

Rail Travel Concessions

The Railways provide for a large number of travel concessions to various categories of travellers like Students, Sports persons, Scouts and Guides, Farmers and Industrial workers, Nurses, Teachers, Senior Citizen, Physically Challenged, Mentally retarded persons etc.

For your easy reference, we have drawn up a Rail Travel Concession table, which gives you details of travellers eligible for concession, the amount of concession and the specific conditions, if any, for availing the concession

The table is divided into two Parts :-

Part A :

Describes the categories of passengers who can avail their concession directly at Stations, Booking and Reservation Office by producing the necessary documents.

Part B :

Explains the categories of persons who should approach designated Commercial Officers of the Railways in the area, Division or Zonal Railway Headquarters. After verifying the eligibility of these passengers, the officers will issue the necessary authorisation letter to concession. The letter will form the basis on which Station Managers, Booking and Reservation Centres will issue the concessional tickets.

If you are eligible for any of the concession, please remember.....

1. Concession wherever admissible and child fare in the case of Rajadhani / Shatabdi / Janshabdi / Duronto Express Trains may be granted only in the basic fare like other Mail / Express trains and all other charges – Catering charges, reservation charges, supplementary charges like superfast surcharge, enhanced reservation charges, taxes (if any) shall be collected in full. Unless otherwise mentioned, concession is not admissible in Rajdhani / Shatabdi / Jan Shatabdi / Duronto and Garibrath Express trains. Concession wherever admissible and child fare in the case of Duronto/Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi/ Express trains may be granted only in the basic fare like other Mail/Express trains and all other charges-catering charges, Reservation charges, supplementary charges like superfast surcharge, enhanced reservation charges, taxes (if any) shall be collected in full.
2. All types of concession can be availed only when tickets are purchased across the counter in Reservation or Booking offices. **TTEs are not authorised to extend any concession on trains.**
3. Availing two different types of concessions by the same person for the same journey is not permissible.
4. Your concessional ticket cannot be changed to a higher class even if you are willing to pay the difference of fare.
5. No concession is granted for a journey, the cost of which is borne by Central / State Governments / Local Bodies / Corporations or Government Undertakings.
6. Some of the concession are admissible subject to the minimum distance of journey, which have been specified in the relevant categories.

Please Note:

The list of concessions of the following pages provides general and broad information about the availability of concessions and is at best indicative. This is not a substitute for the concerned tariff books on railway concessions which contains detailed information, prescribed format and certificates needed for availing such concessions.

Senior Citizen concession :

1. For the benefit of the Senior Citizens of the age of 60 years and above for Men & 58 years and above for Women, concession of 40% for Men and 50% for Women is given in all classes and in all Mail/Express trains including Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Duronto and JanShatabdi trains but not by Garibrath trains.
2. This concession is not admissible on ordinary Second Class fares and Superfast / Reservation charges.
3. Senior Citizen concession is granted on the basis of age and option i.e. Yes/No declared by the passenger or their representative in the column provided in the Reservation application form at the time of booking their tickets.
4. If a Senior Citizen opts 'Yes' in the space provided in the application form, he will be issued ticket extending 40% concession for Men and 50% concession for Women. If Senior Citizen opts 'No' he / she will be issued the ticket collecting full fare.
5. Senior Citizens must carry documentary proof of age issued by any Govt. Institution / Agency /Local body like Identity Card, Ration Card, Driving Licence, Passport, Educational Certificate, PAN Card and Certificate issued by Local Bodies such as Panchayat / Municipality / Corporation.
6. Senior Citizens must carry any of the above documentary proof of age during their travel. If they are unable to produce the documentary proof of age, difference in fare will be collected.
7. Senior Citizens while travelling on 'e-ticket' should also carry in original any one of the ten stipulated identity cards to avoid penalty.

