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Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, P.G. & Pensions
Department of Personnel & Training

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Crucial date for determining age limits for competitive examinations conducted in parts by the UPSC/SSC.

As the Ministry of Defence etc., are aware, according to the instructions contained in para 2 of this Department's O.M.No. 42013/1/79-Estt(D) dated 4th December, 1979, the crucial date for determining the age limits for competitive examinations held for recruitment by UPSC/SSC etc. in the first half of the year is the first day of January of the year in which the examination is held; and if the examination is held in the second half of the year, the crucial date will be the first day of August of the year in which the examination is held.

2. Some doubts have been expressed as to what should be the crucial date for determining the age limits in respect of examinations which are held in two parts on two different dates of the year. For instance, the Preliminary examination of the Civil Services Examination is normally held in the first half of the year and the Main examination is held in the second half of the year. In this case the position has been clearly indicated in the rules for this examination that the later of the two dates would be the crucial date. If, however, both parts of an examination fall in the first half of the year, the crucial date for determining the age limits will normally be the 1st of January. Similarly, if both parts of an examination fall in the second half of the year, the crucial date for determining the age limits would be the 1st of August. The position in this regard is clarified in the following illustrations:-

Illustrations

Name of Examination	Date on which first part of Exam. held	Date on which second part of Exam. held	Date for determining the age limits (Minimum and Maximum)
1	2	3	4
Exam. A	1-3-88	25-8-88	As on 1-8-88
Exam. B	1-9-88	1-3-89	As on 1-1-89
Exam. C	1-3-88	1-5-88	As on 1-1-88

3. It may sometimes so happen that due to exigencies of circumstances an examination, which is normally held during the first half of the year, is shifted to the second half. In such a case, the date for determining the age limits would still be the 1st of January. The exact position should be clearly indicated in the rules for the respective examinations, which are notified for the the purpose.


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