

# Indian Administrative Services (IAS) 2020 [Visit on Shiksha](#)

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## Summary

### What is IAS Exam?

UPSC will announce the new dates for the IAS prelims exam 2020 on June 5 after assessing the situation. In the previous notice, UPSC stated that at least one month will be provided to the candidates to make appropriate arrangement for appearing in the IAS 2020 prelims exam. The UPSC will be considering the difficulties faced by all the stakeholders and will decide about the new dates in the meantime. The IAS prelims 2020 will require a mass mobilisation of resources, security and administrative personnel and the candidates to the exam centres.

IAS notification 2020 started the IAS exam process officially. IAS 2020 Notification was issued on February 12 notifying the IAS vacancies 2020, the timeline for the exam, official IAS syllabus, number of attempts and the likes. IAS notification 2020 was released by UPSC as per the UPSC calendar for 2020. UPSC has notified 796 vacancies which are very less as compared to the previous year even when the services related to Indian Railways are also included in the UPSC notification 2020.

Merit-based Civil Services was first introduced in India in 1854. For this purpose, a Civil Service Commission was set up in 1854 in London and a competitive examination was conducted in 1855. This service was called Indian Civil Services(ICS) at that time. For the first time in 1922, the Indian Civil Service Examination began to held in India also, first in Allahabad and later in Delhi with the setting up of the Federal Public Service Commission. The ICS examination in London continued to be conducted by the Civil Service Commission.

IAS exam is the most coveted exam in India conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). UPSC recruits the candidates for Indian Administrative Services (IAS), Indian Police Services (IPS) and Central Civil Services including the Indian Foreign Services through this exam. All the ministries and the departments in the union and state governments are headed by the IAS officers. Hence the IAS exam has acquired this much of importance. The topper of the IAS exam has the opportunity to become the Cabinet Secretary to the Government of India. It is the highest bureaucratic position one person can have in India.

**See Here:** [Post and Designations held by an IAS officer](#)

#### Latest Update:

UPSC will announce new dates for IAS exam 2020 on June 5. [UPSC Official Notice](#)

UPSC IAS prelims 2020 exam postponed - [See details](#)

UPSC has postponed the remaining IAS interviews until further notice. [See here details](#)

IAS Syllabus for Current Affairs explained. [See here](#)

UPSC Issued new guidelines for IAS Exam 2020: [See here details](#)

### How many services are there in the UPSC IAS Exam 2020?

#### All India Services

- Indian Administrative Services(IAS)
- Indian Police Services(IPS)
- Indian Forest Services(IFoS) [Prelims Only]

#### Central Civil Services

Indian Foreign Services(IFS)	Indian P & T Accounts & Finance Service, Group 'A'	Indian Audit and Accounts Service, Group 'A'
Indian Revenue Service (Customs and Central Excise), Group 'A'	Indian Defence Accounts Service, Group 'A'	Indian Revenue Service (I.T.), Group 'A'
Indian Ordnance Factories Service, Group 'A' (Assistant Works Manager, Administration)	Indian Postal Service, Group 'A'	Indian Civil Accounts Service, Group 'A'
Indian Railway Traffic Service, Group 'A'	Indian Railway Accounts Service, Group 'A'	Indian Railway Personnel Service, Group 'A'



Post of Assistant Security Commissioner in Railway Protection Force, Group 'A'	Indian Defence Estates Service, Group 'A'	Indian Information Service (Junior Grade), Group 'A'
Indian Trade Service, Group 'A'	Indian Corporate Law Service, Group 'A'	Armed Forces Headquarters Civil Service, Group 'B' (Section Officer's Grade).
Delhi, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli Civil Service, Group 'B'	Pondicherry Police Service, Group 'B'	Pondicherry Civil Service, Group 'B'
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## IAS Exam Highlights

<b>Exam Name</b>	Civil Services (IAS) Exam 2020
<b>Conducting Body</b>	Union Public Service Commission
<b>Exam Level</b>	National
<b>UPSC Vacancies</b>	796
<b>Exam Frequency</b>	Once a year
<b>Exam Mode</b>	Offline - Pen and Paper Mode
<b>Exam Stages</b>	Prelims - Mains(Written) - Mains(Interview)
<b>Application Fee(Prelims)</b>	100
<b>Language</b>	Prelims - English and Hindi
<b>No. of Test Cities</b>	Test centres across the nation
<b>Exam Helpdesk No.</b>	011-23098543 / 23385271 / 23381125 / 23098591
<b>Official Website</b>	<a href="https://www.upsc.gov.in/">https://www.upsc.gov.in/</a>

## IAS Eligibility

Eligibility for IAS is one of the first questions which comes up in the mind of an IAS aspirant. The nationality, the number of attempts, age limit and the educational qualifications are some of the basic eligibility criteria for IAS exam. All candidates who wish to appear in IAS exam 2020 need to ensure that they meet all the eligibility criteria as mentioned below.

### Nationality

For Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and Indian Police Service (IPS), a candidate must be a citizen of India. For all other services, a candidate can either be a citizen of India or

- A subject of Nepal/ Bhutan
- A Tibetan refugee who came over to India before January 1, 1962 with the intention of permanently settling in India
- A person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Burma, Sri Lanka, East African countries of Kenya, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, Zaire, Ethiopia and Vietnam with the intention of permanently settling in India

**Note:** Candidates who are subjects of Nepal/ Bhutan or Tibetan refugees are not eligible to apply for Indian Foreign Service (IFS).

### Age Limit for IAS Exam 2020

Candidates must be **minimum 21 years and maximum 32 years** of age as on August 1, 2020. This means that candidates must have born not earlier than August 2, 1988 and not later than August 1, 1999.

There is also age relaxation of some years for reserved category candidates:



Category	Age Relaxation
SC/ ST	5 Years
OBC	3 Years
Defence Services Personnel, disabled in operations during hostilities with any foreign country or in a disturbed area and released as a consequence thereof	3 Years
Ex-servicemen including commissioned officers and ECOs/SSCOs who have rendered at least five years of military service as on August 1, 2020 and have been released	5 Years
PwD [(a) blindness and low vision; (b) deaf and hard of hearing; (c) locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy; (d) autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness; and (e) multiple disabilities from amongst persons under clauses (a) to (d) including deaf-blindness]	10 Years

**No age relaxation is provided to the Economically Weaker Sections in the UPSC Civil Services (IAS) Exam 2020.**

### Educational Qualification for IAS

Candidates must hold a graduation degree in any stream from any university established under the act passed by the Parliament of India or State legislature. Candidates who are in the last year of the graduation and awaiting results are also eligible to apply for IAS preliminary exam. However, such candidates need to submit the proof of passing the requisite exam at the time of applying for the Main exam. The applications for IAS Main exam are usually released in the month of July/ August.

**Note:** Candidates who have cleared MBBS or any other medical exam but have not completed their internship, by the time of submission of their Civil Services Main Exam applications, will be provisionally admitted to the exam. However, provisional admission to the exam will be given only if candidates submit along with their application a copy of the certificate from the concerned authority of the university/ institution that they had passed the requisite final professional medical exam, informs the official website.

**See Here:** [IAS Toppers tips for IAS preparation](#)

### Physical Standards

Candidates must be physically fit according to physical standards given in the Civil Services examination rules gazette notification published on February 12, 2020.

### Number of Attempts in IAS Exam

All candidates are allowed a maximum of six attempts in the IAS exam. However, it may be noted that the restriction of the number of attempts is not applicable for candidates belonging to SC/ST category. Also, candidates belonging to OBC and Persons with Benchmark Disabilities categories are allowed a maximum of nine attempts in the exam.

If a candidate appears in any one paper of the IAS Prelims Exam, then it is deemed that he has made an attempt in the IAS Exam.

