PwBD Category	
PwBD-1	Locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy
PwBD-2	Blindness and low vision
PwBD-3	Deaf and Hard of hearing
PwBD-5	Multiple disabilities