

B. Admission to DGFS: Applicants having a qualifying degree in disciplines (code 21-28 as listed in **Table-1**) and who meet the corresponding eligibility criteria listed above are eligible to apply for DGFS provided they secure admission for M.Tech., starting in the academic year 2026, in one of the DGFS institutes and in one of the required M. Tech. specializations listed in Table-3. Confirmation of M.Tech. admission must be communicated by candidates subsequent to the official announcement of the OCES-2026 selection list. Securing admission in one of the valid M. Tech. specializations at one of the DGFS institutes, make the selected candidate eligible to apply for DGFS programme but it does not guarantee the admission in DGFS programme. DGFS fellowship will be awarded as per the needs of DAE programmes and only to the best performing candidates in the OCES Selection Interview.

C. Maximum Age Limit (Age as on August 1, 2026) a) General Category - 26 years, b) OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) -29 years, c) SC/ST-31 years, d) Dependents of those who died in the riots of 1984 (Dep. 1984) -31 years, e) Persons domiciled in Kashmir Division of Jammu and Kashmir State (DOM Kashmir) from 01/01/1980 to 31/12/1989-31 years. Person with physical disability with extent of disability 40% or more, will be considered for age relaxation and may be permitted a scribe.

Minimum age Limit (Age as on August 1, 2026) – 18 years

D. Nationality: Applicant must be a citizen of India.

E. Applicants working in Central/ State Government Units/ PSUs / Aided Institutes must produce a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from their organization at the time of selection interview, failing which they may not be interviewed.

F. Application Fee: A non-refundable Application Fee of ₹ 500/- is chargeable from the male applicants belonging to General and OBC categories. **Women candidates, transgender candidates, candidates belonging to SC/ST category, Dependents of Defense Personnel Killed in Action (DODPKIA) and physically challenged candidates are exempted from payment of Application Fee.**

Candidates graduating in the academic year 2025-26 and awaiting final results may also apply. If selected, candidates who are eligible in all other respects but are awaiting final results will be allowed to commence the training programme. However, retention of these candidates in the OCES or DGFS programmes and release of their stipend are subjected to the condition that marksheets of their final result, which meets the eligibility requirements of the OCES/ DGFS programmes, shall be submitted by 31st December 2026 in case of OCES TSOs and as per the requirement of the concerned DGFS institutes in the case of DGFS fellows. It may also be noted that all the academic requirement for the award of qualifying degree must be completed before 31st July 2026. All the candidates whose final result is awaited need to bring a certificate issued by competent authority of institute about their completion of academic requirements for the award of qualifying degree on the date of joining of training programme.

Candidates who have availed fee exemption are required to bring valid relevant proof for verification at the exam centre.

HOW TO APPLY—Only Online Applications will be accepted.

Candidates are required to visit the website '<https://www.barcocesexam.in>', in the period specified in the Table-4, for important updates and submit an online application by following the instructions therein. Candidates are advised to read the 'Information Brochure' and FAQ, provided on the online application portal, before filling the online application.

Table-1: Details of eligible qualifying degrees for OCES/DGFS screening disciplines and applicable training schemes

