

Ministry of External Affairs

Application Guidelines for Atal Bhashantar Yojana

Applications are invited by the Ministry of External Affairs for its 'Specialised Interpreters' Programme under Atal Bhashantar Yojana for translation and interpretation from Hindi to Arabic, Chinese, French, Japanese, Russian and Spanish. One candidate each shall be selected in the above foreign languages and selected candidates will be trained in a foreign language at Government cost in reputed language schools abroad. These candidates shall also receive a monthly stipend during their training period. After the training, they shall be engaged as 'Specialized Interpreters' by Ministry of External Affairs for a five-year term.

Eligibility criteria:

- (i) Graduation/recognized diploma/their equivalent or higher degree in from UGC-accredited universities with NAAC categorisation of 'B' or higher – need to mention in the note.
- (ii) Score of 60% and above in all examinations from Class X onwards;
- (iii) Proficiency in Hindi and English (Class XII level);
- (iv) Age between 21-26 years as on 01.08.2020

Submission of applications: Applicants may fill their application forms either in Hindi or English and submit the following along with their applications:

- i) Covering letter, clearly mentioning qualifications in the foreign language
- ii) CV
- iii) Self-attested photocopies of all academic certificates mentioned in the application form
- iv) Self-attested proof of age (any two documents out of passport, driving license, PAN card, electoral identity card or any other Government issued card)

Selection process: Candidates shall be selected through a three- stage process which involves screening; written examination in the foreign language; and interview as per timelines below:

- Last date for submission of applications – Tuesday, 3 December, 2019
- Screening by – Friday 13th December, 2019

- Written and oral exams – Thursday & Friday, 26 - 27 December, 2019
- Interview – Thursday & Friday, 23 – 24 January, 2020
- Announcement of selected candidates – Tuesday, 28 January, 2020

The timelines above are indicative in nature and the actual timelines might vary. Candidates shall be informed in case there any changes in the timelines above.

Highlights of the Specialised Interpreters' Programme:

- Selected candidates would be sent to Language Centres of Excellence abroad for specialized training at Government expenditure. It may be noted that the Ministry has already sent three candidates from the first batch under the Atal Bhashantar Yojana.
- In addition to monthly stipend in US Dollars, the candidates shall also have funded stay abroad, two return air passages from India, medical coverage etc during the training period;
- Opportunity to work as 'Specialised Interpreters' for Government of India for a period of at least 5 years on monthly salaries;

Interested candidates may send their applications, along with all essential documents to sohindi@mea.gov.in, usti@mea.gov.in and jshindi@mea.gov.in. Applicants who are proficient in more than one foreign language should submit separate applications. All communications shall be sent to the applicants by email and only those applicants who get selected to subsequent stages of the selection process would receive intimations. No other queries or status updates shall be entertained on the above email ids.
