

F. No. W - 17-16/2021-SPN-1  
Government of India  
Ministry of Communications  
Department of Posts

Dak Bhawan, Sansad Marg,  
New Delhi-110001

September 20, 2021

To,

All Chief Postmasters General

**Subject:- Relaxation in the eligibility service – change in the crucial date i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> January.**

Madam / Sir,

In exercise of the powers delegated, vide Department of Personnel & Training OM No. AB-14017/17/2018-Estt. RR dated 12.08.2021 (copy enclosed), the Competent Authority has accorded approval for relaxation in eligibility service for vacancy year 2021, 2022 and 2023 prescribed in the Recruitment Rules, upto a maximum period of 3 months in cases where the employees would have been eligible for being considered for promotion, but become ineligible due to change in the crucial date from 1<sup>st</sup> of April to 1<sup>st</sup> January, as indicated in below:-

Vacancy year	Crucial date of eligibility	Maximum relaxation of eligibility service delegated to the Administrative Ministry/Department
2021	1.1.2021	Upto 3 months for those who have completed eligibility service prescribed in the RRs by 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2021
2022	1.1.2022	Upto 3 months for those who would have completed eligibility service prescribed in the RRs between 1 <sup>st</sup> January and 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2022
2023	1.1.2023	Upto 3 months for those who would have completed eligibility service prescribed in the RRs between 1 <sup>st</sup> January and 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2023

2. Further, the relaxation is subject to the condition that actual promotions are effected only after completion of the eligibility service prescribed in the Recruitment Rules/Service Rules.
3. Above relaxation shall not be made applicable for vacancy of 2024 recruitment year and thereafter.
4. Above relaxation shall be applicable in all cases where 'Promotion' is a method of recruitment, whether through Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) or Limited Departmental Competitive Examination (LDCE), for all Circle Cadre posts.
5. Further above relaxation shall be available to Gramin Dak Sevak (GDS) being considered for appointment to the posts of Multi Tasking Staff (MTS), Postman, Mail Guard, Postal Assistant and Sorting Assistant, whether by seniority or by competitive examination limited to GDS.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above

  
20/09/2024

(Muthuraman C)  
Assistant Director General (SPN)

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Director (DE) - with a request to take necessary action for revising the model notification issued for combined Departmental / Competitive Examinations for appointment to the posts of PA/SA in accordance with the above instructions.