

Indian Ordnance Factories Service (IOFS), Eligibility, Responsibility

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The Indian Ordnance Factories Service (IOFS), is a Group 'A' defence-civilian officers under the Ministry of Defence. IOFS Officers are responsible for manufacturing and supplying weapons equipment to the Indian Armed Forces to safeguard the nation. The IOFS Selection Process 2025 includes the four processes including UPSC CSE 2025, engineering services exam, interviews, and promotions. Check out the article below to know the important details for Indian Ordnance Factories Service (IOFS).

IOFS Full Form

The Indian Ordnance Factories Service (IOFS) is the IOFS Full Form which is one of most prestigious civil services under the Ministry of Defence, Government of India, responsible for nation's defense production and operations. IOFS Officers are "Group A" Gazetted defense-civilian officers. The cadre includes technical and non-technical roles, providing opportunities for individuals from diverse educational backgrounds.

Indian Ordnance Factories Service (IOFS)

The Indian Ordnance Factories Service originated in the late 18th century when the British established the first ordnance factory in India to fulfil the growing demands of their colonial army. Over the years, the network of factories grew significantly, and by the time of India's independence in 1947, several Indian Ordnance Factories were functioning across the country. To make their operations successful and professionalize their management, the Indian Ordnance Factories Service (IOFS) was formally established in 1935.

IOFS Role and Responsibilities

- IOFS Officers supervise the manufacturing of arms, ammunition, and defense equipment, ensuring efficiency and alignment with armed forces' requirements.
- They maintain the quality to ensure that all products meet high standards and required specifications.
- IOFS Officers are involved in innovation, developing new technologies, and enhancing existing products to strengthen self-reliance in defense production.
- They manage large-scale projects, such as establishing new production lines or upgrading facilities, ensuring timely and cost-effective execution.
- IOFS Officers are also a part of recruitment, training, and welfare ensuring smooth operations and maintaining a skilled workforce in ordnance factories.

Indian Ordnance Factories Service Eligibility Criteria

Aspirant should check out the below mentioned Indian Ordnance Factories Service Eligibility Criteria before applying for the IOFS 2025:

IOFS Age Limit

- **General category:** 21 to 30 years.
- **Reserved categories:** Relaxation in the upper age limit is applicable as per government norms.

IOFS Educational Qualification

- A bachelor's degree in Engineering/Technology from a recognized university.
- Specialization in Industrial Management or Production Management is preferred.

IOFS Number of Attempts

- General category: Up to 6 attempts.
- OBC/SC/ST categories: Additional attempts permitted as per government rules.

Nationality

- Applicants must be an Indian citizen.

Physical Standards

- Applicants must fulfill the physical requirements prescribed by the Indian Ordnance Factories.

Indian Ordnance Factories Service Salary

The Indian Ordnance Factories Service (IOFS) aspirants can look forward to attractive promotional prospects and pay scales. The following table includes the Indian Ordnance Factories Service Salary:

Indian Ordnance Factories Service Salary			
Grade	Designation		Pay Scale
	In the field	In HQ	
Junior Time Scale	Assistant Works Manager	Assistant Director	15600 – 39100 + Grade Pay 5400
Senior Time Scale	Works Manager	Deputy Director	15600 – 39100 + Grade Pay 6600
Senior Time Scale (Non-Functional)	Deputy General Manager	Joint Director	15600 – 39100 + Grade Pay 7600
Junior Administrative Grade (Functional)	Joint General Manager	Director	37400 – 67000 + Grade Pay 8700
Senior Administrative Grade	Additional General Manager / Principal Director / Regional Director / General Manager / Regional Controller of Safety	Deputy Director-General	37400 – 67000 + Grade Pay 10000
Higher Administrative Grade	Senior General Manager / Senior Principal Director	Senior Deputy Director-General	67000 – 79000
Higher Administrative Grade +		Additional Director General and Member of the Board	75500 – 80000

Apex		Director General Ordnance Factories (DGOF) and Chairman of the Ordnance Factories Board	80000 (fixed)
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