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NABARD Grade A 2026 Notification: Exam Date, Vacancy, Syllabus & Eligibility

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NABARD Grade A · Recruitment 2026 NABARD Grade A Notification 2026: Release Date, Vacancy, PDF & Apply Online **The NABARD Grade A Notification 2026 has not been released yet.** The official notification date is awaited. When it is issued, the NABARD Grade A Notification 2026 PDF will be published in the Careers section of the NABARD website, and the online application window will open at the same time — in recent cycles it has stayed open for about 15 to 20 days. **Vacancies for 2026 are to be announced in the official notification.** This page is updated on the same URL as soon as the advertisement, notification or application dates arrive. **NABARD Grade A Notification 2026 – Not Released Yet** Official notification date awaited. No NABARD Grade A 2026 vacancy, application link or exam date has been announced by NABARD. [c4s_checked] By C4S Courses Editorial Team Published: 13 August 2026 Reading time: 16 min

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01NABARD Grade A Notification 2026: Latest Update As on **27 September 2026**, NABARD has not issued the Grade A recruitment advertisement for 2026. There is no official NABARD Grade A 2026 notification PDF, no vacancy figure, no application link and no exam date in the public domain. Two things typically happen in sequence when the notification arrives: A short **newspaper advertisement** appears, usually about two days before the detailed notification. The **detailed notification PDF** is published on the NABARD website along with the Apply Online link, and the application window opens for roughly 15 to 20 days. This page follows a single-URL update protocol: when the NABARD Recruitment 2026 advertisement, notification PDF or application dates are published, **this same page is updated** rather than replaced with a new one.

Check the official source The authoritative notification will appear in the Careers / Recruitment section of the NABARD website. The direct PDF link will be added here as soon as it is live. [NABARD Careers](#) →

02NABARD Grade A 2026 Overview: Quick Facts

Particular	Details
Notification status	Not released — official notification date awaited
Notification PDF	To be published on the NABARD website
Organisation	National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
Post	Assistant Manager in Grade A
Disciplines	Rural Development Banking Service (RDBS) and specialist streams, as notified
Vacancy 2026	To be announced in the official notification
Application mode	Online, through the NABARD website
Application window	Opens with the notification; about 15–20 days in recent cycles
Phase I (Prelims)	Date to be announced — online objective test, 200 marks
Phase II (Mains)	Date to be announced — 200 marks, descriptive and objective
Further stages	Psychometric test (mandatory) and interview

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Particular	Details
Job location	All India
Official website	nabard.org

03NABARD Grade A Notification 2026 PDF The **NABARD Grade A Notification 2026 PDF** has not been released. When published, it will be available in the Careers or Recruitment section of the NABARD website, and the download link will be added to this section immediately. The notification PDF is the only authoritative source for the following, and candidates should not rely on any secondary summary – including this one – when deciding whether to apply: Discipline-wise and category-wise **vacancy** break-up Exact **eligibility** – qualification, percentage requirement and age cut-off date **Application start and last date**, and the fee for each category **Exam pattern, syllabus and selection process** for the cycle Reservation, relaxation and document requirements Reference material until the 2026 PDF is out Candidates preparing now generally study the **previous cycle's notification**, since the structure of the examination has been stable across recent years. Treat it as indicative only – vacancy, dates and any pattern revision will be specific to the 2026 notification. 04NABARD Grade A Notification Date 2026 The **NABARD Grade A notification date 2026 is awaited**. NABARD has not announced a release date, and no reliable forecast is possible because the release month has varied considerably between cycles.

Recruitment cycle	Notification date
2026 cycle	Awaited
Previous cycle	8 November 2025
Cycle before that	27 July 2024

Because the gap between notification and Phase I has been short in recent cycles, most candidates begin preparation before the notification arrives rather than after it. 05NABARD Grade A Important Dates 2026

Event	Date
Newspaper advertisement	To be announced
Notification PDF release	To be announced
Online application start date	To be announced
Online application last date	To be announced
Phase I admit card	To be announced
NABARD Grade A Phase I exam date 2026	To be announced
Phase I result	To be announced
Phase II exam date	To be announced
Psychometric test	To be announced
Interview	To be announced
Final result	To be announced

06NABARD Grade A Vacancy 2026 **Vacancies: to be announced in the official notification.** NABARD publishes the vacancy break-up discipline-wise and category-wise within the notification PDF. No official or unofficial 2026 figure exists at present, and this page does not carry a vacancy forecast. Posts are notified under **Rural Development Banking Service (RDBS)** along with specialist streams. Within RDBS, NABARD notifies both a general discipline and specialist disciplines; the exact list of disciplines and the number of posts against each changes from cycle to cycle and must be read from the notification. How to read the vacancy table when it arrives Check three things in order: the **discipline** you are eligible for, the **category-wise** break-up within that discipline, and any **backlog or PwBD** posts listed separately. A

