

## UNION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs) WITH RESPECT TO ATTEMPTS IN THE CIVIL SERVICES EXAMINATION

**Que.: 1. What are the number of attempts available (category-wise) to the candidates of the Civil Services Examination?**

**Ans.:**

Number of attempts	General/ EWS	SC /ST	OBC	PwBD
	06	Unlimited	09	09 for General/EWS/OBC Unlimited for SC/ST

**Que.: 2. How an 'attempt' is counted in the Civil Services Examination?**

**Ans.:** An attempt at the Preliminary Examination is considered an attempt at the Civil Services Examination:

(I) If a candidate actually appears in any one paper in the Preliminary Examination.

(II) Notwithstanding the disqualification/cancellation of candidature, the fact of appearance of the candidate at the examination is counted as an attempt.

**Que.: 3. How would an aspirant know the number of attempts already availed by him/her in the Civil Services Examination?**

**Ans.:** It is the primary responsibility of the candidate to keep a record/track of number of attempts availed by him/her.

**Que.: 4. What is the procedure followed by the Commission in verifying that the candidate has not exceeded the attempts allowed in respective category in the Civil Services Examination?**

**Ans.:** The number of attempts availed by a candidate in Civil Services Examination is checked/verified from the available data/records with the Commission at appropriate stage of this Examination.

**Que.: 5. What action the Commission takes against a candidate who has exceeded the permissible number of attempts by concealing or furnishing incorrect information in the application form?**

**Ans.:** In the relevant provisions under **Disqualification, Debarment, Disciplinary Action, Criminal Prosecution** of the extant Civil Services Examination Rules, it has been provided that “*A candidate who is or has been declared by the Commission to be guilty of - (f) making statements which are incorrect or false or suppressing material information; in addition to being liable to criminal prosecution, shall be disqualified by the Commission from the Examination held under these Rules; and/or shall be liable to be debarred either permanently or for a specified period by the Commission, from any examination or selection..*” Therefore, in accordance with this Rule, in all such cases of misleading information on number of attempts availed by the candidates, the Commission cancels the candidature of the said erring candidates for that particular Civil Services Examination and also debars them for 10 years in respect of all future Examinations/Selections of the Commission.

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