

IBPS SO 2026

The Institute of Banking & Personnel Selection (IBPS) is responsible for conducting the IBPS SO Exam to recruit eligible candidates for Specialist Officer (SO) vacancies. To ace the IBPS SO 2026 Exam, it is necessary to be acquainted with the Exam Pattern and detailed Syllabus. This will help candidates in judicious preparation for the upcoming IBPS SO Exam. The syllabus for IBPS Specialist Officer Posts has been discussed in detail in this article for all banking aspirants who have been working hard to grab the post of Specialist Cadre Officer posts in Public Sector Banks.

IBPS SO Syllabus and Exam Pattern 2026

The IBPS SO 2026 notification will be released in June 2026. The applicants who will be applying will have to appear in the Preliminary Exam & Mains Exam of IBPS SO Recruitment 2026 to get shortlisted for the final & last stage Interview Round. To prepare well for the selection, the candidates must not miss any topic as mentioned in the IBPS SO Syllabus 2026. Let's have a look at the IBPS SO 2026 Exam Pattern and Syllabus one by one.

Particular	Details
Exam Conducting Authority	Institute of Banking & Personnel Selection, IBPS

Exam Name	IBPS SO 2026
Examination Mode	Online
Duration	Prelims- 120 minutes Mains- 45 minutes/60 minutes
Selection Process	Prelims-Mains-Interview
Negative Marking	1/4th marks
Official Website	ibps.in

IBPS SO Notification 2026

The detailed IBPS SO Notification 2026 will be released by the Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) in June 2026 at its official website, i.e., www.ibps.in. The banking aspirants who wish to apply for IBPS SO Vacancy can go through the last year's notification PDF to ensure their eligibility and know other details.

[IBPS SO Notification PDF](#)

IBPS SO 2026 Selection Process

The selection of candidates for IBPS Specialist Officer posts is based on candidates' performance in the Prelims exam, Mains exam, and Interview. The written exam will be held in online mode, and candidates who clear all stages of the selection process will be recruited for

Specialist Officers posts in Participating Banks of the Institute of Banking & Personnel Selection, IBPS.

- Preliminary Examination
- Main Examination
- Interview

IBPS SO Preliminary Exam Pattern 2026

- The IBPS SO Prelims exam will be conducted in online mode.
- The exam consists of a total of 150 multiple-choice questions for a total of 120 marks.
- The time duration of the exam is 02 hours/ 120 minutes.

For the post of Law Officer & Rajbhasha Adhikari

S No	Section	No. of Questions	Total Marks	Duration
1.	Reasoning	50	50	40 minutes
2.	English Language	50	25	40 minutes
3.	General Awareness with Special Reference to Banking Industry	50	50	40 minutes
	Total	150	125	120 minutes

For other Specialist Officers (Agriculture Field Officer, Marketing Officer (Scale I), HR/Personnel Officer, IT Officer Scale I

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1.	Reasoning	50	50	40 minutes
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3.	Quantitative Aptitude	50	50	40 minutes
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IBPS SO Syllabus 2026

To ace IBPS SO 2026 exam, it is really necessary to know the detailed **IBPS SO Syllabus**. Candidates must master the general sections of reasoning, quants and English as well as the Professional Knowledge Subjects to fare well in the upcoming IBPS SO Exam. Let's have a look at the syllabus of IBPS SO Exam:

IBPS SO Preliminary Exam Syllabus 2026

IBPS SO Preliminary Exam is the primary selection round of the IBPS SO Exam. Candidates who clear the preliminary exam are eligible to appear for the mains exam. The Preliminary Exam of IBPS SO comprises **three major sections: Reasoning, English Language and Quantitative Aptitude / General Awareness with Special Reference**

to the Banking Industry (For the post of Law Officer and Rajbhasha Adhikari).

Reasoning

1. Seating Arrangements
2. Puzzles
3. Inequalities
4. Syllogism
5. Input-Output
6. Data Sufficiency
7. Blood Relations
8. Order and Ranking
9. Alphanumeric Series
10. Distance and Direction
11. Verbal Reasoning

English Language

1. Cloze Test
2. Reading Comprehension
3. Spotting Errors
4. Sentence Improvement
5. Sentence Correction
6. Para Jumbles
7. Fill in the Blanks Para/Sentence Completion

Quantitative Aptitude

1. Number Series
2. Data Interpretation
3. Simplification/ Approximation
4. Quadratic Equation
5. Data Sufficiency
6. Mensuration
7. Average
8. Profit and Loss Ratio
9. Proportion Work,
10. Time and Energy
11. Time and Distance
12. Probability
13. Relations
14. Simple and Compound Interest
15. Permutation and Combination

General Awareness

1. Current Affairs
2. Banking Awareness
3. GK Updates
4. Currencies
5. Important Places
6. Books and Authors
7. Awards

8. Headquarters

9. Prime Minister Schemes

10. Important Days