Category	Number of Attempts(Allowed)
General/Economically Weaker Section(EWS)	6
Other Backward Classes	9
SC/ST	Till the age limit
Person with Disabilities	Till the age limit

**Also Read:** [IAS Eligibility Criteria](#)

### IAS Exam Dates

Candidates can go through important [UPSC IAS exam dates 2020](#) below:

Event	Dates	Salient Features



IAS Exam 2020 Notification	<b>12-Feb-2020</b>	The UPSC issued the Civil Services (IAS) Exam Notification 2020 for 796 vacancies
Last date to apply for IAS Exam 2020	<b>3-Mar-2020</b>	The IAS online application will be accepted until this date.
IAS Prelims Exam 2020	<b>Postponed</b>	IAS Prelims 2020 Exam postponed due to coronavirus pandemic. New exam dates will be released on May 20.
IAS Prelims 2020 Result	<b>To be announced</b>	The result of the IAS Prelims Exam 2020 will be announced by UPSC.
IAS Main Exam 2020	<b>18-Sep-2020</b>	The IAS Main Exam 2020 will be conducted by UPSC

## IAS Syllabus

IAS syllabus has the highest priority in the minds of the IAS aspirants as they start IAS preparation one year before appearing in the IAS exam. IAS syllabus incorporates all the concepts, facts and process which are relevant for humankind to exist. There is nothing which can be termed as out of [IAS syllabus](#). There is one common saying about the IAS syllabus that "Everything under the Sun is IAS Syllabus".

The IAS syllabus has no limit since UPSC can ask anything from any topic and no one can question the UPSC about the depth of the IAS topics. The UPSC design the IAS question paper in a way so that the standard of the question paper remain the same. The question break-up from the IAS topics is altered every year.

**See Here:** [How to prepare for IAS?](#)

## IAS Selection Process

IAS exam is conducted in two stages – preliminary (objective-type paper) and mains (descriptive paper and interview). UPSC IAS preliminary paper is conducted to select candidates for the main(written) exam. IAS prelims exam is just a screening test and the marks secured by candidates are not considered for the final merit.

UPSC Civil Services main exam, as the name suggests, is the main stage of the IAS exam process. The marks of the IAS main exam is taken into consideration for the IAS final result. The final merit list for the UPSC Civil Services exam provides a rank to the candidate. Based on these ranks, services are allotted to the candidates.

**See Here:** [IAS Preparation and Current Affairs](#)

## IAS Exam Application Form

Candidates could fill the [IAS application form](#) in online mode @upsconline.nic.in within the stipulated time period. Once the application form is filled, candidates also need to pay IAS application fee in online or offline mode. The details of category-wise IAS application fee are as follows.

Category	Preliminary Exam Fee	Mains Exam Fee
General/ EWS/OBC	Rs 100	Rs 200
Females/ SC/ ST/ Persons with Benchmark Disability	Nil	Nil

## IAS Admit Card

Candidates, who successfully filled the online application form, will be downloading their [IAS admit card](#) from the official website of the commission three weeks before of the exam. It may be noted that admit cards will not be sent by post to any candidate. Also, candidates who fail to carry the admit card on the day of IAS exam will not be allowed to appear in the exam.

## IAS Preliminary Exam

The IAS Prelims Exam 2020 will be conducted on May 31. It is most likely that the IAS prelims exam 2020 will get postponed due to the coronavirus spread in the country. Candidates need to appear for IAS Prelims exam 2020 and qualify in it to eligible for the IAS main exam. The Preliminary exam is conducted to shortlist candidates for the next stage of the Civil Services exam.

## Filling of IAS DAF

The candidates, who clear the IAS prelims exam, need to fill the Detailed Application Form(DAF) for the IAS main exam. The DAF is a very important document and plays a very important role in the IAS Interview and during the service allocation process. It is important because the candidates mention his service preference and state preference in this form only. Based on the information given in the DAF and the [IAS vacancies](#), the services



and the state cadres are allotted to the candidates after the IAS result.

### Download IAS Admit Card for Main Exam

All candidates, who clear the IAS Prelims exam, will download the admit cards for the Civil Services mains exam 2020. The admit cards will be available on the official website of UPSC three weeks before the commencement of the Mains exam. The duration of each paper is three hours.

### IAS Main Exam

IAS main exam 2020 will commence from September 18. Candidates need to appear for IAS mains exam as per the details mentioned on the admit card. IAS mains exam consists of a total of nine descriptive papers. Out of the Nine, two papers are of qualifying in nature. The qualifying [IAS question papers](#) are of General English and General Language paper. There are four general studies papers, one essay paper and two optional subject paper. The marks of each paper are assigned as follows.

Sl.No.	Name of the Paper	Marks allotted
1	One of the Indian Language to be selected by the candidate from the Languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution	300(Qualifying Only)
2	English	300(Qualifying Only)
3	Essay	250
4	General Studies I	250
5	General Studies II	250
6	General Studies III	250
7	General Studies IV	250
8	Optional Subject Paper I	250
9	Optional Subject Paper I	250
<b>IAS Main (written)Total</b>		<b>1750</b>
<b>Personality Test(IAS Interview)</b>		<b>275</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>2025</b>

After the IAS main(written) exam, the candidates will be called for the IAS interview based on the result declared. The IAS interview is conducted at the UPSC Office, New Delhi.

### Medical Examination after IAS Interview

Each candidate has to undergo the medical examination after the IAS personality test. There will be a Central Standing Medical Board (CSMB) which will examine the mental and physical status of the candidate based on which the service will be allocated. The UPSC has empanelled the below-given hospitals and the candidates(male or female) are sent to these designated hospitals for the medical examination. The list of the hospitals is given below.

- Safdarjung Hospital
- Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital
- Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan Hospital
- Sucheta Kriplani Hospital
- Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital
- Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital
- B.R. Ambedkar Hospital
- AIIMS, New Delhi

The candidates are intimated for the date, time and venue for the medical examination. Besides, the candidates need to follow the given instructions for the medical examinations. The instructions are given below:



1. Candidate should come fasting for 10 hours or more on the day of Medical Examination.
2. Candidate should come without taking any medicine on the day of Medical Examination.
3. Candidate should bring along the spectacles, if any, being used by him/her along with the prescription for the same.
4. Candidate using Contact Lenses should stop using them at least 48 hours before the day of medical examination.
5. Candidate should bring along Hearing Aid, if any, being used by him/her and its latest audiometry report.
6. Candidate belonging to Persons with Benchmark Disability category is advised to bring along the appliances being used by him/her for his/her disability.
7. Candidate should bring along a prescription for any kind of medicine being taken by him/her on a regular basis.
8. Candidate should bring along records of any surgical procedure he/she has undergone in the past.
9. Candidate should bring along the Disability Certificate, if any, issued to him/her by any Disability Medical Board in the past.
10. Any other relevant record a candidate may like to bring to the notice of the Central Standing Medical Board.
11. The candidate will be required to make a statement as per the format provided at para-18 prior to his/her Medical Examination and must sign the Declaration appended thereto.
12. Candidate should submit to the Chairman of the Medical Board ten passport size photographs with white background.

A candidate's medical examination report along with the recommendations is also to be published in the dedicated webpage of the candidate which is accessible only to the candidate concerned through his/her password on DoPT's website within 7 (seven) working days from the date of receipt of medical reports from the hospital to DoPT. In case, the candidate is not satisfied with the medical reports, he can appeal against it online within seven days. The DoPT will assign the candidates to the appellate board formed for this purpose only.

### IAS Result 2020

After both the stages of Civil Services Exam (Preliminary and Mains) are conducted successfully, UPSC will release a final [IAS result 2020](#) on its official website. Candidates whose names and roll numbers appear in the merit list will then be eligible for recruitment in different services based on their preferences given in the DAF and the number of vacancies for the service.

### Tie-Breaking Resolution in IAS Exam

The UPSC has notified new tie-breaking resolution rules for the IAS exam. These rules will come into play where two or more candidates having the same aggregate total marks in the IAS exam. The UPSC has defined the resolution mechanism as follows.

