

THE CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED IN THEIR OWN INTEREST TO GO THROUGH THE DETAILED ADVERTISEMENT AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE OF MHA (www.mha.gov.in) TO ENSURE THAT THEY FULFILL THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS BEFORE FILLING UP THE ONLINE APPLICATION.

# INTELLIGENCE BUREAU

(MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

ASSISTANT CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER-GRADE - II / EXECUTIVE EXAMINATION - 2025

Online applications are invited from Indian Nationals for direct recruitment to the post of Assistant Central Intelligence Officer, Grade II/ Executive i.e., ACIO-II/Exe in IB, (Ministry of Home Affairs), Government of India.

Applicants are advised to go through all parameters under different paras and sub-~~paras~~ mentioned below and satisfy themselves about their suitability in terms of age limit, essential qualifications, etc. for the post of ACIO-II/Exe. before applying. Candidates fulfilling eligibility criteria of the posts, as mentioned below, may apply ONLINE through MHA's website (www.mha.gov.in) or NCS portal (www.ncs.gov.in) only.

## 1. DESCRIPTION OF POST

NAME Assistant Central Intelligence Officer Grade - II —Executive (ACIO-II/Exe)						
CLASSIFICATION		General Central Service, Group 'C' (Non-Gazetted, Non-Ministerial)				
VACANCIES WITH RESERVATION BREAKUP	UR	EWS	OBC	SC	ST	Total
	1,537	442	946	566	228	3,717
PAY SCALE	Level 7 (Rs. 44,900-1,42,400) in the pay matrix plus admissible Central Govt. allowances. Note: i. Special Security Allowance @ 20% of basic pay in addition to other Govt. allowances. ii. Cash compensation in lieu of duty performed on holidays subject to a ceiling of 50 days.					
ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS	Graduation or equivalent from a recognized university.					
DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS	Knowledge of computers.					
AGE LIMIT	18-27 years as on 10.08.2025. > Upper age limit is relaxable by 5 years for SC/ST and by 3 years for OBC candidates. > Upper age limit is relaxable for departmental candidates' upto 40 years of age who have rendered 3 years of regular and continuous service. > The age limit is relaxable up to age of 35 years for UR candidates, 38 years for OBC and up to 40 years for SC/ST in case of widows, divorced women and women judicially separated from their husbands and not remarried. > The age limit is relaxable for ex-servicemen as per the Govt. instructions in this regard issued by the Central Government from time to time. > The age limit is relaxable up to maximum 5 years to the <del>marital</del> sports persons specified in Para 1 (a) of DoP&AR O.M. No. 14015/1/76-Estt.(D), dtd 4.8.1980. The candidate claiming age relaxation in this category must have the desired certificate in the form & from the authority prescribed in OM under reference (As per the Annexure at the end of the detailed advertisement).					

Note-1: The post of ACIO-II/Exe, being an operational post, is not reserved for any category of PwBD. Hence, they NEED NOT apply.

Note-2: The reservation of vacancies for EWS, OBC, SC, ST, Ex-Servicemen is as per rules/caster.

Note-3: The number of vacancies is provisional and liable to change

Note-4: The eligibility of the candidates in terms of age, educational qualification, caste/ category, etc. will be determined on the closing date. The candidate must possess essential qualification for the post i.e., Graduation or equivalent on the closing date i.e., 10.08.2025 (till 2359 hours) and he/she must have been declared successful in it.

2. SERVICE LIABILITY: The post involves All India Service Liability. Therefore, the candidates willing to serve anywhere in India only need to apply.

## 3. SCHEME OF EXAMINATION

DESCRIPTION OF EXAMINATION		TIME	MARKS
Written Examination	Tier-I exam: 100 Objective type MCQs, divided into 5 parts containing 20 questions of 1 mark each on: a) Current Affairs, b) General Studies, c) Numerical Aptitude, d) Reasoning/Logical Aptitude e) English [Negative marking of ¼ mark for each wrong answer.]	1 hour	100
	Tier-II: Descriptive type paper of 50 marks: Essay (20 marks); English comprehension (10 marks) & Long answer type questions (2 questions of 10 marks each on Current Affairs, Economics, Socio-political issues etc. (20 marks).	1 hour	50
Interview		Tier-III Interview	

Note-1 : The cut-off marks (out of 100) in Tier-I exam would be UR-33, OBC-34, SC/ST-33 & EWS-35 (all Ex-Servicemen would be tested in their own category viz., UR/EWS/OBC/SC/ST).

Note-2: On the basis of their performance & normalization of marks in Tier-I exam, candidates would be shortlisted for Tier-II @ 10 times the number of vacancies, subject to the condition that the candidate should have scored minimum cut-off in Tier-I.

Note-3: On the basis of their combined performance in Tier-I and Tier-II, the candidates would be shortlisted for Tier-III/Interview @ 5 times the number of vacancies subject to the condition that the candidate scores minimum 33% marks (17 out of 50) in Tier-II exam.

