RAILWAY RECRUITMENT CELL
NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY, GORAKHPUR

RECRUITMENT AGAINST CULTURAL QUOTA FOR THE YEAR 2026-27
Employment Notice No: - NER/RRC/CQ/2026-27 Dated 16.11.2026

Opening date and time of online Application	**17.11.2026 18:00 Hrs.**
Closing date and time of online Application	**16.12.2026 18:00 Hrs.**

Online applications are invited from eligible Indian citizens for recruitment against Cultural Quota for the year 2026-27 for 02 Group 'C' posts in Level-2 (Grade Pay-1900). Candidates may apply by clicking on the link provided on N. E. Railway's website **www.ner.indianrailways.gov.in**.

1. **Details of posts:**
   (A) Synthesizer/Organ Player - 01 post
   (B) Classical Singing Artist - 01 post

   Note: - No post is reserved for any particular community.

2. **Essential Qualifications:**

(A) Essential Educational Qualification:

12th pass or its equivalent with 50% marks in aggregate (the compulsion of 50% marks in aggregate will not be insisted upon in case of SC, ST, Persons with Benchmark Disability (PwBD), Ex-Servicemen candidates and candidates possessing qualification higher than 12th).

OR

Matriculation (10th Pass)/SSLC **plus** ITI in relevant trade (Recognised by NCVT/SCVT).

OR

Matriculation (10th Pass)/SSLC **plus** Course Completed Act Apprenticeship in relevant trade.

(B) Essential Cultural Qualification: Candidate should possess Degree/Diploma/Certificate in the relevant field of notified posts from a Government Recognised Institute.

3. **Desirable Qualification:**
   (i) Experience in the field and performance given on All India Radio/Doordarshan etc.
   (ii) Prizes won at National level.

4. **Age:** Date of Birth of candidates should be between the dates given below: (Both dates inclusive)

S.N.	Level of post	Age Group	Lower age limit as on 01.01.2027 (not born after)	Upper age limit as on 01.01.2027 (Date of Birth not earlier than)		
			For all communities/categories	UR	OBC-NCL	SC/ST
1	Level 2	18-30	01.01.2009	02.01.1997	02.01.1994	02.01.1992

5. **Age Relaxation:** Age Relaxation in upper age limit / maximum upper age for the following categories/communities in the table below are applicable subject to submission of requisite certificates.

S. N.	Community / Category		Relaxation in Upper Age Limit / Maximum Upper Age
1	SC & ST candidates		5 Years
2	OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) candidates		3 Years
3	Ex-servicemen with at least six months continuous service after attestation	Ex-servicemen (UR)	3 years (after deduction of length of service from age)
		Ex-servicemen (OBC-NCL)	6 years (after deduction of length of service from age)
		Ex-servicemen (SC & ST)	8 years (after deduction of length of service from age)
4	Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD)	PwBD – UR	10 Years
		PwBD – OBC (NCL)	13 Years
		PwBD – SC & ST	15 Years
5	Candidates who are serving Group C and erstwhile Group D Railway Staff with minimum 3 years' service as well as Substitutes with minimum 3 years' service in continuous or in broken spells, in Railways	UR	40 Years of age
		OBC (NCL)	43 Years of age
		SC & ST	45 Years of age
6	Candidates who are working in Quasi-Administrative offices of the Railway organization such as Railway Canteens, Co-operative Societies and Institutes		Up to the length of service rendered OR 5 years, whichever is less.
7	Female candidates, who are widowed, divorced or judicially separated from husband but not remarried.	UR	35 Years of age
		OBC (NCL)	38 Years of age
		SC & ST	40 Years of age
8	Course Completed Act Apprentices applying for the posts for which minimum qualification is ITI/Course Completed Act Apprenticeship.	UR	Shall be relaxed to the extent of Apprentice Training undergone by them under the Apprentice Act 1961. (Maximum 3 years)
		OBC (NCL)	Shall be relaxed to the extent of Apprentice Training undergone by them under the Apprentice Act 1961. (Maximum 6 years inclusive of age relaxation for OBC- NCL category)
		SC & ST	Shall be relaxed to the extent of Apprentice Training undergone by them under the Apprentice Act 1961. (Maximum 8 years inclusive of age relaxation for SC/ST category)
9	Course completed Act Apprentices who have commenced their Apprenticeship under the Apprenticeship Act before attaining the age of 25 years	UR	35 Years of age
		OBC (NCL)	38 Years of age
		SC & ST	40 Years of age
Note- If a candidate is eligible for age relaxation on more than one ground, he/she will get the maximum amongst the relaxations for which he/she is eligible **(not cumulative)**.			