1. If the marks secured by two or more candidates are same in the aggregate total(out of 2025), the candidate who had secured more marks in the compulsory papers(Essay, GS I, GSII, GS III, GSIV) and the personality test(IAS interview) combined will be given preference over the others.
2. In case, the candidates tied in the above situation also, the candidate who is older will be given preference over the younger one.

### IAS Question Paper

IAS question paper is very important in IAS preparation. [IAS question paper](#) provides a real outline of the syllabus and works as an eye-opener for the IAS aspirants. The candidates should practice with the previous year question papers of IAS so that they can tackle the actual question paper in a better way.

### IAS Salary

IAS Salary though is not the motivating factor for the IAS aspirants but it is necessary and consequential to the selection of the candidate. Moreover, the [IAS salary](#) should be in congruence social status enjoyed by the IAS officers.

### IAS Exam Centres

IAS exam centres are notified in the IAS notification each year. IAS preliminary exam is conducted in about 72 cities across India. IAS mains exam is conducted in a total of 24 cities across India. The IAS exam centres for prelims and main exam can be [checked here](#).

**Download Here: [IAS 2020 Notification](#)**

### IAS FAQs

#### Q. What is the age limit for IAS Exam?

A. IAS is considered as one of the toughest exams in India. The Age limit for IAS exam is different for the different categories. It is defined as follows

The Lower Age limit is 21 years.

The Upper Age Limit is 32 years.

The age of the candidates is counted as on August 1 of the exam year.

#### Q. What is the educational qualification required to become an IAS?

A. The educational qualification required to become an IAS Officer is a graduate degree in any discipline from any university established by an Act of the Central or State Legislature in India. The candidates also visit [IAS eligibility](#) for details.

#### Q. Is coaching necessary for cracking the IAS Exam?

A. Every candidate has different needs and abilities. Joining a coaching institute is a very subjective decision. It can help some of the candidates in



understanding the structure and pattern of IAS Exam but some of them find it useless. It differs from candidate to candidate.

**Q. Can I prepare for IAS Exam without coaching?**

A. Yes, any candidate can prepare for IAS exam without coaching. Nowadays so much information is available online which can help the candidates to prepare for IAS Exam by themselves. The candidate should select the best authentic source of information can prepare for the IAS Exam by themselves.

**Q. How to start IAS preparation at home?**

A. The candidates should start preparing the basics with the NCERT Books and Daily Newspaper. Complete the NCERT of History, Geography, Economics and Sociology first and then start reading the dedicated books for each subject supplemented with the Newspaper.

**Q. What is the difference between IAS and PCS?**

A. IAS means Indian Administrative Services and PCS means the Provincial Civil Services. IAS is one of the three All India Services. The recruitment for IAS is done by the Union Public Service Commission. PCS is the state-centric civil services recruited through the State Public Service Commissions.

**Q. How many papers are there in the IAS Main Exam?**

A. There are 9 question papers in the IAS Main Exam. Out of these 9 question papers, the candidates need to qualify in the General English and General Hindi papers and their numbers are not counted for the final merit.

**Q. Can an average student crack IAS?**

A. The IAS exam is an open platform with no limitation for the average students. There is no minimum percentage of marks required in the graduation course to appear in the IAS Exam. Each year, a good number of Average students crack the IAS Exam.

**Q. Who is the Cadre Controlling Authority of IAS?**

A. Ministry of Personnel which directly report to the Prime Minister of India is the Cadre controlling authority for the IAS.

**Q. When does UPSC issue the IAS Exam Notification?**

A. The IAS Notification is issued in the month of February every year and the IAS Prelims is conducted in the month of May - June. The IAS Prelims 2020 will be conducted on 31 May 2020.

**Q. Can State PCS Officers be promoted to IAS?**

A. Yes, the State PCS Officers can be promoted to the IAS subject to certain conditions laid down by UPSC. Each year, out of the total vacancies of IAS, 33% is filled through the promotion.

**Q. Is IAS prelims 2020 postponed?**

A. Yes, the UPSC has postponed the IAS prelims exam 2020. The new dates for the IAS prelims will be declared on May 20, 2020 after assessing all the situation.

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## Syllabus

### What is IAS Syllabus?

IAS Syllabus was notified in the UPSC notification 2020. UPSC syllabus plays a critical role in the IAS preparation as it decides the breadth of preparation. The IAS syllabus includes almost everything and has diminished boundaries. IAS Toppers and mentors always suggest reading and understanding the IAS syllabus so that it can help in interlinking the IAS topics mentions across the syllabus. Anything in society does not exist in isolation, everything is interlinked. This interlinking of topics should be reflected in the answers to fetch extra marks.

IAS Syllabus is like the tip of the iceberg floating in the ocean of information and knowledge. The candidates should expect that the IAS syllabus is far more elaborate than the topic defined in the syllabus itself. It is the interplay of the topics which makes the IAS syllabus more difficult to cover. The



candidates need to focus on and understand the inter-dynamics of various topics and hence prepare them in the light of previous year IAS question papers.

**Latest Update:** UPSC IAS prelims 2020 postponed. [See details here](#)

IAS Syllabus includes everything an IAS aspirant can think. It has no boundaries but can be filtered with the relevance and recency point of view. IAS Syllabus is defined based on the principles of socio-economic awareness expected from the IAS aspirants.

**See Here:** [IAS Toppers tips for IAS preparation](#)

UPSC IAS notification 2020 mentions the IAS prelims and main syllabus separately, but in reality, the [IAS question papers](#) suggest a comprehensive study of the topics. Reading and understanding the IAS syllabus is the first step of the IAS preparation. UPSC frames the IAS prelims questions in such a way that it requires the knowledge of a topic in its entirety to answer a question. So the candidates need to plan their [IAS preparation](#) in such a way that it serves the requirements of IAS prelims and IAS main exam. But the answer options are so close that the candidate becomes confused and end up in marking the wrong answer. This confusion happens because of the lack of full information related to the topic asked in the question.

## IAS Syllabus - Prelims

Before going for the syllabus for the IAS prelims exam, let's have a glance of IAS Prelims Scheme of Exam

Paper	Questions & Time	Marks
General Studies Paper I	100 Questions - 2 Hours	200
General Studies Paper-II (CSAT - Qualifying only)	80 Questions - 2 Hours	200 ( Marks not considered)
	Total	200

The IAS prelims syllabus is an abridged version of the IAS main exam except for the Ethics syllabus. The IAS prelims exam is a multiple-choice question-based exam where the candidates require marking the right answer from the options. The IAS prelims exam has two papers. The General Studies Paper-II CSAT paper is qualifying in nature only and needs not be discussed. The IAS prelims syllabus as given in the UPSC notification is:

### IAS Syllabus 2020 - Prelims Exam

#### IAS Prelims Syllabus - General Studies Paper I

- [Current events of national and international importance.](#)
- History of India and Indian National Movement.
- Indian and World Geography-Physical, Social, Economic Geography of India and the World.
- Indian Polity and Governance-Constitution, Political System, Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Rights Issues, etc.
- Economic and Social Development-Sustainable Development, Poverty, Inclusion, Demographics, Social Sector Initiatives, etc.
- General issues on environmental ecology, bio-diversity and Climate Change - that do not require subject specialization.
- General Science.

It is important to note that the UPSC has given the top spot to current affairs in the IAS syllabus for prelims exam. We can say that this can be a factor in deciding the orientation of the IAS preparation. The IAS aspirants should study all the topics in the light of the current event.

All the other topics are equally important for the IAS prelims exam, but the candidate should develop a habit of leaving irrelevant topics in the IAS preparation. Indian Politics is one such topic where the candidate end up wasting time in reading about the political statements of the leaders. But we suggest restricting this habit and limit it to the constitutional functionaries only.

