PH Category

The Union Public Service Commission designates a particular UPSC category code for diverse disabilities. The appearance of any one or more of the below-mentioned conditions is described as a disability by the UPSC.

The commission updates the list based on improvements in medical technology and may incorporate new categories that ought to be counted in the future.

Code	Physical Requirements	Functional Classification	Code
C	Communication	Partially Deaf	PD
RW	Reading and Writing	Low Vision	LV
B	Blind		
L	Lifting	Both Legs One Arm	BLOA
KC	Kneeling and Crouching	Both Legs	BL
SE	Seeing	Visually Handicapped	VH
MF	Manipulation by Finger	One Leg	OL
W	Walking	Both Legs	BL
BN	Bending	Both Legs and Arms	BLA
H	Hearing/Speaking	Hearing Handicapped	HH
ST	Standing	Muscular Weakness	MW
PP	Pushing and Pulling	One Arm One Leg	OAL
FD	Fully Deaf		
S	Sitting	Orthopaedically Handicapped	OH

Types of UPSC PWD Category

PWD stands for Person with Disability. Additionally, Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBDs) acquire parallel reservations given to the following disabilities categories. Following is the explanation of what PwBD -1 2 3 4 5 means in UPSC:

- Low vision and Blindness;
- Hard of hearing and Deaf;
- Locomotor disability including leprosy cured, cerebral palsy, dwarfism, acid attack victims, and muscular dystrophy;
- Autism, mental illness, specific knowledge disability, and intellectual disability;
- Multiple disabilities from individuals under clauses (1) to (4), including deaf-blindness.

Physically Handicapped Subcategory	Number of Vacancies
Total	34
Hard of hearing and Deaf	11
Locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, dwarfism, leprosy cured, muscular dystrophy, acid attack victims	8
Multiple Disabilities	8
Blind and Low Vision	7

PWD Reservation in UPSC Examination

The overall vacancies are computed to be around 796, of which 24 are reserved for the PWD category in UPSC. Regardless, differently-abled aspirants are only eligible to apply for some of the posts in Civil Services, the total vacancies for them under the PH category are as follows.

PWD Quota in UPSC				
Category	Maximum age limit	Reservation for Physically Handicapped in UPSC	Number of attempts	Age Relaxation
PwD	42	4%	09 for GL/OBC/EWS and Unlimited for SC/ST.	10 years of age relaxation.

Important UPSC Disability Criteria for PH Category

PH category candidates who hope to avail of the PWD reservation in UPSC along with extra allocations should remember the following points.

Issue of Disability Certificates:

Aspirants should issue the UPSC disability certificate before the final date of registering for the UPSC Prelims exam. They need to submit the certificate allocated by the Medical Board formed by the State or Central Government.

Medical Board Conditions:

The Medical Board issues the disability certificate and is required to compose of atleast 3 members. One member of this Board needs to be a professional in a respective area of disability (hearing/visual/locomotor, etc.).

Functional Requirements:

After passing the UPSC exam, PH category candidates must satisfy a few functional requirements for every service allocated to the list of services by the UPSC.

Disability Quota in UPSC:

Aspirants who receive the reservation for PWD in UPSC must possess a disability intensity of 40% or greater.

Hospitals for Examination of PH Category Applicants:

PH aspirants are medically examined post the IAS interview by the CSMB or Central Standing Medical Board in any below-recognized hospitals.

- Lady Hardinge Medical College (LHMC), Delhi
- Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital (RML), Delhi
- Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital (GTB), Delhi
- Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi
- Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan Hospital (LNJP), Delhi.

If a PH candidate needs to undergo a test for eye illnesses, he or she requires a unique medical board and should visit Guru Nanak Eye Centre, New Delhi, for the medical inspection.

Permanent Disability Certificate:

The Board issues a permanent disability certificate after a proper medical evaluation of the permanent dysfunction.

- The details of the medical tests are delivered to the candidate at his or her residential address by post.
- The candidate's medical report is also available on the UPSC website, operated by a password, after 7 working days of the medical review completion.

Free of Cost:

There is no refusal of the certificate of disability by anyone, and a candidate receives a chance to be listened.

- CSMB takes the final decision on the issue and the merits of every case.
- Candidates are not charged any fee for petitioning in front of the Board in this concern.

Final Decision by Appellate Board:

The Department of Personnel and Training assigns an Appellate Disability Medical Board to all those candidates filing for the Central Standing Medical Board.

- Applicants must be present before this allotted Board on the scheduled date and time, whose details are then uploaded on the website and exclusively available to the applicant.
- CSMB decision and appellate board report are considered conclusive, and the candidate is not authorized to plead against the judgment.