OCES/ DGFS screening (Discipline code)	OCES/DGFS discipline	Details of eligible qualifying degree* (Candidates are also eligible for the OCES/DGFS-2026 programme if their qualifying degree name includes a core degree name (such as Mechanical, Electrical, Instrumentation etc.) with any specialization. Also refer to names of the degrees which are not eligible for OCES/DGFS programme)	GATE SUBJECT/ PAPER (GATE Paper Code) (for Screening mode based on the GATE Score)	TRAINING SCHEME OF BARC TS
ME (21)	Mechanical Engineering	B.E./B.Tech /B.Sc. (Engineering)/5-year integrated M.Tech. in Mechanical Engineering	Mechanical Engineering (ME)	Mechanical
CH (22)	Chemical Engineering	B.E./B.Tech /B.Sc. (Engineering)/5-year integrated M.Tech. in Chemical Engineering, Electro-chemical Engg	Chemical Engineering (CH)	Chemical
MT (23)	Metallurgical Engineering	B.E./B.Tech /B.Sc.(Engineering)/5-year integrated M.Tech. in Metallurgy/ Metallurgical Engineering, Materials Engineering, Metallurgy and Materials Engineering, Metallurgical and Materials Science, Metallurgical and Materials Engg., Metallurgical Engineering and Materials Science, and Materials Science and Engg.	Metallurgical Engineering (MT)	Metallurgy
EE (24)	Electrical Engineering	B.E. / B. Tech. /B.Sc. (Engineering)/5-year integrated M.Tech. in Electrical Engineering/Electrical and Electronics Engineering	Electrical Engineering (EE)	Electrical
EC (25)	Electronics Engineering	B.E./B.Tech /B.Sc. (Engineering)/5-year integrated M. Tech. in Electronics Engg, Electrical Engg., Electronics and Communication Engg., Electronics and Telecommunication Engg., Electronics and Controls Engg., Electrical and Electronics Engg., Electronic System Engg.	Electronics and Communication Engg. (EC)	Electronics
CS (26)	Computer Science Engineering	B.E./B.Tech /B.Sc. (Engineering)/5-year integrated M.Tech. in Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering	Computer Sc. and Information Technology (CS)	Computer Science
IN (27)	Instrumentation Engg.	B.E./B.Tech /B.Sc. (Engineering)/5-year integrated M. Tech. in Instrumentation Engg, Instrumentation and Controls Engg, applied Electronics and Instrumentation Engg. Electronics and Instrumentation Engg.	Instrumentation Engg. (IN)	Instrumentation
CE (28)	Civil Engineering	B.E./B.Tech /B.Sc. (Engineering)/5-year integrated M.Tech. in Civil Engineering	Civil Engineering (CE)	Civil
PH (41)	Physics discipline	M. Sc./ Integrated M. Sc. in Physics (Physical Science)	Physics (PH)	Physics or RSES
		B.E./B.Tech. / Integrated M.Tech. in Engg Physics	Physics (PH) or Engineering Sciences (XE)	
CY (42)	Chemistry discipline	M. Sc. /Integrated M. Sc. in Chemistry	Chemistry (CY)	Chemistry or RSES
BS (43)	Biosciences discipline	M.Sc./Integrated M. Sc. in Biosciences, Life Sciences, Agriculture, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Molecular Biology, Biotechnology, Genetics, Botany, Zoology, Plant Science, Plant Breeding, Plant Pathology, Entomology, Food Technology, Food Science, Animal Science, Biomedical Sciences, Bioinformatics /Computational Biology, Food Sc. and Technology, Plant Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Nutrition Biology, Biophysics and Molecular Biology ; M. Tech in Food Science and Technology and BS-MS in Biosciences with a minimum of 60%* aggregate marks in M.Sc. as well as in B.Sc.	Life Sciences (XL) or Biotechnology (BT)	Biosciences
		B.E./B.Tech. /B.Sc. (Tech.) in Food Technology		
GE (45)	Geology discipline	M.Sc. / integrated M.Sc., or Equivalent M.Tech. in Geology and Applied Geology.	Geology and Geophysics (GG)	Geology
GP (46)	Geophysics discipline	M.Sc. / integrated M.Sc. in Geophysics	Geology and Geophysics (GG)	Geophysics

* To apply for the OCES/DGFS-2026 programme, a candidate must possess an eligible qualifying degree in the relevant discipline, regardless of the screening channel/ mode opted by applicants.

Important Notes

1. RSES-Radiological Safety and Environmental Science and it is training scheme for candidates selected though Physics (PH) or Chemistry (CY) OCES Discipline.
2. Candidates are also eligible for the OCES/DGFS-2026 programme even if their degree name includes a specialization alongside the core engineering or science discipline. Also refer to names of the degrees which are not eligible for OCES/DGFS programme as mentioned in the "ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA" section of this advertisement.
3. The Hybrid degree of major disciplines/ branches is also not eligible for the OCES/DGFS programme.
4. Record of applicants for BARC TS OCES/DGFS-2026 programme, will not be preserved beyond 4 months from the date of publication of final selection result.