Note-4: On the basis of combined performance in Tier-I, Tier-II and Tier-III/Interview exam, final merit list for the post will be prepared in accordance with the number of vacancies. A waiting list would also be prepared for providing replacement in future, which will be operative in terms of DoP&T OM No. 41019/18/97-Estt. (B) dated 13.06.2000.

## 4. CITY OF EXAMINATION: The candidates may refer to the detailed advertisement.

Note-1: While filling in the online application form, the applicant should carefully decide about his/her choice of City of Examination.

Note-2: The candidate has to choose five (5) options/choices as Examination City from the list provided in the detailed advertisement.

Note-3: Examination City, once opted, will not be changed under any circumstances.

Note-4: In case of over subscription/under subscription at a particular City, the candidates may be shifted to some other City.

Note-5: Candidates could be accommodated in any one of the five Examination Cities opted by him/her for Tier-I examination.

## 5. HOW TO APPLY:

a) Applications should be submitted only through ONLINE registration by logging on to the website www.mha.gov.in or www.ncs.gov.in. Applications will NOT be accepted through any other mode.

b) The application portal will be operational from 19.07.2025 to 10.08.2025 (till 2359 hours). Registration done, prior to 19.07.2025 and after 10.08.2025 will not be accepted.

## 6. EXAMINATION FEE:

The fee has 02 components i.e., Examination Fee: Rs. 100/- & Recruitment Processing Charges: Rs. 550/- which are required to be paid as under:

Category	Fee to be paid
All candidates	Recruitment Processing Charges (Rs. 550/-)
Male candidates of UR, EWS and OBC categories	Examination Fee (Rs. 100) in addition to Recruitment Processing Charges (Rs. 550) i.e., Rs. 650/-.

Note-1: All SC/ST candidates, female candidates and those Ex-Servicemen who are eligible for reservation, are exempted from payment of examination fee i.e., Rs. 100/-. However, they will have to pay the Recruitment Processing Charges i.e. Rs. 550/-.

Note-2: Ex-servicemen who have already secured employment in civil side under Central Govt in Group 'C' post on regul basis after availing benefits of reservation given to them are required to pay the examination fee, i.e., Rs. 100/- also along with recruitment processing charges of Rs. 550/-.

Note-3: Banking charges, if applicable, will be borne by the candidate.

## 7. MODE OF PAYMENT (ONLINE/ OFFLINE MODE):

a) The application form is integrated with the payment gateway & the payment process can be completed by the following instructions.

b) Payment can be made online via SBI EPAY LITE through Debit Cards (RuPay/ Visa/MasterCard/Maestro), Credit Cards, Internet Banking, UPI, SBI challan etc.

c) After submitting your payment online, PLEASE WAIT FOR THE INTIMATION FROM THE SERVER. DO NOT PRESS BACK OR REFRESH BUTTON IN ORDER TO AVOID DOUBLE CHARGE.

d) To ensure the security of your data, please close the browser window once your transaction is complete.

e) There is facility to print application form containing fee details after payment of fee.

f) Fee once paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances.

g) Online payments can be made only till the last date of submission of online application form.

h) Payments through SBI challan generated on the last day of closure of online application form can be submitted in the bank till 12.08.2025 (during 04 hours only).

## 8. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

For all other information in detail such as eligibility criteria, reservation benefits & relaxations, selection of candidates/scheme of examination, regulation of the cases, how to apply, submission of online application, mode of payment and other instructions, the candidates are advised to refer to our detailed advertisement available on the website of MHA (www.mha.gov.in).

While every care has been taken for inclusion of GOI instructions in vogue, IB reserves the right to rectify omissions, if any, noticed subsequently.

## 9. CLOSING DATE: 10.08.2025 (Till 2359 hours).

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**WARNING**

It has been noticed that some unscrupulous elements are fraudulently inviting applications for various posts in the Intelligence Bureau. Such elements are also alluring the aspirants appearing in various examinations conducted by IB for providing assistance during the examination and are even issuing fake appointment letters to some of the candidates. The prospective candidates/job aspirants are, therefore, cautioned not to fall prey to the designs of such unscrupulous elements who try to dupe the unsuspecting aspirants/ candidates for their personal gain.

There have been several reports in the Social Media wherein some unknown persons claiming to be Ex IB Officers give false assurance to the prospective candidates that they would help them in getting through this Examination by virtue of their long association with the IB. Candidates in their own interest are advised not to fall prey to such false, baseless, misleading and exaggerated claims of these persons as IB do not share any input regarding the content of question papers of any Examination conducted by IB with anyone.

All the candidates must refrain from disclosing any update regarding their progression to next stages of recruitment or final selection on their personal/family/relative's/friend's social media/media platforms. They must also deter their family members/relatives/friends from publicising about their progression to next stages of recruitment or final selection on social media/media platforms.

**Candidates are advised to apply only through the website of MHA, i.e., [www.mha.gov.in](http://www.mha.gov.in). OR NCS Portal i.e., [www.ncs.gov.in](http://www.ncs.gov.in).**