



OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT GENERAL (A&E)
ODISHA, BHUBANESWAR

NOTICE

Sub: Inviting applications for Departmental Examination for Accountants – February 2026.

The next Departmental Examination for Accountants is scheduled to be held in the month of February 2026. As per the revised Chapter IX, Para 9.4 of MSO (Admn) Vol-I (revised) and in terms of Headquarters Circular No-5 -Staff (App 1)/2022 issued vide letter No. 157-Staff (App 1)/18-2020 dated 04.02.2022 regarding relaxation in recruitment rules for appointment to the post of Accountant under Column 11 & Column 12, the officials who fulfill the eligible conditions and fall under the category mentioned below are allowed to appear the DEA, February 2026.

- i) All Graduate Group "C" officials with combined regular service of 3 years as on 01.02.2026.
- ii) Directly recruited Accountants, who would be completing one-year continuous service as on 1st February 2026 will be eligible to appear in the examination.
- iii) Clerks promoted to Accountant cadre on seniority basis may appear in the examination immediately after their promotion. However, they are not eligible to appear in the examination if it is held within 90 days of their promotion. They may instead appear in their first examination held immediately thereafter.
- iv) All reverted Clerks, who failed to pass the DEA within the stipulated number of chances, will have three more consecutive chances to clear the examination within two years of their reversion.

Note 1: SAS Group I passed officials promoted to the post of Accountants, are not required to pass the Departmental Examination for Accountants for promotion to the higher scale of Sr. Accountant.

Note 2: Clerks who have not qualified for the Type Test would not be allowed to appear in the Departmental Examination for Accountants.

Principal Accountant General may at his discretion, condone deficiencies in the prescribed service, of one year in respect of directly recruited Accountants, and three years combined regular service in respect of all Graduate Group "C" officials, up to a limit not exceeding two months.

In terms of Headquarters Examination Wing Circular 01 of 2024 dated 17.01.2024 and Circular 04 of 2024 dated 13.09.2024, it has been decided to conduct the Departmental Examination for Accountant centrally by Examination Wing of Headquarters office on offline mode w.e.f February 2025 as per the examination cycle mentioned in C&AG's MSO (Admn) Vol-I. The Examination will be held on the revised syllabus communicated vide Examination Wing Circular 02 of 2024 dated 12.07.2024. The existing number of chances will continue. The counting of the number of chances would start afresh from the beginning of conducting the exam centrally. Previous exemption will continue to be valid.

The eligible candidates may submit their application in prescribed pro-forma available in T&E Section of Admn.I latest by 27.01.2026. The applications received after the due date shall not be considered.

The date, time and venue of the examination will be intimated in due course.

Sd/-

(Manoj Ekka)

Sr. Deputy Accountant General (Admn)

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- 1 All Group Controlling Branch Officers of Main Office and Puri Office with request to circulate amongst all sections of their Group.
- 2 Secretary to Principal Accountant General/Sr.PS to Principal Accountant General.
3. BO (EDP) with a request to upload the Notice on our website for wide circulation.
4. Deputation seat of Admn.I for circulation among staff on deputation.
- 5 Notice Board.

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Sr. Accounts Officer (T&E)