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West Bengal Civil Service: Upper age limit for entry of officers raised

WBCS: The West Bengal government has raised the upper age limit for the entry of Group A and B category for West Bengal Civil Service (WBCS) officers from 32 to 36 years. The state Cabinet had earlier decided to increase the upper age limit for entry of West Bengal Civil Services Group A officers from 32 to 36 and for Group B officers, it has been increased from 32 to 39. Earlier the upper age limit was 32 years.

The notification issued Tuesday said that the decision has already been implemented from this January.

The move to increase the age limit will allow more aspirants to sit for the exam as the state government is trying to fill up the vacant posts and this will reduce the state's dependence on the Centre.

As per the notification, "Of age not below 21 years but not more than 36 years on the 1 January of the year in which the examination for recruitment is held and the notification shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from January 1, 2017".

The upper age limit for the applicants from Other Backward Classes (OBC) is 39 while it is 41 for the Scheduled Caste and Schedule Tribe candidates.