**See Here:** [IAS Preparation and Current Affairs](#)

#### IAS Prelims Syllabus - General Studies Paper-II (CSAT)

- Comprehension
- Interpersonal skills including communication skills
- Logical reasoning and analytical ability
- Decision making and problem-solving
- General mental ability
- Basic numeracy (numbers and their relations, orders of magnitude, etc.)(Class X level), data interpretation (charts, graphs, tables, data sufficiency, etc. — Class X level)

**See Here:** [IAS exam pattern](#)





## IAS Syllabus - Main Exam

The IAS main exam is descriptive type (conventional) paper-based exam in which the candidates need to write long answers for the questions. In addition to general studies papers, there is an essay paper in which the candidates need to write two essays. Following are the IAS main papers and their marks.

Paper	Name of the Paper	Marks allotted
A	One of the Indian language to be selected by the candidate from the languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the constitution (Qualifying only)	300 (Qualifying Only)
B	English (Qualifying Only)	300 (Qualifying Only)
1	Essay Paper	250
2	General Studies I	250
3	General Studies II	250
4	General Studies III	250
5	General Studies IV	250
6	Optional Subject Paper I	250
7	Optional Subject Paper I	250
	<b>IAS Main (written) Total</b>	1750
	<b>IAS Interview</b>	275
	<b>Total</b>	2025

IAS main exam, as the name suggests, is the main exam for the candidates. The IAS selection is based on the marks got in the IAS main (written) and IAS main (personality test) only. UPSC provides the IAS syllabus topic list in the official notification. The IAS syllabus is provided in a paper-wise format and the candidates need to prepare for the [IAS exam](#) in the same manner. Let us see the IAS Syllabus.

### IAS Main Syllabus Essay Paper

There is no mention of IAS essay paper syllabus in the UPSC notification. Only a broad outline is provided in the official notification. But the expectation from the candidates has been mentioned in the notification. "They will be expected to keep closely to the subject of the essay to arrange their ideas in orderly fashion, and to write concisely. Credit will be given for effective and exact expression." The credit UPSC always gave topic from Philosophy, Public Administration and International scenario. The world view of the candidates is tested through these essays. How the candidate sees the engrossed problems and how they suggest the solution to the problems.

### IAS Main Syllabus General Studies Paper-I

#### Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society.

- Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.
- Modern Indian history from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present- significant events, personalities, issues.
- The Freedom Struggle — its various stages and important contributors/contributions from different parts of the country.
- Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country.
- History of the world will include events from 18th century such as industrial revolution, world wars, re-drawing of national boundaries, colonization, decolonization, political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism etc.— their forms and effect on the society.
- Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India.
- Role of women and women's organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and their remedies.
- Effects of globalization on Indian society.



- Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism.
- Salient features of the world's physical geography.
- Distribution of key natural resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian sub-continent); factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India).
- Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc., geographical features and their location-changes in critical geographical features (including water-bodies and ice-caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes.

## IAS Main Syllabus General Studies Paper-II

### Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations.

- Indian Constitution—historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.
- Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States, issues and challenges pertaining to the federal structure, devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges therein.
- Separation of powers between various organs, dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions.
- Government strives to have a workforce which reflects gender balance and women candidates are encouraged to apply.
- Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries.
- Parliament and State legislatures—structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges and issues arising out of these.
- Structure, organization and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary—Ministries and Departments of the Government; pressure groups and formal/informal associations and their role in the Polity.
- Salient features of the Representation of People's Act.
- Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies. Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies.
- Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.
- Development processes and the development industry —the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders.
- Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and States and the performance of these schemes; mechanisms, laws, institutions and Bodies constituted for the protection and betterment of these vulnerable sections.
- Issues relating to the development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources. Issues relating to poverty and hunger.
- Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizens charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures.
- Role of civil services in a democracy.
- India and its neighbourhood- relations.
- Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests.
- Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian diaspora.
- Important International institutions, agencies and fora- their structure, mandate.

## IAS Main Syllabus General Studies Paper III

### Technology, Economic Development, Biodiversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management

- Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization, of resources, growth, development and employment.
- Inclusive growth and issues arising from it.
- Government Budgeting.
- Major crops-cropping patterns in various parts of the country, - different types of irrigation and irrigation systems storage, transport and marketing of agricultural produce and issues and related constraints; e-technology in the aid of farmers.
- Issues related to direct and indirect farm subsidies and minimum support prices; Public Distribution System- objectives, functioning, limitations, revamping; issues of buffer stocks and food security; Technology missions; economics of animal-rearing.
- Food processing and related industries in India- scope' and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management.
- Land reforms in India.
- Effects of liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth.
- Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc.

- Investment models.
- Science and Technology- developments and their applications and effects in everyday life.
- Achievements of Indians in science & technology; indigenization of technology and developing new technology.
- Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, nano-technology, bio-technology and issues relating to intellectual property rights.
- Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment.
- Disaster and disaster management.
- Linkages between development and spread of extremism.
- Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security.
- Challenges to internal security through communication networks, role of media and social networking sites in internal security challenges, basics of cybersecurity; money laundering and its prevention.
- Security challenges and their management in border areas - linkages of organized crime with terrorism.
- Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate.

## IAS Main Ethics Syllabus

### Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude

This paper will include questions to test the candidates' attitude and approach to issues relating to integrity, probity in public life and his problem-solving approach to various issues and conflicts faced by him in dealing with society. Questions may utilise the case study approach to determine these aspects. The following broad areas will be covered :

- Ethics and Human Interface: Essence, determinants and consequences of Ethics in-human actions; dimensions of ethics; ethics - in private and public relationships. Human Values - lessons from the lives and teachings of great leaders, reformers and administrators; role of family society and educational institutions in inculcating values.
- Attitude: content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behaviour; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion.
- Aptitude and foundational values for Civil Service, integrity, impartiality and nonpartisanship, objectivity, dedication to public service, empathy, tolerance and compassion towards the weaker sections.
- Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance.
- Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and the world.
- Public/Civil service values and Ethics in Public administration: Status and problems; ethical concerns and dilemmas in government and private institutions; laws, rules, regulations and conscience as sources of ethical guidance; accountability and ethical governance; strengthening of ethical and moral values in governance; ethical issues in international relations and funding; corporate governance.
- Probity in Governance: Concept of public service; Philosophical basis of governance and probity; Information sharing and transparency in government, Right to Information, Codes of
- Ethics, Codes of Conduct, Citizen's Charters, Work culture, Quality of service delivery, Utilization of public funds, challenges of corruption.
- Case Studies on the above issues.

## What are the subjects in IAS?

There are 25 optional subjects in the IAS main exam and the candidates need to choose only one out of them. The optional subject carries 500 marks out of 1750. It is around 30% of the total. So the candidates are suggested to select the optional subject very carefully because it can make or break the dream of becoming an IAS officer.

The following is the official list of IAS main optional subjects. The candidates can choose any one subject as the optional subject.

1. Agriculture
2. Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science
3. Anthropology
4. Botany
5. Chemistry
6. Civil Engineering
7. Commerce and Accountancy
8. Economics
9. Electrical Engineering
10. Geography

11. Geology
12. History
13. Law
14. Management
15. Mathematics
16. Mechanical Engineering
17. Medical Science
18. Philosophy
19. Physics
20. Political Science and International Relations
21. Psychology
22. Public Administration
23. Sociology
24. Statistics
25. Zoology

The candidates can choose the Literature of any one of the following languages as their optional subject:

Assamese	Bengali	Bodo
Dogri	Gujarati	Hindi
Kannada	Kashmiri	Konkani
Maithili	Malayalam	Manipuri
Marathi	Nepali	Odia
Punjabi	Sanskrit	Santhali
Sindhi	Tamil	Telugu
Urdu	English	

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Pattern



**Disclaimer:** This is not the official guide of this exam. It is auto-generated based on the information available on Shiksha as on 22-May-2020.

IAS Exam 2020 is postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic. UPSC will notify the new IAS exam dates on May 20. Understanding the IAS exam pattern 2020 is very important from the viewpoint of IAS preparation. Though we cannot say that the Union Public Service Commission will follow the same pattern because it can surprise the candidates any time but it is still important because it can provide a right path for the IAS preparation.

