



IBPS Bank Clerk Exam Guide

Eligibility Criteria:

Degree (Graduation) in any discipline from a recognized University or any equivalent qualification recognized as such by the Central Government. **Computer Literacy:** Operating and working knowledge in computer systems i.e. candidates should have Certificate/Diploma/Degree in computer operations/Language/ should have studied Computer / Information Technology as one of the subjects in the High School/College/Institute. **Age Limit:** Minimum: 20 years Maximum: 28 years **IBPS Clerk (Exam Pattern):** IBPS Bank Clerk is an online exam and its duration is 2 hours. The structure of this exam is as follows:

Sr. No.	Section	Maximum Marks
1	Reasoning	40
2	English Language	40
3	Quantitative Aptitude	40
4	General Awareness(with special reference to Banking Industry)	40
5	Computer Knowledge	40
	Total	200

The sections mentioned above except the English Language section are available bilingually, i.e. English and Hindi to the candidates. **Important Points:**

- Candidates are required to obtain a minimum score in each section and also a minimum total score to be shortlisted. Depending on the number of vacancies available, cutoffs will be decided and candidates will be shortlisted for interview. For each State/UT, mere passing in individual sections may not be sufficient as candidates should also score sufficiently high on Total in order of merit to be called for interview.
- The corrected scores obtained by candidates in different sessions are normalized using equipercentile method.



3. There is a penalty for wrong answers marked in the Objective Tests. For each question for which a wrong answer has been given by the candidate one fourth of the marks assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty. If a question is left blank, i.e. no answer is marked by the candidate, there will be no penalty for that question.

Interview: Candidates who have been shortlisted in the examination for IBPS CWE Clerks are subsequently called for an Interview to be conducted by the Participating Organisations. Interviews are conducted at select centres. The total marks allotted for Interview are 100. The minimum qualifying marks in interview will not be less than 40% (35% for SC/ST/OBC/PWD/EXSM candidates). The weightage (ratio) of IBPS Clerk CWE and interview will be 80:20. For each State/UT, the combined final scores of candidates shall be arrived at on the basis of total scores obtained by the candidates in IBPS CWE Clerk and Interview. A candidate should qualify both in the CWE and interview to be shortlisted for subsequent allotment process, details of which will be available subsequently on IBPS website. **Allotment:** On completion of the interview process, depending on the available State/UT wise vacancies, candidates shortlisted are allotted to one of the Participating Organizations, keeping in view the spirit of Govt. Guidelines on reservation policy, administrative convenience, etc. The decision of IBPS in allotment of Organisations shall be final and binding upon the selected candidates. However IBPS reserves the right to cancel, reallocate Organisation-wise allocation depending upon exigencies or otherwise. Offer of appointment is solely the decision of the Participating Organisations and shall be final and binding. IBPS has no role there. **IBPS Clerk (Preparation Levels)** Preparation for a Bank Clerk exam requires focused and well guided preparation. The direction in which a candidate takes his preparation often determines his success or failure in IBPS Bank Clerk Exam. The preparation for the exam can be clubbed into 3 levels. (a) **Concept Building Level** – At this level the focus should be on developing the fundamentals of different subjects. All the topics from where the questions are put up should be gone through in detail. This is the most time consuming part of the preparation, nonetheless once the concept clarity is there the battle is half won. A strong conceptual foundation will undoubtedly stand a candidate in good stead in IBPS Clerk exam. (b) **Practice Level** – Now the candidate must orient himself towards improvement of speed and taking as many sectional tests as possible. The sectional tests should be done under the time constraint. This is the time when one learns to choose the right questions to be attempted. These repeated attempts make a candidate proficient at the art of question selection. Judicious selection of questions greatly impacts both speed and accuracy. This stage also gives clarity as to how each section must be handled individually, on the basis of its difficulty level. (c) **FLT (Full Length Test) Level** – Quite often candidates commit the grave folly of neglecting the FLT level. This level is the game changer, it can take the Bank clerk exam preparation of the candidate to a different orbit altogether. It helps the candidate in striking a balance across all sections of the



exam and clearing individual cut-offs for each of them. The highlight here should be on online testing as the IBPS bank exam happens to be an online one. The candidate can opt for a test series being offered by any of the trusted test platforms so that he is well conditioned to handle the online format of the exam. The experience of the online exam format goes a long in improving the confidence level of the candidate.

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