"EXERCISING AUTHORITY: In all matters concerning the OCES/DGFS-2026 recruitment, the decision taken by the competent authority in BARC, Mumbai shall be final and binding on the applicants and they shall abide by the decision in totality. The applicants while representing the matter shall not directly approach the courts and will wait till the outcome of the decision by the competent authority in BARC. In case of any claims or disputes arising with respect to the OCES/DGFS-2026 recruitment, the venue of such proceedings, suit, action, or proceedings arising out of or related thereto will be governed / maintained in accordance with the laws of Republic of India subject to exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Mumbai, India".

Table-2: Training Schools for candidates selected through various OCES/DGFS Screening Disciplines and Nature of Orientation of Training

Training School	Screening Disciplines through which candidate selected (refer Table-1)	Orientation of Training
BARC, Mumbai (Since 1957)	CE (Civil Engg.), CH (Chemical Engg.), CS (Computer Sc. Engg.), EC (Electronics Engg.), EE (Electrical Engg.), IN (Instrumentation Engg.), ME (Mechanical Engg.), MT (Metallurgical Engg.), PH- Physics, CY- Chemistry, BS (Biosciences)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engineering Design, Development, Operation and Maintenance of Nuclear Reactors • Research in frontier areas of Basic Sciences and Engineering
AMD, Hyderabad (Since 2010)	GE (Geology), Geophysics (GP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploration Techniques for Uranium and other atomic minerals and related R&D activities

Table-3: Admissible M.Tech. Specializations/Programmes^{§§} and Qualifying Degree (Discipline) for DGFS

S. No.	Name of Dept./ Centre at the DGFS Institute	Relevant M.Tech. Programme/ Specialisation	Details of Qualifying Degree* (Discipline)	Admissible GATE Subjects and GATE Subject Code	DGFS Institute **
1	Mechanical Engineering	Thermal and Fluids Engineering, Thermal Engineering, Design Engineering, Mechanical Design	B.E. /B.Tech. /B.Sc. (Engg.) in Mechanical Engg.	Mechanical Engg. (ME)	IITB, IITM
2	Applied Mechanics	Computational and Experimental Mechanics	B.E. /B.Tech. /B.Sc. (Engg.) in Mechanical Engg	Mechanical Engg. (ME)	IITM
3	Chemical Engineering	Chemical Engineering	B.E. /B.Tech. /B.Sc. (Engg.) in Chemical Engg. / Electro-chemical Engg	Chemical Engg. (CH)	IITB, IITM
4	Metallurgical and Materials Engineering (IITM)	Materials Science, Process Engineering, Corrosion Science and Engineering, Metallurgical and Materials Engineering	B.E. /B.Tech. /B.Sc. (Engg.) in Metallurgy/ Metallurgical Engg. / Materials Engg. / Metallurgical and Materials Engg. / Materials Science and Engg. / Metallurgy and Materials Science	Metallurgical Engg. (MT)	IITB, IITM
5	Physics	Functional Materials and Nanotechnology	B.E. /B.Tech. /B.Sc. (Engg.) in Metallurgy/ Metallurgical Engg. / Materials Engg. / Metallurgical and Materials Engg. / Materials Science and Engg. / Metallurgy and Materials Science	Metallurgical Engg. (MT)	IITM
6	Civil Engineering	Structural Engineering, Geotechnical Engineering, Construction Technology and Management	B.E. /B.Tech. /B.Sc. (Engg.) in Civil Engg.	Civil Engg. (CE)	IITB
7	Environmental Science and Engineering	Environmental Science and Engineering	B.E. /B.Tech. /B.Sc. (Engg.) in Civil Engg.	Civil Engg. (CE)	IITB
8	Electrical Engineering	Communication Engineering, Control and Computing, Electronic Systems, Integrated Circuit and Systems, Integrated Circuit and Systems	B.E. /B.Tech. /B.Sc. (Engg.) in Electrical Engg. /Electrical and Electronics Engineering /Electronics Engg. / Electronics and Communication Engg. Electronics and Telecommunication Engg/ Electronics and Control Engg. / Electronics and Instrumentation Engg. / Instrumentation Engineering / Instrumentation and Controls Engg. / Electronic System Engg.	Electrical Engg. (EE)/ Electronics and communication Engg. (EC) / Instrumentation Engg. (IN)	IITB
9	Electrical Engineering	Integrated Circuit and Systems, Communication and Signal Processing, Microelectronics and VLSI Design, Electronic System Design and Instrumentation, Control and Optimization	B.E. /B.Tech./ B.Sc. (Engg.) in Electronics Engg. / Electronics and Communication Engg. / Electronics and Telecommunication Engg. / Electronics and Controls Engg. /Electrical and Electronics Engg. / Electronics and Instrumentation Engg. / Instrumentation and Controls Engg. /Electronic System Engg.	Electronics and communication Engg. (EC)/ Instrumentation Engg. (IN)	IITM
10	Interdisciplinary Group for System and Controls Engineering	System and Controls Engineering	B.E. /B.Tech. /B.Sc. (Engg.) in Electrical/ Electronics / Electrical and Electronics Engineering / Electronics and Control Engg. / Electronics and Telecommunication Engg/ Electronics and Communication Engg. / Electronics and Instrumentation Engg. / Instrumentation Engineering/ Instrumentation and Controls Engg. /Electronic System Engg.	Electrical Engg. (EE) / Electronics and communication Engg. (EC)/ Instrumentation Engg. (IN)	IITB
11	Computer Science and Engineering	Science and Engineering	B.E. /B.Tech. /B.Sc. (Engg.) in Computer Science /Computer Engineering/ Computer Science and Engineering)	Computer Sc. and Information Technology (CS)	IITB
12	Computer Science and Engineering	Science and Engineering	B.E. /B.Tech. /B.Sc. (Engg.) in Computer Science /Computer Engineering/ Computer Science and Engineering/ Electronics/ Electrical and Electronics Engineering/ Electronics and Control Engg. / Electronics and Telecommunication Engg /Electronics and Communication Engg. / Electronic System Engg.	Computer Sc. and Information Technology (CS)/ Electronics and communication Engg. (EC)	IITM