IAS exam is one of the toughest exam conducted by UPSC in the country. IAS exam pattern is designed to filter a large number of candidates in the IAS prelims exam and test the in-depth knowledge of the candidates in the IAS main exam. IAS exam is divided into two stages and the IAS exam pattern for both the stages are different.

**Latest Update:** UPSC IAS 2020 prelims exam is postponed. [See details here](#)

IAS Exam is conducted by UPSC every year to recruit the candidates for the prestigious All India Services and Central Civil Services in India. The clear understanding of the IAS exam pattern is essential for [IAS preparation](#). The UPSC notifies the glimpse of IAS exam pattern in the official [IAS notification](#) each year.

[IAS exam](#) is conducted in two stages – Preliminary and Mains. Civil Services Exam 2019 pattern for both the stages is mentioned below:

## IAS Exam Pattern - Prelims Exam

IAS Preliminary Exam 2020 will consist of two papers of 200 marks each containing objective-type multiple-choice questions. Candidates need to mandatorily appear for both the papers and complete them in two hours duration each.

Paper	Questions	Marks
General Studies Paper- I	100	200
General Studies Paper-II (Aptitude Test)	80	200
	<b>Total</b>	<b>400</b>

**Note:** The questions in both the papers (I and II) will be set in English and Hindi languages. Paper-II of IAS prelims exam will be a qualifying paper with 33% is minimum qualifying marks.

**See Here:** [IAS Preparation and Current Affairs](#)

## Negative Marking

There is a negative marking in the IAS prelims exam. The candidates need to be very careful while answering the questions because negative marking can reduce their score sharply. There is a negative marking of (1/3). It means (1/3) marks, of the assigned marks to the questions, will be deducted for the wrong answer. No marks will be deducted for the questions left blank by the candidates.

**See Here:** [IAS Toppers tips for IAS preparation](#)

It can be further explained that the three wrong answers will eat up the marks of one right answer. In the second (qualifying) paper, each question carries 2.5 marks and the negative marking is also increased in the same proportion.

**See Here:** [IAS Syllabus](#)

## IAS Exam Pattern - Main Exam

The Main exam will consist of a total of two qualifying papers, seven merit-based papers and a personality test (interview round). Each paper will be of three hours duration. Details regarding all the papers are mentioned below:

### Qualifying Papers

There will be two qualifying papers mentioned below. It may be noted that marks for the below two papers will not be counted at the time of preparation of the rank list.

Paper	Description	Marks
A	One of the Indian language to be selected by the candidate from the languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the constitution(Qualifying only)	300
B	English(Qualifying Only)	300



1	Essay	250
2	General Studies-I (Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society)	250
3	General Studies –II (Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations)	250
4	General Studies –III (Technology, Economic Development, Bio-diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management)	250
5	General Studies –IV (Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude)	250
6	Optional Subject - Paper 1	250
7	Optional Subject - Paper 2	250
<b>Sub-Total (Written Test)</b>		<b>1750</b>
-	IAS Personality Test (Interview)	275
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>2025</b>

**Note:** Paper A is not mandatory for Persons with Benchmark Disability (only Hearing Impairment sub-category) and candidates hailing from the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Sikkim.

**Note:** IAS Question papers (other than the literature of language papers) will be set in Hindi and English languages only. However, candidates will have the option to answer all the question papers (except the qualifying language papers, Paper-A and Paper-B) in either English or any one of the languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India, informs the official website.

## List of Optional Subjects in IAS Exam

Agriculture	Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science	Anthropology
Botany	Chemistry	Civil Engineering
Commerce and Accountancy	Economics	Electrical Engineering
Geography	Geology	History
Law	Management	Mathematics
Mechanical Engineering	Medical Science	Philosophy
Physics	Political Science and International Relations	Psychology
Public Administration	Sociology	Statistics
Zoology	Literature of any one of the following languages: Assamese, Bengali, Bodo, Dogri, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Kashmiri, Konkani, Maithili, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Nepali, Odia, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Santhali, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu and English.	

## IAS Exam Pattern - Personality Test/ Interview

There is no set pattern of the IAS personality test/interview. It differs from candidate to candidate and Board to Board. The IAS interview is conducted at the UPSC officer premises in New Delhi. After candidates clear all the written tests, they will be interviewed by a board of competent observers. In the IAS interview test, candidates will be judged on different skills mentioned below:

- Mental Alertness



- Critical Powers of Assimilation
- Clear and Logical Exposition
- Balance of Judgement
- Variety and Depth of Interest
- Ability for Social Cohesion and Leadership
- Intellectual and Moral Integrity

**Also Read:** [IAS Eligibility](#)

## Admit Card

IAS prelims exam 2020 is postponed due to coronavirus pandemic and the consequent lockdown across the nation. The new admit card dates and exam date for the IAS 2020 prelims exam will be announced on May 20. The candidates need to wait and watch for the new exam dates for the IAS prelims 2020.

**IAS 2020 admit card** will be **released** by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) 3 weeks before every exam date. Candidates can download their UPSC Civil Services admit card 2020 from the official website of the commission by using their registration ID. IAS 2020 Admit card for prelims will be the first official confirmation of the candidature. IAS admit card is released for prelims and main exam separately.

**Latest Update:** UPSC IAS 2020 prelims postponed. [See Details here](#)

In the later stages of [IAS Exam 2020](#), the candidates can download the Civil Services admit card using their roll number.

## IAS 2020 Admit Card Dates

The IAS admit card 2020 will be issued as per the timeline given by UPSC. In the recent outbreak of coronavirus, there are possibilities of the postponing the IAS exam. We will update you on this but till any official information, the IAS admit card 2020 will be issued as per the given dates

IAS Exam 2020 Notification	<b>12 Feb 2020</b>	The UPSC issued the <a href="#">IAS Exam Notification 2020</a> for 796 vacancies
Last date to apply for IAS Exam 2020	<b>3 Mar 2020</b>	The IAS online application will be accepted until this date.
IAS admit card 2020	<b>To be notified</b>	The IAS Admit card will be issued three weeks before the IAS prelims 2020 but it is postponed.
IAS Prelims Exam 2020	<b>Postponed</b>	IAS Prelims 2020 Exam is postponed due to coronavirus pandemic.

**See Here:** [IAS Exam Dates](#)

## How to download the IAS exam admit card 2020?

Candidates can download their UPSC admit card by following the steps mentioned below:

**Step 1:** Visit the official website of UPSC (<http://www.upsc.gov.in/>).

**Step 2:** Click on the Admit Card link available on the Home page of the website.

**Step 3:** Read the instructions given on the page and click on the Yes button.

**Step 4:** Select any of the given two options – By Registration ID or By Roll Number.

**Step 5:** Enter registration ID and date of birth (if 'By Registration ID' is selected) or roll number and date of birth (if 'By Roll Number' is selected).

**Step 6:** Click on the Submit button.

**Step 7:** Download the IAS admit card

**See here:** [IAS Syllabus](#)

## How to download IAS admit card if forgot registration ID?

Candidates can follow the steps mentioned below to recover/ re-generate their registration ID:

**Step 1:** Visit the official website of UPSC (<http://www.upsc.gov.in/>).

**Step 2:** Click on the Admit Card link available on the Home page of the website.

**Step 3:** Read the instructions given on the page and click on the Yes button.

**Step 4:** Click on the link, "Forgot RID"

**Step 5:** Enter the following details:

- Name
- Father's name
- Mother's name



- Date of birth
- Captcha code as shown on the screen

**Step 6:** Click on Submit.

On clicking the button, a registration ID will be re-generated.

**See Here:** [IAS exam pattern](#)

## In case facing problem in downloading IAS admit card

In case, candidates are not able to download their admit card, they should contact the commission immediately. The official website informs, "Information in this regard can also be obtained from the Facilitation Counter located in the commission's office either in person or over phone Nos. 011-23381125/011- 23385271/ 011-23098543."