6. **How to apply:** The link for online application is available on North Eastern Railway's website **www.ner.indianrailways.gov.in**. Candidates should carefully read all the instructions before filling the online application form. The online application form should be filled following the step-by-step procedure given on the webpage. All the required fields must be filled up carefully. Candidates must upload their scanned recent coloured photograph, signature and all relevant marksheets/certificates at the prescribed place while filling the application form. The Declaration for Minority Communities and Income Certificate for Economically Backward Classes (EBC) should be in prescribed format as per **Annexure – I** & **Annexure – II** respectively.

7. **Examination Fee:**

For candidates belonging to SC, ST, Ex-Servicemen, Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBDs), Women, Minorities and Economically Backward Classes	Rs. 250	Refund of Rs 250 will be made to the candidates who actually appear in the Written Examination
All other candidates	Rs. 500	Refund of Rs 400 will be made to the candidates who actually appear in the Written Examination

The requisite examination fee should be deposited online through the link as provided on the webpage of the online application form. After depositing the examination fee, the candidate should login again and must take a printout of the application form for further process.

8. **Recruitment Process:** The candidates found prima-facie eligible for recruitment on the basis of information provided through online application will be assessed on the following basis:

(A)	**Written Examination**	**50 marks**
	Written examination will be conducted through Computer Based Test (CBT) having **50 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)**. 01 mark will be awarded for each correct answer and 1/3 marks will be deducted for every incorrect answer. The questions asked in written examination will be based on minimum educational qualification mentioned in the advertisement and those on current affairs, mental ability, quantitative aptitude, musical instrument, dance and music.	
(B)	**Assessment of Talent in the relevant field**	**50 marks**
	(i) On the basis of Practical Demonstration	35 Marks
	(ii) On the basis of Testimonials/Prizes etc.	15 Marks
	Total:	**100 Marks**

NOTE-

(A) The minimum qualifying marks in the written examination for all candidates are 40%.

(B) Based on the performance of candidates in the written examination candidates equal to 5 times the number of vacancies will be called for the next stage i.e. Practical Demonstration and Assessment of Testimonials/Prizes.

(C) All certificates must be issued on or before the last date of online application as mentioned in the notification.

(D) The empanelment will be made in the order of merit which will be prepared according to overall marks obtained by the candidates in the Written Examination and Assessment of Talent in the relevant field.

9. Communication with the candidates: All communication with the candidates shall be made by publishing notices on the N. E. Railway's website **www.ner.indianrailways.gov.in**. Candidates are advised to visit the official website of N. E. Railway i.e. **www.ner.indianrailways.gov.in** regularly for information and updates.

10. General Conditions:

(A) Before applying, the candidates should ensure that they fulfill all the eligibility norms. The educational or cultural qualifications acquired after the date of submission of application shall not be considered.

(B) A candidate shall be called for Written Examination only if he/she is considered fulfilling all the laid down eligibility criteria as per his/her application. However, the candidature of a candidate shall remain provisional till his/her certificates are examined at the time of Document Verification.