Earmarking of Lower Berth Reservation Quota for Senior Citizens and Women :

In all Trains having reserved accommodation, combined quota of two lower berths per coach in Sleeper, AC 3-Tier and AC 2-Tier Classes are earmarked for following category passengers **when travelling alone:**

- (a) Senior Citizens
- (b) Female Passengers 45 years of age and above
- (c) Pregnant Women

This quota will remain open for booking till the time of preparation of Chart subject to availability on first-come-first serve basis.

Pregnant Women will be required to submit a Certificate of pregnancy, certified by one Registered Medical Practitioner at the time of booking of tickets against this quota.

Passengers, your attention please :

Passengers should not hand over their tickets to any one at platforms or in trains other than ticket checking staff in uniforms. Passengers may ask for identity cards of checking staff if there is any doubt about the genuineness of the staff.

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		I Class	SL/II Class		
	PART A				
1.	(i) Bonafide students upto age of 25 years (27 years in case of Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes) (a) Students in General (b) Students belonging to Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes	Nil Nil	50% 75%	(i) Between Home Town & place of education during the period of vacation. (ii) To appear in exams of recognised educational institutions. (iii) Educational Tours in groups of not less than 10 (Ten). Not less than 4 (Four) in case of students from Assam, Tripura, Meghalaya, Nagaland, J & K, Manipur, Mizoram & Arunachal Pradesh.	Concession Order in prescribed proforma signed by Head of the concerned Institution
	ii) Girl Students upto Graduation i.e. Courses with 3 years duration in the stream of Arts, Science and Commerce like B.A. B.Com., B.Sc., etc., and for Professional/ Vocational Courses like B.Ed., LL.B., B.E. / B.Tech, M.B.B.S. etc., or any other Diploma / equivalent courses & Boy Students upto Std. 12 th & Students attending Madrasa / High Madrasa / Senior Madrasa	Nil	Free MST's in II Class Ordinary (MST - Monthly Season Ticket)	Between Stations serving their place of Residence and School only.	Subject to all other terms & conditions applicable for issue of MST's to students. They will not be valid to travel in any Mail / Express trains.
	(iii) Girl Students studying in Rural areas	Nil	75% in Second Class	Attending National Level Entrance Examination for Medical, Engineering and other Professional Courses in Colleges.	Photocopy of admit card or call letter.
	(iv) Students of Government Schools situated in Rural areas.	Nil	75% in Second Class	For study tour once in a year	Certificate from Head Master / Head Mistress, Principal of his / her School / College for travel from the station serving the School / College to the station serving the place of main written examination.
2.	Students appearing for examinations conducted by Central Staff Selection Commission and Union Public Service Commission	Nil	50% (II Class)	For appearing in main written examination conducted by Union Public Service Commission and Central Staff Selection Commission	Certificate from Head Master / Head Mistress, Principal of his / her School / College for travel from the Station serving the School / College to the Station serving the place of main written examination.
3.	Cadets of Marine Engineering, Apprentices undergoing Navigational or Engineering training	Nil	50%	Travelling beyond 300 Km between Home and Training Ship at beginning and end of each term.	Authorised letter in prescribed form from Captain Supdt. / Training Ship / Course Director / Officer-in-charge.
4.	Unemployed Youth upto the age of 35 years Note: Return ticket will be valid for ten days (10) from the date of commencement of outward journey	Nil	50% (II/SL)	To appear in interview for jobs in PSUs, Central/State/Govt. Offices, Statutory Bodies, Universities, Govt. undertaking Municipal Corporations & Public Sector Banks where travelling expenses are borne by candidate in full.	On Production of attested copy (i) Call letter from concerned Organisation indicating date and place of interview. (ii) Copy of the application form submitted by the candidate.
5.	Senior Citizens of the age of 60 years and above for Men & 58 years and above for Women	40% for Men and 50% for Women (All Classes and by all Mail / Express trains including Rajdhani/ Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi and Duronto Express trains and Circular Journey Tickets for more than 1000 Kms). Not admissible by Garibrath Trains.		Should carry some documentary proof showing age or date of birth issued by any Govt. institution Agency/Local body like Identity Card, Ration card, Driving license, Passport, Educational Certificate, PAN Card and Certificate issued by Panchayat / Municipality/ Corporation	No proof of age is required for purchase of ticket. Carry of Proof of age is a must during the journey. Due to any reason unable to produce the proof of age, difference of fares will be collected as per rules. Senior Citizens travelling on e-ticket should carry any one of the ten stipulated identity cards in original to avoid penalty.

