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SSC Stenographer Recruitment – Complete Guide

1. Posts and Pay Levels

Post	Group	Pay Level	Pay Scale
Stenographer Grade 'C'	Group B (Non-Gazetted)	Level 6	₹35,400 – ₹1,12,400
Stenographer Grade 'D'	Group C (Non-Gazetted)	Level 4	₹25,500 – ₹81,100

2. Vacancies (of 2024)

Tentative Total Vacancies: 2006 (Subject to change for upcoming year as per final SSC notification)

3. Eligibility Criteria

Nationality

Candidates must be:

- Indian citizens OR
- Subjects of Nepal, Bhutan OR
- Tibetan refugees (arrived before 1st Jan 1962) OR
- Persons of Indian origin from listed countries with eligibility certificates.

Age Limit (As on cutoff date)

Post	Minimum Age	Maximum Age
Grade 'C'	18 years	30 years
Grade 'D'	18 years	27 years



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Age Relaxation

Code	Category	Relaxation
01	SC/ST	5 years
02	OBC	3 years
03	PwD (UR)	10 years
04	PwD (OBC)	13 years
05	PwD (SC/ST)	15 years
06	Ex-Servicemen	3 years (after military service deduction)
08	Disabled Defence (UR)	3 years
09	Disabled Defence (SC/ST)	8 years

Additional Relaxation for Group 'C' Posts

Code	Category	Relaxed Upper Age Limit
10	Central Govt Employees (3+ yrs)	40 years
11	Central Govt Employees (SC/ST)	45 years
12	Widows / Divorced Women	35 years
13	Widows / Divorced Women (SC/ST)	40 years

4. Educational Qualification

- Passed **12th Standard or equivalent** from a recognized board.
- Must qualify **Skill Test in Stenography** (explained later).

5. Reservation & PwBD Suitability

- **Reservation** applicable for SC, ST, OBC, EWS, PwBD, and ESM as per central rules.
- **PwBD Suitability:**
 - B, LV, D, HH, OA, OL, BL, OAL, CP, LC, Dw, AAV, SD, SI, ASD, SLD, MI, MD.



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(Refer to document for full forms and descriptions of PwBD categories.)



6. Application Process

- **Mode:** Online via [SSC Website](#)
- **One-Time Registration:** Mandatory
- **Application Fee:** ₹100 *Exempted: Women, SC, ST, PwBD, Ex-Servicemen*



Uploads Required:

- **Live Photograph** (Webcam/Mobile)
- **Signature:** 4x2 cm, 10–20 KB (JPEG/JPG)



Application Correction Window:

- Available for **2 days** after the deadline.



7. Exam Pattern – Computer-Based Exam (CBE)

Subject	Questions	Marks
General Intelligence & Reasoning	50	50
General Awareness	50	50
English Language & Comprehension	100	100

- **Total Marks:** 200
- **Duration:** 2 hours
- **PwBD with scribe:** 2 hrs 40 mins
- **Negative Marking:** 0.25 per wrong answer



8. Syllabus Overview

General Intelligence & Reasoning

- Analogy, coding-decoding, classification, number series
- Space visualization, decision-making, problem-solving



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- Verbal & Non-verbal reasoning, directions, syllogism

General Awareness

- Indian polity, history, geography, economy, science
- Current affairs, Govt schemes, culture, sports, etc.

English Language & Comprehension

- Grammar, vocabulary, comprehension passages
- Sentence structure, error detection, fill-in-the-blanks
- Synonyms/Antonyms, improvement, spelling correction

9. Skill Test in Stenography

Dictation:

- **Grade 'C':** 10 minutes @ **100 wpm**
- **Grade 'D':** 10 minutes @ **80 wpm**

Transcription Time:

Post	English	Hindi
Grade 'C'	50 mins	65 mins
Grade 'D'	70 mins	90 mins

PwBD candidates with scribe get extra 20 mins/hour.

10. Language Option for Skill Test

- Must choose **either English or Hindi** during application.
- **No change allowed** after submission.

11. Document Verification

Conducted by departments post-final selection.



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Required Documents:

- 12th Marksheet/Certificate
- Caste/Category/PwBD/ESM certificate (if applicable)
- Photo ID (Aadhaar, PAN, etc.)
- Domicile Certificate (if required)

12. Final Selection Process

- Based on **CBE marks + Qualifying Skill Test**
- **Merit-based allocation** to departments/ministries
- Subject to **document verification**

13. Tie-Breaking Criteria

If two or more candidates score the same:

1. Higher marks in English section
2. Higher marks in Reasoning
3. Older age
4. Alphabetical order of names

14. Key Guidelines

- Candidates must be ready to **serve anywhere in India**
- **No reserve/waiting list** maintained by SSC
- Final result published only on ssc.gov.in

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