

IBPS PO Ex-Servicemen Selection Process 2026: Complete Official Recruitment Stages

CRP PO/MT-XVI | Prelims, Mains, Personality Test, Interview, Age Relaxation, Documents and Final Selection

IBPS PO Ex-Servicemen Selection Process 2026 follows the official Common Recruitment Process for Probationary Officers/Management Trainees under CRP PO/MT-XVI. Ex-Servicemen do not have a separate examination or separate selection route for the IBPS PO post. Eligible candidates must progress through the Preliminary Examination, Main Examination, mandatory Personality Test and Common Interview before being considered for provisional allotment.

Candidates should also understand that there is no separate Ex-Servicemen reservation in the Officers' Cadre. However, eligible Ex-Servicemen and specified Commissioned Officers can claim the prescribed upper-age relaxation subject to the conditions laid down by IBPS.

IBPS PO Ex-Servicemen Selection Process 2026 Overview

Stage	Official Selection Requirement
Preliminary Examination	Qualifying and shortlisting stage
Main Examination	Required for Interview shortlisting and final merit
Personality Test	Mandatory but non-qualifying
Common Interview	Qualifying and counted in final merit
Provisional Allotment	Based on combined merit, preferences and available vacancies

Important: Document verification is an eligibility verification requirement and should not be confused with a separate marks-based examination stage.

Stage 1: IBPS PO Preliminary Examination

The first stage of the IBPS PO Ex-Servicemen Selection Process is the online Preliminary Examination. Ex-Servicemen appearing for IBPS PO have to clear the same prescribed examination and cut-off requirements applicable according to their eligible category.

Section	Questions	Marks	Time
English Language	30	30	20 minutes
Quantitative Aptitude	35	30	20 minutes
Reasoning Ability	35	40	20 minutes
Total	100	100	60 minutes

Candidates must secure the minimum cut-off prescribed by IBPS in each test. Preliminary Examination marks are used for shortlisting and are not included in the final merit score.

Stage 2: IBPS PO Main Examination

Candidates shortlisted through Prelims appear for the Online Main Examination. The objective part contains 170 questions for 200 marks, while the Descriptive Paper contains 2 questions for 25 marks.

Main Exam Section	Questions	Marks
Reasoning	40	60
General/Economy/Banking/Digital/Financial Awareness	50	60
English Language	40	20
Data Analysis & Interpretation	40	60
Descriptive Paper - Essay & Comprehension	2	25

The Main Examination is crucial because its score is considered for shortlisting and contributes to the final combined merit.

Stage 3: IBPS PO Personality Test

Candidates shortlisted after the Main Examination are required to appear for the prescribed IBPS PO Personality Test before the Interview. It is a self-report personality assessment and is mandatory but non-qualifying.

The Personality Test itself does not add marks to the final merit score. However, failure to appear for the prescribed test makes the candidate ineligible to proceed to the Interview. The personality profile may be placed before the Interview Panel.

Stage 4: IBPS PO Common Interview for Ex-Servicemen

Eligible Ex-Servicemen do not face a separate ESM interview. Candidates shortlisted under CRP PO/MT-XVI appear for the Common Interview conducted by Participating Banks and coordinated by the designated Nodal Bank with the assistance of IBPS.

The Interview carries 100 marks. The minimum qualifying marks are 40% for General/EWS candidates and 35% for SC/ST/OBC/PwBD candidates. Ex-Servicemen status by itself does not create a separate 35% Interview qualifying standard.

IBPS PO Ex-Servicemen Age Relaxation

Under the IBPS PO Ex-Servicemen eligibility rules, Ex-Servicemen and Commissioned Officers including eligible Emergency Commissioned Officers (ECOs) and Short Service Commissioned Officers (SSCOs) who have rendered at least five years of military service and satisfy the prescribed release conditions are eligible for 5 years of upper-age relaxation, subject to Government guidelines.

This is an age concession and should not be described as IBPS PO Ex-Servicemen reservation. IBPS specifically provides no Ex-Servicemen reservation in the Officers' Cadre.

IBPS PO Ex-Servicemen Documents Required

An Ex-Serviceman candidate must produce the prescribed proof of defence service at the relevant verification stage. Important IBPS PO Ex-Servicemen documents include the Service or Discharge Book, Pension Payment Order and documentary proof of the rank last or presently held, as

applicable.

Candidates who are still serving in defence services must produce a certificate from the competent authority stating that they will be relieved from defence services on or before 20 July 2027. Failure to produce the required certificate can lead to disqualification.

IBPS PO Ex-Servicemen Final Selection

The IBPS PO Ex-Servicemen final selection follows the same merit process prescribed for CRP PO/MT-XVI. Candidates must qualify the Main Examination and Common Interview and rank sufficiently high in the combined merit.

Component	Final Weightage
Online Main Examination	80%
Common Interview	20%

Preliminary Examination marks and the Personality Test do not contribute directly to the final combined score.

IBPS PO Provisional Allotment

After completion of the Interview process, successful candidates may be considered for provisional allotment to a Participating Bank based on merit-cum-preference, actual vacancies and applicable Government guidelines. Provisional allotment itself is not an offer of employment. Final eligibility verification and appointment are handled by the Participating Bank concerned.

Current IBPS PO Selection Status

As of 10 September 2026, the IBPS PO/MT-XVI Preliminary Examination scheduled for 22 and 23 August 2026 has passed. The official IBPS examination calendar schedules the Main Examination for 4 October 2026. Candidates should check the latest CRP PO/MT-XVI notices issued by IBPS for results and further selection-stage updates.

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