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6	Izzat Monthly Season Tickets to person working in unorganised sector with Monthly income not exceeding ₹1500/-	₹25/-inclusive of all surcharge which will be issued upto a distance of 150 Kms from 01.06.2012.		On production of the copy of the income certificate obtained from local Government officials-SDM/SDO/BDO/TEHSILDHAR and thereafter obtain income certificate from honourable MP's of Lok Sabha / BPL card/ Union Minister/ MP of Rajya Sabha submitted to DRMs and a copy of photo identity card cum residential proof.	
7	(i) Widows of Defence Personnel killed in War (ii) Widows of Defence Personnel killed in action against Terrorists & Extremists	Nil	75%	None	Copy of the photo identity card issued by District Sainik Boards, Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India.
8	Widows of IPKF Personnel killed in war	Nil	75%	None	
9	Widows of Policemen / Para Military personnel Killed in action against Terrorists & Extremists	Nil	75%	None	Copy of photo identity card issued by concerned Supdt. of Police or Dy. Commissioner of Police.
10	Industrial Workers awarded with PM's Shram Award	Nil	75%	None	Copy of photo Identity card issued by the Ministry of Labour.
11	Teachers honoured with National Award by President of India on Teachers Day	Nil	50%	None	Copy of photo identity card issued by the District Education Officers where the school is situated.
12	Either parent accompanying child recipient of National Bravery Award (Please also refer to item No.1 of part-B)	Nil	50%	Concession to the parent is admissible only when he/she is accompanying the child.	Copy of photo identity card issued by Indian Council for Child Welfare.
13	Orthopaedically Handicapped Paraplegic Persons/patients who cannot travel without an escort. Note: Permitted 50% concession Monthly / Quarterly Season Tickets on suburban and non suburban sections & also entitled to take an Escort For Season ticket holders of First & Second Class, only in Passenger Trains and in Mail/Express Trains	Class AC First, AC 2-tier, AC 3-tier AC Chair Car First Class Sleeper Mail/Exp. Second Mail/Exp.	Concession 50% 50% 75% 75% 75% 75%	These persons cannot travel without the assistance of an escort.	Medical certificate issued by Govt. Doctor in prescribed proforma
14	Completely Blind persons alone or with an Escort (for both) Note: Permitted 50% concession monthly/quarterly season tickets on suburban and non-suburban sections & also entitled to take an escort For Season ticket holders of First & Second Class, only in Passenger Trains and in Mail/Express Trains	(Same as item 13 above) 25% concession in 3AC & AC Chair Car in all inclusive fares of Rajdhani & Shatabdi trains (Not admissible by Duronto & Garibrath Trains).		None	Medical certificate issued by a Govt. Doctor / RMP / Head of the Institution for Blind listed in IRCA Coaching Tariff.
15	Mentally retarded persons along with an escort (for both) For Season ticket holders of First & Second Class, only in Passenger Trains and in Mail/Express Trains	(Same as item 13 above) 25% concession in 3AC & AC Chair Car in all inclusive fares of Rajdhani & Shatabdi trains (Not admissible by Duronto & Garibrath Trains).		None	Medical Certificate issued by a Govt. Doctor in prescribed proforma.
16	Totally Deaf & Dumb persons (both afflictions together in the same person) with or without an escort Note: Permitted 50% concession Monthly / Quarterly season tickets on suburban and non suburban sections & also entitled to take an escort	50%	50%	None	Medical Certificate issued by a Govt. Doctor in prescribed proforma.
17	Non-infectious Leprosy patients	75%	75%	Travelling for treatment/periodical check-up or admission in a recognised Leprosy Hospital / Institution / Clinic.	Certificate issued by Officer-in-charge of a recognised Leprosy Hospital in prescribed proforma.
18	Thalassemia Major Disease Patients alone or with an Attendant (for both)	Same as item 13 Above except by Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Duronto and Garibrath Trains.		Travelling for treatment/periodical check-up or admission in a recognised Hospital for Thalassemia Major Disease and return.	Certificate issued by Officer-in-charge of a recognised Hospital in prescribed proforma.