## Details mentioned in IAS admit card

The IAS admit card is the official letter entitling the candidates to appear in the IAS exam. One important point mentioned in the Civil Services admit card is that the candidates can use only black point pen in the IAS Exam. Other details mentioned in the IAS admit card are as follows:

1. Name
2. Roll Number
3. Father's Name
4. Mother's Name
5. Centre
6. Venue of Exam
7. Time Table

## Documents required with IAS admit card

Along with the Civil Services admit card, the candidates required an identity proof issued by government authority. This Id proof is essential for appearing in the IAS exam. Following Id proofs can be shown in the IAS exam along with the admit card:

1. Adhaar card
2. Passport
3. PAN Card
4. Driving Licence
5. Voter Id card(EPIC Card)

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## News

**UPSC IAS 2020 new exam dates** will be announced on June 5 after assessing the situation. [See here details](#)

UPSC IAS prelims 2020 is postponed due to various operational issues. The new dates for the IAS 2020 prelims exam will be declared after May 20, 2020 after accessing the situation" UPSC said in its notice. See [official UPSC Notice](#)

The honourable Minister of State for Dr. Jitendra Singh told in an interview to DD News about the compulsions for delaying the IAS prelims 2020 exam. [See details here](#)

Will UPSC conduct the IAS prelims 2020 on May 31? [Let us have a reality check](#)

UPSC has **postponed** the ongoing **IAS interviews** scheduled from **March 23 to April 3 2020**. [See here details](#)

UPSC IAS 2020 application withdrawal facility is closing today. The candidates who want to withdraw their IAS application can avail the facility. [Click here to know more](#)

UPSC has activated the IAS application withdrawal window. The candidates who want to withdraw their application can do so till March 18. [Read here details](#)

UPSC has issued a notice regarding the non-payment of exam fees for the IAS prelims exam 2020. The candidates can appeal against it if in case they have submitted the fee. [See here details](#)

IAS syllabus 2020 explained for the Current affairs. See here [IAS current affairs topics](#)

UPSC IAS Application Closing soon. [Apply Now](#)

UPSC has changed the tie-breaking resolving principle for the IAS exam. Till now, in case of the tie between two candidates in the final aggregate marks, the older candidate was given preference in such a situation. But as per the new guidelines, in case of a tie in the final aggregate marks, the tie will be resolved following the given principle. See here [UPSC tie-breaking resolving principle](#)

UPSC IAS Notification was released on February 12. See here [details](#)

UPSC Civil Services (IAS) Main(written) result 2019 declared, check here [IAS Main Result](#)

UPSC Civil Services Result is delayed due to a legal case in the Central Administrative Tribunal. [See here details](#)

UPSC Civil Services exam is a national-level test conducted by the Union Public Service Commission to recruit eligible candidates for services available





in Government of India. Check out all the latest updates for UPSC Civil Services exam below.

## UPSC Civil Services IAS Result

- [Details about UPSC Civil Services \(IAS\) Result 2018](#)
- [UPSC Civil Services Mains exam 2019 begins](#)
- [UPSC Civil Services Mains exam admit card 2019 released](#)
- [UPSC Civil Services Main exam admit card to be released soon](#)
- [Crunch in IAS posts despite increased intake through UPSC exams](#)
- [UPSC Civil Services exam scores not to be revealed under RTI: SC](#)

## Cut Off

IAS cut off 2020 will be released after the completion of the IAS exam process. IAS cut off is the reflection of competition and the difficulty level of the question paper. The IAS exam is a three-stage selection process and the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) releases the IAS cut off for each stage of the exam. IAS cutoff is released for each category separately.

IAS cut off is arrived by the permutations of three factors.

- The difficulty level of the question paper
- The number of vacancies in the exam
- The number of applicants appeared in the exam (rarest of the rarest)

IAS cut off is directly proportional to the difficulty level of the [IAS question paper](#). With the increase in the difficulty level of the question paper, the cut off also increases.

IAS cut-off is inversely proportional to the number of vacancies for the exam. The higher the [number of vacancies](#), lower the IAS cutoff.

The third case is a rare case and in India, it is applicable to very few positions. In this case, the number of applicants is very less sometimes even less than vacancies. So here the cut off is decreased to take all the candidates. Sometimes even the cut-off is not released. But this is not the case for the [IAS exam](#).

The IAS cut off is different from the minimum qualifying marks as marked by the UPSC. The minimum qualifying marks are decided before the exam is conducted and written in the [IAS notification](#), but the IAS cut-off is derived after the exam is conducted based on the factors discussed above.

**See Here:** [IAS Syllabus](#)

## IAS Prelims Cut off

The General Studies paper 2 of the IAS prelims exam was made qualifying in 2015 and its marks are not considered for the IAS prelims merit and cutoff. IAS prelims serve as the screening exam for the successive stage. But sometimes even the deserving candidates are filtered out even by the margin of one mark. So the candidates are advised to do [IAS preparation](#) with full concentration to cement their place.

Following is the IAS prelims cut-off trend over the years.

Category	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014*
General	98.00	105.34	116.00	107.34	205
OBC	96.66	102.66	110.66	106.00	204
SC	84.00	88.66	99.34	94.00	182
ST	83.34	88.66	96.00	91.34	174

The maximum marks considered for the IAS prelims cut off is 200 only.

In 2014, the total marks were 400 for the IAS prelims.

**See Here:** [IAS exam pattern](#)



## IAS Main Cut off

IAS main comprised of the written exam and the personality test. The IAS main cutoff (written) is the main benchmark which decided the selection in the IAS exam. Following are the IAS main cutoff trends over the years. The maximum marks for the IAS main are 1750.

Category	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
General	774	809	787	676	678
OBC	732	770	745	630	631
SC	719	756	739	622	631
ST	719	749	730	617	619

## IAS Cut off (Final)

The candidates who qualify in the IAS main exam are called for the IAS personality test. The IAS interview is of 275 marks, so the final IAS cut off is derived for the maximum marks of 2025.

Category	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
General	982	1006	988	877	889
OBC	938	968	951	834	844
SC	912	944	937	810	830
ST	912	939	920	801	811

## IAS Cut off - Previous Years

The candidates can see here the IAS cutoff of previous years through the table given for each year.

### IAS Cut off for 2018

Category	IAS Prelims	IAS Mains	IAS Cutoff(Final)
General	98.00	774	982
OBC	96.66	732	938



SC	84.00	719	912
ST	83.34	719	912

### IAS Cut off for 2017

Category	IAS Prelims	IAS Mains	IAS Cutoff(Final)
General	105.34	809	1006
OBC	102.66	770	968
SC	88.66	756	944
ST	88.66	749	939

### IAS cut off 2016

Category	IAS Prelims	IAS Mains	IAS Cutoff(Final)
General	116.00	787	988
OBC	110.66	745	951
SC	99.34	739	937
ST	96.00	730	920

### IAS Cut off 2015

Category	IAS Prelims	IAS Mains	IAS Cutoff(Final)
General	107.34	676	877
OBC	106.00	630	834
SC	94.00	622	810
ST	91.34	617	801

### IAS Cut off 2014

Category	IAS Prelims	IAS Mains	IAS Cutoff(Final)
General	107.34	676	877
OBC	106.00	630	834
SC	94.00	622	810
ST	91.34	617	801

<b>General</b>	205	678	889
<b>OBC</b>	204	631	844
<b>SC</b>	182	631	830
<b>ST</b>	174	619	811

## Application Form

UPSC IAS 2020 notification describes the IAS application process in detail. All the important and essential details such as the application closing date, photograph size and dimension, IAS application correction dates and the number of vacancies are mentioned in the official communication. The IAS aspirants wait eagerly for the [UPSC notification 2020](#) to know about the UPSC vacancies. The IAS exam cut-off will be proportional to the number of vacancies.