Candidates whose qualifying degree name includes the core degree name with any specialization are also eligible for OCES/DGFS-2026 programme. Also refer to names of the degrees which are not eligible for OCES/DGFS programme. ** Institutes where specified M.Tech. courses are offered under this scheme: IITB = IIT Bombay; IITM = IIT Madras. Number of DGFS Fellows selected in each approved M.Tech. specialization at the Institutes under the DGFS scheme will depend upon the requirements of DAE.

§§ For relevant M. Tech. specialization please also refer to information brochure available on <https://www.barcocesexam.in>

Table-4 Important Dates

Important Dates (All dates are tentative and applicants must visit online application portal https://www.barcocesexam.in regularly for updates)	
Launching of online application portal for OCES/DGFS-2026	22nd December 2025 (tentative)
Last date for online application OCES/DGFS-2026	21st January 2026
Correction window for online application OCES/DGFS-2026	7th Feb. - 14th Feb.2026
Allocation of online exam venue for the candidates who are eligible for online examination OCES/DGFS-2026 and their confirmation cum generation of hall ticket/ Admit card	15th Feb- 20th Feb. 2026
Online Exam	14th and 15th March 2026
Candidates to upload their GATE-2026 score	26th March – 2nd April 2026
Display of list of candidates shortlisted for selection interview on online application Portal OCES//DGFS -2026	2nd week of April 2026

Availability based option to select interview slot for screened in candidates for OCES/DGFS-2026 on online application portal	20th April – 26th April 2026
Selection Interviews	12th May- 12th June 2026
Display of list of candidates finally selected for OCES/DGFS -2026 programme on online application portal	Last week of June 2026
Providing the details of M.Tech. admission in a DGFS institute by selected OCES/DGFS -2026 candidates desirous of DGFS-2026 programme	1st week of July 2026
Declaration of list of Applicants selected for DGFS-2026 programme on online application portal	2nd week of July 2026
Pre-employment Medical Test for Selected Candidates OCES/DGFS-2026 programme	1st July 2026 and 23rd July - 30th July 2026
Commencement of OCES -2026 programme	31st July 2026



Persons desirous to apply for the OCES / DGFS – 2026 programme may visit the website <https://www.barcocesexam.in> from 22nd December 2025 onwards and follow the instructions therein.