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19	T.B. and Lupus Valgaris patients Alone or with an Attendant (for both).	75%	75%	Travelling for treatment/periodical check-up or admission in a recognised Hospital / Sanatorium and return.	Certificate issued by Officer-in-charge of a recognised T.B. Sanatorium in prescribed proforma.
20	Cancer patients alone or with an Escort (for both).	Same as item 13 above except by Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Duronto and Garibrath Trains. (100% concession for cancer patient only in basic fares in 3AC & SL classes.)		Travelling for treatment/periodical check-up or admission in a recognised Hospital and return.	Certificate issued by Officer-in-charge of a recognised Cancer Hospital / Institution.
21	Heart patients alone or with an escort from the station serving their place of residence to the station serving the hospital for Heart surgery and return	Same as item 13 above except by Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Duronto and Garibrath Trains.		Travelling for heart surgery in recognised hospital and return.	Certificate issued by Officer-in-charge of a recognised hospital in prescribed proforma.
22	Member of St. John Ambulance Brigade	Nil	25%	Travelling beyond 300 kms to participate or Organise / manage at St. John Ambulance competition or to attend their camps.	Certificate from respective Secretary / Asst. Comm. St. John Ambulance Brigade or Staff Officer Orgn. Relief Welfare Ambulance Corps. Kolkata.
23	(i) Press Correspondent accredited to the headquarters of Govt. of India, State Govt., Union Territories & Dist. Headquarters. (ii) Spouse of the accredited Press Correspondent while travelling with him / her twice in every financial year (April to March) from the station serving the Headquarters to any place and back. (iii) Companion of those Accredited Press Correspondents who do not have a spouse. (iv) Dependent children upto 18 years of age. (twice in every financial year (April to March) from the station serving the Headquarters to any place and back.)	(i) 50% in the basic fares of all classes of Mail / Express trains & all other charges to be collected in full. (ii) 50% in the all inclusive fares of all classes of Rajdhani/ Shatabdi / Jan Shatabdi trains, *This concession will not be admissible in Duronto and Garibrath Trains.		Travelling on bonafide press related work	Photo identity card valid for 2 years from the date of issue will be issued in favour of a single correspondent, by name, from the station serving the Capital / Headquarter, on production of the certification by the Press Information Bureau and other competent State and local authorities as per the specimen form of certificate. For availing concession for spouse / companion / dependent children the accredited press correspondent shall give an undertaking at the time of booking of ticket.
24	Allopathic Doctor	10% (in all reserved classes including Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi trains) (Not admissible by Duronto & Garibrath Trains).		Without any minimum distance	Copy of the MBBS Degree & Registration Certificate issued by the Indian Medical Council.
25	Kidney Patients (traveling alone or with an escort)	Same as item 13 above except by Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Duronto, Garibrath and Janshabadi Trains.		On being called by some recognised hospital for Dialysis or kidney transplant operation and return.	On production of Certificate from incharge of a recognised Hospital in prescribed proforma.
26	Grant of concession to patients suffering from severe / moderate form of Hemophilia	Same as item 13 above except in 1 AC & 2AC classes, except by Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Duronto, Garibrath and Janshabadi Trains.		For treatment/periodical checkup upto recognised hospitals and return after treatment /periodical checkup.	Certificate in prescribed proforma issued by Officer-in-charge of recognised Hospitals.
27	Grant of concession to the Dead bodies	No Freight Charges		Dead bodies of patients undergoing treatments in Government Hospitals.	
28	Grant of concession to Immunocompromised Patients	Nil	50% (II Class only)	Travelling for treatment at nominated ART (Anti - Retroviral Therapy) Centres and return after treatment.	Certificate in prescribed form issued by Officer - in - charge of the concerned ART (Anti Retroviral Therapy) Centres and valid for Six Months.
29	Grant of concession to Sickle Cell Anaemia patients	50% in AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, AC Chair Car and Sleeper Class in Mail / Express Trains (Not admissible by Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Duronto and Garibrath Trains).		Travelling for treatment / periodical checkup.	Certificate in prescribed proforma issued by officer-in-charge of recognised Hospitals.
30	Grant of concession to Aplastic Anaemia patients	50% in AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, AC Chair Car and Sleeper Class in Mail / Express Trains (Not admissible by Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Duronto and Garibrath Trains).		Travelling for treatment / periodical checkup.	Certificate in prescribed proforma issued by officer-in-charge of recognised Hospitals.