**See Here:** [How to prepare for IAS exam?](#)

## How to withdraw IAS application?

The candidates can withdraw their IAS 2020 application by doing the following

- Visit the official website - [upsc.gov.in](http://upsc.gov.in)
- Click on the What's new section
- Go to the Withdrawal of Application: Civil Services(Preliminary) Examination, 2020
- On the new screen, click on the link given for withdrawal
- Again click on the Application withdrawal link given at the right corner
- Read the instructions and click on Yes button
- Enter your registration-id and press continue
- Enter the following details:
  - Name
  - Gender
  - Date of Birth
  - Fathers Name
  - Mothers Name
  - Mobile Number
  - e-mail id

And select the option for the withdrawal of the application and press agree.

In the above manner, the candidates can withdraw their IAS 2020 application

**Also Read:** [IAS Eligibility Criteria](#)

## How to apply for IAS Exam 2020?

The IAS Application 2020 has two parts. part one and part two.

### For the new registration

- Visit the official website of UPSC- [upsconline.nic.in](http://upsconline.nic.in)
- Click on Exam Notifications tab.
- Click on Apply Online link.
- Click on the link available for Civil Services Part-I registration.
- Read the application form instructions carefully and click on Yes.

**See here:** [IAS exam centres](#)

Fill all basic information in the part-I application form such as:



Name	Date of birth
Category	Gender
Email ID	Contact number
Permanent address	Marital status
Parents' names	Community
Educational qualification	-

Once all the details are filled, click on Continue. Check all details in the online form carefully and click on Submit.

**Read Here:** [IAS 2020 Syllabus](#)

### Civil Services (IAS) Part-II Registration 2020

For part-II registrations, candidates need to complete the following steps:

Step 1: Pay IAS application fee online (through SBI Net Banking/ debit card/ credit card) or offline (by cash through SBI bank challan) mode.

Category	IAS Exam Application Fee
Female/ SC/ ST/ PwBD	Nil
All other candidates	Rs 100

Step 2: Upload scanned images of photograph, signature and photo ID card as per the specifications mentioned below:

Document	Dimensions	Format, Size & Bit Depth
Photo	Minimum: 350 pixels (Width) X 350 pixels (Height) Maximum: 1000 pixels (Width) X 1000 pixels (Height)	Format: JPG Size: 20 KB - 300 KB Bit Depth: 24
Signature	Minimum: 350 pixels (Width) X 350 pixels (Height) Maximum: 1000 pixels (Width) X 1000 pixels (Height)	Format: JPG Size: 20 KB - 300 KB Bit Depth: 24
Photo ID card	NA	Format: PDF Size: 20 KB - 300 KB Bit Depth: NA

Step 3: Enter the following information in the Civil Services(IAS) online application form 2020:

Application fee payment details (except for fee exempted candidates)	Selection of examination centre
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Step 4: Click on the 'I Agree' button after reading the declaration.

Step 5: On clicking the button, a page with a registration number will be generated. Note down the registration number or take a printout of the page.



### How to pay IAS Exam application fee?

Candidates can pay IAS Exam application fee in online or offline mode.

- **Online mode:** Candidates can make online payment of application fee via Visa/ Master/ RuPay credit/ debit card or internet banking of SBI.
- **Offline mode:** Candidates can make offline payment of application fee by paying cash at any branch of SBI. Regarding the same, the official website states, "Applicants who opt for 'Pay by Cash' mode should print the system generated pay-in-slip during part II registration and deposit the fee at the counter of SBI Branch on the next working day only." Candidates must note that the 'Pay by Cash' mode will be deactivated one day before the application process closes. However, candidates who have generated their pay-in-slip before the process is deactivated can make the payment at any SBI branch during banking hours on the closing date.

### Application Fee

Category	Preliminary Exam Fee	Mains Exam Fee
General/ OBC	Rs 100	Rs 200
Females/ SC/ ST/ Persons with Benchmark Disability	Nil	Nil

Once the application fee is paid, candidates need to click on the Continue button and fill their preference for Civil Services Exam centre. Thereafter, candidates need to upload their scanned photo and signature as per the specification mentioned below:

Document	File Size
Photo	3 KB – 40 KB
Signature	1 KB – 40 KB

Next, candidates need to click on the Continue button. On clicking the button, a declaration page will open on the screen. Candidates need to click on the I Agree button to agree to the declaration given by UPSC. Thereafter, candidates can submit the form by clicking on the Submit button.

**Check Here:** [IAS 2020 exam pattern](#)

### Step 2: Fill IAS Exam Part-II Application Form

To proceed for part-II registration, candidates need to click on the Click Here for Part II link present on the official website of UPSC. On clicking the link, a new page will open wherein candidates need to enter their registration ID as well as the date of birth and click on the Submit button. On clicking the button, Civil Services Exam Part-II application form will appear on the screen. Candidates need to enter all asked details and click on the Submit button.

On submission of part-II registration form, candidates' IAS Exam application process will be complete.

**Note:** Candidates have to fill separate application forms for [IAS Preliminary and Mains exams](#). Also, the official website informs, "In case of any guidance/ information/ clarification regarding their applications, candidature etc candidates can contact UPSC's Facilitation Counter near gate C of its campus in person or over telephone number 011-23385271/ 011-23381125/ 011-23098543 on working days between 10.00 hrs and 17.00 hrs."

### Dates



Feb 2020	<b>Feb 12</b>	IAS Prelims 2020 : Application Begins
Mar 2020	<b>Mar 03</b>	IAS Prelims 2020 : Application Ends

IAS prelims exam 2020 has been postponed due to coronavirus pandemic and the new exam dates will be announced on May 20, 2020. The UPSC in its one-line notice mentioned that the new dates will be announced after assessing all the situations.

IAS exam dates are an essential part of the IAS preparation plan because it takes more than one year to prepare for IAS. Even after preparing for more than a year and appearing in the IAS prelims exam, the IAS aspirants are not sure about their preparation and have to chalk out an IAS preparation plan again. In chalking out a plan, IAS aspirants require the list of events of the IAS exam process. IAS exam dates help the candidates in planning the IAS preparation and the intensity of their efforts for special occasions such as at the times of IAS exams.

**Latest Update:** UPS will announce the new dates for IAS exam 2020 on June 5. [See details here](#)

UPSC IAS 2020 prelims exam is postponed. [See details here](#)

UPSC notification and exam calendar outline all the important exam dates for IAS. The candidates can plan their preparation based on the dates given in the [UPSC notification 2020](#).

Dates are very important for the IAS Exam because it gave a clear idea about the exam and also helps in preparing the preparation plan for the [IAS Exam 2020](#). The IAS exam dates for prelims as well as mains exam is issued one year prior to the IAS exam. The IAS exam dates are as follows

## Question Papers

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IAS Question paper is an authentic source to know about the pattern of the IAS exam. The previous year question papers of the IAS exam provide a clear picture of the exam expectation from the IAS aspirant. The IAS question paper provides a clear locus for IAS preparation. The candidates can understand the IAS syllabus in a more comprehensible manner once they go through the previous year question papers of the IAS exam.

The IAS question paper helps the candidates to prepare in a more efficient way by using the previous year question paper as a mock test for the [IAS exam 2020](#). The candidates can take the IAS question papers as sample or model question papers and practice with them in a time-bound manner. This will give them a real exam like feel.

**See Here:** [IAS Preparation and Current Affairs](#)

Moreover, the IAS question paper can help the candidates in marking the important topics in the [IAS syllabus](#), depending on their frequency of appearing in the IAS question paper. The candidates can also write the confusing options and research about the topic so they can answer any question which will be asked from that topic. IAS question papers outline the IAS syllabus to its fullest.

## Vacancies

UPSC has notified **796 vacancies** in the official UPSC Notification 2020. The number of vacancies includes 24 vacancies for the Persons with



Benchmark Disability Category. UPSC vacancy varies with the requirement raised by different ministries. A separate number of vacancies are not certain but in the case of IAS officers, an outline was drawn after the Baswan committee recommended to recruit 180 IAS officers each year to fill in the recruitment gap.

