

Consolidated FAQ

Recruitment to the post of Scientific Assistant in India Meteorological Department through SSC Junior Engineer Examination, 2026

Reference:

1. SSC Junior Engineer Examination, 2026 Advertisement/Notice dated 02.09.2026; and
2. Addendum to the Notice of Junior Engineer Examination, 2026 dated 10.09.2026, regarding the Essential Qualification for the post of Scientific Assistant in IMD.

The above documents are available on the official websites of the Staff Selection Commission and India Meteorological Department.

SSC Junior Engineer Examination, 2026 Notice: [SSC Junior Engineer Examination, 2026 Notice](#)

Addendum dated 10.09.2026: [Addendum – Essential Qualification for Scientific Assistant, IMD](#)

Q.1. What is the prescribed Essential Educational Qualification for the post of Scientific Assistant in IMD?

Ans. As per the SSC Junior Engineer Examination, 2026 Advertisement dated 02.09.2026, read with the Addendum dated 10.09.2026, the Essential Educational Qualification for the post of Scientific Assistant in India Meteorological Department is:

(1) Bachelor's Degree in Science with Physics as one of the subjects from a recognised institution or university;

OR

(2) Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science or Computer Applications or Electronics or Electronics and Communication Engineering or Electronics Telecommunication Engineering or Instrumentation or Information Technology or Telecommunication Engineering or Communication Engineering from a recognised institution or university.

Note 1: Candidates possessing the qualification mentioned in (2) above must also have passed Class XII examination from a recognised Board with Physics and Mathematics as one of the subjects.

Accordingly, candidates are required to fulfil the Essential Educational Qualification as prescribed in the SSC Advertisement dated 02.09.2026 read with the Addendum dated 10.09.2026.

Q.2. Whether candidates possessing B.E./B.Tech or other degrees in disciplines not specifically mentioned in the Advertisement/Addendum, or degrees with specialised/allied nomenclature, are eligible for the post?

Ans. Eligibility for the post of Scientific Assistant is governed by the Essential Educational Qualification prescribed in the SSC Junior Engineer Examination, 2026 Advertisement dated 02.09.2026, read with the Addendum dated 10.09.2026.

The Advertisement/Addendum specifically prescribes the Bachelor's Degree qualifications under the two categories mentioned in Q.1. Accordingly, candidates are required to possess one of the qualifications prescribed therein.

Eligible discipline for Bachelor's degree is strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Advertisement/Addendum. Mere similarity of subjects, curriculum or coursework shall not, by itself, confer eligibility.

Q.3. Whether studying Physics/Engineering Physics during a B.E./B.Tech programme, satisfies the requirement of “Bachelor’s Degree in Science with Physics as one of the subjects”?

Ans. The Essential Educational Qualification is required to be determined strictly in accordance with the qualification prescribed in the SSC Advertisement dated 02.09.2026 read with the Addendum dated 10.09.2026.

The Advertisement prescribes “Bachelor’s Degree in Science with Physics as one of the subjects” as the first category of qualification. It does not prescribe any separate provision whereby study of Physics/Engineering Physics during a B.E./B.Tech programme, by itself, substitutes or alters the qualification prescribed under this category.

Accordingly, mere study of Physics/Engineering Physics as a subject during a Bachelor's programme other than a Bachelor’s Degree in Science cannot, by itself, be treated as fulfilment of the qualification as “Bachelor’s Degree in Science with Physics as one of the subjects.”

Q.4. Is passing Class XII with Physics and Mathematics mandatory for candidates possessing the qualifications mentioned under the second category of Essential Educational Qualification? What is the position of candidates who obtained their degree through lateral entry after a three-year Diploma?

Ans. Yes. The Addendum dated 10.09.2026 specifically provides that candidates possessing the qualification mentioned under the second category must also have passed Class XII examination from a recognised Board with Physics and Mathematics as one of the subjects.

Accordingly, candidates claiming eligibility under the second category are required to fulfil the aforesaid requirement.

The Advertisement/Addendum does not provide any separate exemption from this requirement for candidates who have obtained the Bachelor's Degree through lateral entry after a three-year Diploma. Therefore, eligibility in such cases shall be determined in accordance with the conditions prescribed in the Advertisement/Addendum.

Q.5. Whether the subject selected by a candidate for the CBE determines his/her eligibility for the post of Scientific Assistant?

Ans. No. Selection of a particular subject/Part for appearing in the CBE does not, by itself, confer or determine eligibility for the post.

A candidate must independently possess the Essential Educational Qualification prescribed in the SSC Advertisement dated 02.09.2026 read with the Addendum dated 10.09.2026, irrespective of the subject/Part selected for the examination.

Accordingly, eligibility for the post shall be determined on the basis of the prescribed Essential Educational Qualification and not merely on the basis of the subject/Part selected by the candidate for the CBE.

Q.6. Is colour blindness permissible for appointment to the post of Scientific Assistant in IMD?

Ans. No. Colour blindness is a disqualification for appointment to the post of Scientific Assistant in India Meteorological Department.

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