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	PART B				
1.	(a) Recipients of National Bravery Award for Children on Republic Day (b) Either of parents accompanying child recipient of National Bravery Award	Nil Nil	Free Travel 50%	Free travel upto 18 years of age None	Identity Cards issued by Indian Council for Child Welfare.
2.	Boy Scouts & Girls Guides in Uniform.	Nil	50%	For Scout or Guide duly in Groups of Not less than (4) when travelling beyond 300 Kms.	Certificate from Scouter or Guide counter signed by Secy./ Commr. National HQ or District Commissioner of State.
3.	Foreign Students Studying in India upto the age of 25 years and research scholars upto the age of 35 years	Nil	50%	To attend camps, seminars or visit places of Historical Importance etc.,	Certificate from Head of the Educational Institution or Indian Council for Cultural Relations.
4.	Students & Non-Students youth in parties of not less than 5 (five).	Nil	25%	For taking part in work camps organised by recognised educational, social or cultural Organisations or to render voluntary services during natural calamities.	Certificate from the concerned organisations.
5.	Students appearing for examinations as Private candidates	Nil	50%	To appear in University Examination or Educational Examinations conducted by Central or State Govt.	Certificate from the concerned University or Examining Authorities.
6.	Trainees & Students as Articled Clerks.	Nil	50%	From place of study to Home Town & back to travel for Exams/ Educational or Training purpose.	Certificate from the Chartered Accountant under whom the Articled clerk is undergoing training.
7.	Research Scholars upto 35 years of age.	Nil	50%	Travelling for research work.	Certificate from the Registrar of university or Director of Public institution.
8.	Teachers, Head Masters/Head Mistress & Principals of Recognised Primary & Secondary School in parties not less than four/individual teachers also	Nil	25%	Travelling on Educational tours beyond 200 Kms.	Certificate from the Head Master/Mistress, Principal, Dist. Inspector /Educational Officer, Sub-Divisional Educational Officers.
9.	Trained Students nurses & Midwives.	Nil	25%	Travelling on duty or Leave beyond 300 Kms.	Certificate from the Institution of work or study.
10.	Sports Person	*50%	75%	Travelling to participate in State / All India/ National / International Tournaments held or recognised by State or Educational Boards or Universities & State / All India Sports Association including Olympic Association. Note: These concessions will be admissible without any distance limitation	Certificate from Hony. Secy. Registrar of University, Secy. Association of Indian University, Hony. Secy., of All India Sports Association & their State Units, Secretaries of Olympics Association & State Olympic Committees.
		* For State and All India Tournaments. 75% for National and International Tournaments held in India.			
11.	Professional Entertaining Companies, Travelling alone or in Groups.	50% in First Class, AC 2-Tier, AC 3-Tier, AC Chair Car including Rajdhani/ Shatabdi/ Jan Shatabdi Express trains. (Not admissible by Duronto & Garibrath Express trains)	75%	Travelling beyond 300 Kms. to participate in a specific performance sponsored or approved by Central/ State Sangeet Nataka Academy or Deptt. Of Youth Affairs & Sports, Ministry of Human Resource Development.	Certificate from Sangeet, Nataka Academy or Certificate from Department of Youth Affairs & Sports Ministry of Human Resource Development.