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So approximately 180 IAS officers are recruited each year as we can see in the cadre allocation documents. This year the number of vacancies is less than the past trends even when the services related to the Indian Railways are not withdrawn from the [UPSC notification 2020](#). Next year it is expected to include the Indian Railway Management Service in the official notification.

**See Here:** [IAS Toppers tips for IAS preparation](#)

The number of vacancies in which recruitment will be done through [IAS exam 2019](#) was 896 which include 32 vacancies reserved for Persons with Benchmark Disability category. The official website informs, "The final number of vacancies may undergo change after getting a firm number of vacancies from Cadre Controlling Authorities."

The IAS aspirants can anticipate the number of vacancies for IAS and IPS because of the recommendations of Baswan committee. The committee recommended recruiting 180 IAS officers and 150 IPS officers every year to fill the recruitment gap of past years and strengthen the pool of All-India Services.

**Also Read:** [IAS Eligibility Criteria](#)

The Service-wise UPSC vacancies in the Civil Services are as follows:

Service	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Indian Administrative Service	180	180	180	180	180
Indian Foreign Service	42	45	45	32	32
Indian Police Service	150	150	150	150	150
Indian P & T Accounts & Finance Service, Group 'A'	29	29	22	16	25
Indian Audit and Accounts Service, Group 'A'	25	28	28	25	25
Indian Customs & Central Excise Service, Group 'A'	41	10	23	20	23



Indian Defence Accounts Service, Group 'A'	1 5	1 5	1 5	1 3	1 9
Indian Revenue Service (I.T.), Group 'A'	1 8 0	2 0 0	1 8 0	1 8 0	1 8 0
Indian Ordnance Factories Service, Group 'A' (Assistant Works Manager, Administra- tion)	3	9	6	5	8
Indian Postal Service, Group 'A'	2 5	9	1 7	1 7	1 7
Indian Civil Accounts Service, Group 'A'	1 2	8	8	1 5	1 5
Indian Railway Traffic Service, Group 'A'	6 3	6 5	6 9	7 3	6 6
Indian Railway Accounts Service, Group 'A'	3 1	3 1	3 1	3 2	3 0
Indian Railway Personnel Service, Group 'A'	2 7	2 3	2 7	3 2	2 8
Post of Assistant Security Commis- sioner in Railway	1 5	1 5	4 5	3 4	3 3

Protection Force, Group 'A'					
Indian Defence Estates Service, Group 'A'	19	9	4	28	7
Indian Information Service (Junior Grade), Group 'A'	65	24	21	25	8
Indian Trade Service, Group 'A'	5	4	5	9	11
Indian Corporate Law Service, Group "A"	10	30	20	6	8
Armed Forces Headquarters Civil Service, Group 'B' (Section Officer's Grade)	67	218	53	240	74
Delhi, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli Civil Service, Group 'B'	22	5	3	17	32
Delhi,					

Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli Police Service, Group 'B'	3 1	2	4	2 5	4 5
Pondicherry Civil Service, Group 'B'	0	4	1	1 0	0
Pondicherry Police Service, Group 'B'	1	2	0	0	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 0 5 8</b>	<b>1 2 0 9</b>	<b>1 1 6 4</b>	<b>1 3 6 4</b>	<b>1 2 2 8</b>

We can say that the number of vacancies is always above One thousand irrespective of the vacancies notified in the UPSC notification.

## Results

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**Latest Update:** UPSC Civil Services (IAS) main 2019 interview schedule released: [Check here details](#)

**See here:** [IAS Main result with names](#)

UPSC Civil Services (IAS) Main(written) result 2019 declared, check here [IAS Main Result](#)

UPSC Civil Services(IAS) Result has been delayed. [See here details](#)

- [Civil Services \(IAS\) Result 2018: 485 candidates were from Hindi Medium](#)
- [UPSC recommended 53 more candidates for Civil Services 2018](#)

UPSC IAS Main(written) result 2019 was declared on January 14, 2020. The candidates need to submit the filled Detailed Application Form II(DAFII) online by January 27 till 6 p.m. The e-summon letter for the IAS Interview will be available on the official website of UPSC from January 27, 2020.

**See Here:** [IAS Toppers tips for IAS preparation](#)

This year the Civil Services main result is delayed due to some legal matter, related to the EWS quota in the Civil Services Exam 2019, is pending in the Central Administrative Tribunal. As per the previous year trends, the UPSC declares the IAS main result in December but due to the reason mentioned by the Secretary UPSC, Rakesh Gupta, it is delayed this year.

As per the official notification, the number of candidates who pass in the IAS main (written) result will be twice the number of vacancies given in the official notification. IAS personality test is the last stage of the IAS selection process and the chances of final selection increased very much once the candidate makes in the IAS main(written) result. One out of the two candidates is finally selected in the Civil Services after the IAS interview. This implies that the selection probability of the candidate is 50% after his/her name appears in IAS main(written) result. The number of vacancies given in the official notification is 895. It implies that at least 1792 candidates will appear in the IAS interview.

After the IAS main(written) result, the candidates are called for the IAS interview at the UPSC office in New Delhi. The candidates need to carry all the original documents related to their academic and professional qualifications and experience. These documents will be verified by the office staff of UPSC. After the document verification, the candidates will proceed for the IAS interview. The UPSC will publish the IAS interview schedule soon after



the IAS main result(written) 2019. The candidates need to report on the specified dates.

UPSC Civil Services (IAS) result is declared for each of the exam stages separately. The IAS result(final) is announced after the IAS interview. It takes into account the marks obtained in the IAS main and IAS interview(personality test). The marks of IAS prelims are not taken into consideration for final result.

## How to check the IAS Result

The candidates can check the IAS result in the following way

Step 1: Go to the official website - [upsc.gov.in](http://upsc.gov.in)

Step 2: Click on the Civil Services Result appearing in the "What's New" section on Right-hand side

Step 3: A new page will appear showing the PDF link of the final result

Step 4: Click on the link given under the "Documents" column, the final result pdf will open

Step 5: Search the roll number or name

Step 6: Download the IAS final result pdf for future reference.

**Selection criteria for Mains exam:** On the basis of marks secured by candidates in paper-I of Preliminary exam a merit list is released by UPSC. It may be noted that paper-II of Preliminary exam is qualifying in nature with minimum 33% marks. All candidates whose names/ roll numbers appear in the merit list are eligible to appear for Mains exam. The official website informs, "The number of candidates to be admitted to the Main Examination will be about twelve to thirteen times the number of vacancies to be filled in the year through this examination."

**Selection criteria for Interview:** Candidates who secure minimum qualifying marks in the written part of the Main Exam are called for interview for a personality test. The number of candidates called for interview are usually twice of the number of vacancies to be filled, informs the official website. The interview carries weight-age of 275 marks with no minimum qualifying marks.

A final merit list is released by UPSC on the basis of marks secured by candidates in Main exam (written test and interview). All candidates whose names/ roll numbers appear in the final merit list released by the commission are then allotted to different services on the basis of their rank in the exam as well as preferences made by them for different posts and services.

Check complete details about [UPSC IAS exam](#).

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## Answer Key

UPSC releases IAS Preliminary Exam answer keys once the result is out. It may be noted that the commission does not release the answer key for Mains exam as it has all descriptive papers. However, in case of candidates have any objections related to the Mains papers, they can make representations in the prescribed format on the official website.

**See Here:** [How to prepare for IAS exam?](#)

Through IAS exam answer key, candidates can check correct answers for all the questions in the exam and calculate their score. Know how to check UPSC IAS Preliminary Exam answer key below:

**Step 1:** Visit the official website of UPSC (<http://upsc.gov.in/>).

**Step 2:** Under Examination tab, click on the Answer Key button.

**Step 3:** Click on the Download button of the exam for which answer key needs to be seen.

On clicking the button, UPSC Civil Services Exam 2019 answer key will appear on the screen. The answer key will contain set-wise correct answers for all the questions in the exam.

Answer keys for [IAS exam 2019](#) are not out yet. Given below are answer keys for 2017 exam for the reference of candidates:

**GS Paper - I**