(C) Verification of all documents/certificates will also be a mandatory condition for appointment. Candidates must produce **Original Documents/Certificates** at the time of document verification**.** No additional time will be given to the candidate not producing their original documents/certificates on their date of Document Verification and the candidature of such candidates is liable to be forfeited.

(D) Candidates attempting to give false information/suppressing the facts will be disqualified and his/her candidature will be cancelled forthwith at any stage of recruitment and are liable for debarment and legal action. Candidates who attempt fraud/impersonation are liable to be debarred to appear in the future examinations conducted for recruitment in Railways.

(E) Candidates found eligible for appointment have to pass the prescribed medical examination conducted by the Railway administration before appointment.

(F) Mere selection of candidates and recommendation for their recruitment/appointment shall not confer any right on them for appointment in Railway.

(G) Second class Free journey Pass from the nearest Railway station mentioned in the application form will be issued to the candidates belonging to SC & ST communities, whenever they are called at any stage of recruitment.

(H) The persons appointed against Cultural Quota to the category of Clerks will be required to possess proficiency in typing within a period of two years from the date of appointment and their appointment will be provisional subject to acquisition of the prescribed typing qualification within the stipulated period. In case of non-acquisition of typing skill within the prescribed period, such cases shall be regulated in accordance with Railway Board's letter dated 16.01.2017 (RBE No. 02/2017).

Note:

(A) In Case of difference between English and Hindi versions of the Employment Notice, the English version shall be applicable.

(B) The decision of RRC/NER in all matters relating to eligibility, acceptance or rejection of the application, issue of free journey pass, penalty for false information, mode of selection, conduct of examination(s), allotment of Examination center and all other matters related with recruitment process will be final and binding on the candidates. No enquiry or correspondence will be entertained in this connection.

(C) Any legal issues arising out of or in connection with this employment notice shall fall within the legal jurisdiction of Central Administrative Tribunal, Allahabad.

Chairman
Railway Recruitment Cell,
N.E. Railway, Gorakhpur

Annexure – I: Format of Minority Community Declaration.

Annexure – II: Format of Income Certificate for EBC.

Annexure – I

DECLARATION

Proforma for Waiver of Examination Fees to be submitted by Minority candidates at the time of document verification against Employment Notice No.- NER/RRC/CQ/2026-27 Dated- 16.11.2026

"I, ……. son / daughter of Shri …… resident of village/town/city …… district …….. State …… hereby declare that I belong to the …… (indicate minority community notified by Central Government i.e. Muslim / Sikh / Christian / Buddhist / Jain / Zoroastrians (Parsis)."

Date: Signature of the Candidate

Place: Name of the Candidate

Note: - At the time of document verification such candidates claiming waiver of examination fee will be required to furnish 'Minority Community Declaration' affidavit on Non-Judicial Stamp paper that he / she belongs to any of the minority community notified by Central Government (i.e. Muslim / Sikh / Christian / Buddhist / Jain / Zoroastrians (Parsis)).

Annexure – II

Income Certificate for Economically Backward Class candidates

Proforma for Waiver of Examination Fees to be submitted by Economically Backward Class (EBC) candidates at the time of document verification against Employment Notice No.- NER/RRC/CQ/2026-27 Dated- 16.11.2026

Certificate No.....

1. Name of Candidate: ……

2. Father's Name: ……

3. Age: ……

4. Residential Address: ……

5. Annual Family Income (In words & Figures): ……

Date: ……

Signature:

Name:

Stamp of Issuing Authority:

Note: Economically backward classes (EBC) will mean the candidates whose family income is less than ₹50,000/- per annum. The following authorities are authorized to issue income certificates for the purpose of identifying economically backward classes:

(1) District magistrate or any other Revenue Officer up to the level of Tahsildar.
(2) Sitting Member of Parliament of Lok Sabha for persons of their own Constituency.
(3) Sitting Member of Parliament of Rajya Sabha for persons of the district in which these MPs normally reside.
(4) Union Minister for any persons from anywhere in the country.