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12.	Students of National School of Drama, new Delhi.	50% in First Class, AC 2-Tier, AC 3-Tier, AC Chair Car including Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi Express trains. (Not admissible by Duronto & Garibrath Express trains)	75%	Travelling beyond 300 kms for participating in specific performance	Certificate from National School of Drama, New Delhi.
13.	Amateur Artists. Travelling alone or in Groups	50% in First Class, AC 2-Tier, AC 3-Tier, AC Chair Car including Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi Express trains. (Not admissible by Duronto & Garibrath Express trains)	75%	Travelling beyond 300 kms for participating in specific performance.	Certificate from (i) Civil authorities that the performance is exempted from payment of entertainment tax and (ii) An undertaking from organisers that the performance will be either free of any entrance fee or that the net sale proceeds will be donated to a recognised Charity.
14.	Bonafide Professional Entertaining Companies or Parties (Theatrical and Concert Parties) and Music & Dancing & Magician Troops except Circus Parties of not less than three	50% in First Class, AC 2-Tier, AC 3-Tier, AC Chair Car including Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi Express trains, (Not admissible by Duronto & Garibrath Express trains)	75%	Travelling beyond 300 kms for participating in performance sponsored / approved by Dept. Of Youth Affairs & Sports, Ministry of Human Resource Development.	Certificate from Deptt. Of Youth Affairs & Sports Ministry of Human Resource Development through Indian Circus Federation.
15.	Kisans & Milk Producers (in parties not less than 20)	Nil	50% in Sleeper Class	To travel to institutes of National Level for Training/Learning better Agriculture practices and Dairy Farming.	Certificate from District Magistrate / Dy. Commissioner of the District or the Mamalatdar or District Agricultural Officer or Block Development Officer.
16.	Kisans & Industrial Labourers	Nil	25%	Travelling beyond 300 Kms. in groups of minimum twenty (20) to visit country's river valley and other projects / agricultural / industrial exhibition at National level / Agri. Univ. or Research Centres.	Certificate from District Magistrate DC/Dist. Agri. Officer/BDO (Mamlatdar in Gujarat Maharashtra) or State / Dist / Union Territory Agricultural Dept / Officer of the Indl. Undertakings or authorised Officer of the State Govt. Concerned.
17.	Volunteers of Civil Service International	Nil	25%	Travelling beyond 300 Kms to attend Camps or on official business.	Certificate from the representative Civil Service International or Secretary of their branch in India.
18.	Widows of martyrs of operation Vijaya in 1999 in Kargil	Nil	75%	i) Without any distance limits. ii) With the certificate issued by Defence Authority can approach SS/SM of the station concerned direct and obtain the ticket	Photo copy of Identity card issued by Dist. Sainik Boards, Ministry of Defence - Govt. of India.
19.	(a) Police personnel of minimum 60 years and above who have received President's Police Medal for distinguished service. (b) Police personnel of minimum 60 years who have received Indian Police Medal for Meritorious service	50% for men and 60% for women in basic fares of Mail / Express trains of all classes and in the all inclusive fares of Rajdhani / Shatabdi / Jan Shatabdi trains. This concession is not valid by Duronto & Garibrath trains. Same as above		None	Copy of the Photo identity card issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs.
20	Technicians of Regional film Industry	50% in First Class, AC 2-Tier, AC 3-Tier, AC Chair Car including Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi Express trains. (Not admissible by Duronto & Garibrath Express trains)	75% in Sleeper Class	Travelling for film production related work Concession is admissible in all Mail/Exp. including Rajdhani/Shatabdi and Jan Shatabdi Trains	The President/Secretary of the concerned Producer's Association should forward the application of the producer alongwith the original photo identity card issued by the Employees association of all technicians.

Note : The above concessions are not available by Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Duronto/Garibrath Express trains unless specifically indicated.