large headline number is meaningless if your own discipline and category has few posts. Historical vacancy data for context is given in the previous vacancy trend section below. 07NABARD Grade A Apply Online 2026 The **NABARD Grade A apply online 2026** link is not active. It will go live on the NABARD website along with the notification. The steps below reflect the standard NABARD application process. Open the official NABARD website and go to the **Careers / Recruitment** section. Download and read the full **notification PDF**; confirm your eligibility on discipline, qualification, percentage and age as on the stated cut-off date. Click **Apply Online** and complete **New Registration** to generate a registration number and password. Save both. Fill in personal, educational, category and communication details exactly as they appear on your certificates. Upload **photograph, signature, left thumb impression and handwritten declaration** in the prescribed dimensions and file formats. Pay the **application fee** online as applicable to your category. Submit the form, then download and save the **final application printout and payment receipt**. Practical warning Apply in the **first week** of the window. Servers slow down near the deadline, scanned documents are frequently rejected for wrong dimensions, and a mismatched name, category or percentage cannot be corrected after final submission. 08NABARD Grade A Application Fee The fee is payable online at the time of application. Category-wise amounts for 2026 will be specified in the notification; the structure in recent cycles has been as follows.

Category	Fee structure in recent cycles
SC / ST / PwBD	Intimation charges only, at the lower slab
General / OBC / EWS	Application fee plus intimation charges, at the higher slab
NABARD staff	Exempt, as specified in the notification
Taxes and bank charges	Payable additionally by the candidate

09NABARD Grade A Eligibility 2026 The criteria below reflect recent recruitment cycles and are indicative. **NABARD Grade A eligibility 2026 must be confirmed from the official notification**, particularly the age cut-off date and the discipline-wise qualification list. Nationality Indian citizen, or a candidate falling within the other categories of nationality specified in the notification. NABARD Grade A Age Limit 2026 In recent cycles: **21 to 30 years** as on the cut-off date stated in the notification. Age Relaxation

Category	Relaxation in upper age limit
SC / ST	5 years
OBC (non-creamy layer)	3 years
PwBD	As per Government of India rules
Ex-servicemen, J&K domicile and other categories	As specified in the notification

NABARD Grade A Qualification 2026 **Bachelor's degree** with at least 60% marks in aggregate — 55% for SC, ST and PwBD candidates; or **Post-graduate degree** with at least 55% marks in aggregate — 50% for SC, ST and PwBD candidates; or An **equivalent professional qualification** recognised for the post, such as CA, CS, ICWA or MBA, where the notification permits. Specialist Qualifications Specialist disciplines carry their own degree requirements, and some posts additionally require relevant **work experience**. The disciplines notified vary between cycles, so the eligible degree list for each specialist post must be read directly from the 2026 notification. Most common reason applications get rejected A mismatch between the percentage on your marksheets and the percentage claimed in the form, or a category certificate that does not meet the format and date requirements. Verify both against the notification before submitting. 10NABARD Grade A Selection Process 2026 Selection is through four stages. Tap any stage in the diagram for detail. NABARD Grade A selection processC4S Courses P1 200 MKS Phase I QUALIFYING P2 200 MKS Phase II COUNTS FOR MERIT PSY Psychometric MANDATORY INT 50 MKS Interview COUNTS FOR MERIT Final merit = Phase II (200) + Interview (50) = 250 marks PHASE I MARKS ARE NOT ADDED TO THE FINAL RANK Phase I Phase II Psychometric Interview **Four stages, two that count** Tap a stage above. The Phase I score gets a candidate shortlisted and is then set aside — the final rank is built entirely in Phase II and the

interview. 11NABARD Grade A Phase 1 Exam Pattern 2026 Phase I is an online objective test of **200 questions and 200 marks in 120 minutes**, with **one-fourth negative marking** across eight sections. The pattern below reflects the most recent cycle and is subject to confirmation from the 2026 notification.

Section	Marks	Type
Economic & Social Issues (ESI)	40	Merit
Agriculture & Rural Development (ARD)	40	Merit
General Awareness	20	Merit
English Language	30	Qualifying
Reasoning Ability	20	Qualifying
Quantitative Aptitude	20	Qualifying
Computer Knowledge	20	Qualifying
Decision Making	10	Qualifying

Where the Phase I cut-off actually comes from C4S Courses ESI – merit 40 ARD – merit 40 General Awareness – merit 20 English – qualifying 30 Reasoning – qualifying 20 Quantitative Aptitude – qualifying 20 Computer Knowledge – qualifying 20 Decision Making – qualifying 10 Merit sections – 100 marks decide the cut-off Qualifying only – clear the sectional bar ESI + ARD + General Awareness = 100 of 200 marks, and the whole of the Phase I merit. 12NABARD Grade A Phase 2 Exam Pattern 2026

Paper	Marks	Nature
Paper I – General English	100	Fully descriptive: essay, précis, comprehension, report or letter writing. To be answered in English.
Paper II – ESI & ARD	100	Objective and descriptive combined, for the general stream
Psychometric test	Qualifying	Mandatory, objective, conducted before the interview
Interview	50	In English or Hindi, at the candidate's option

Phase II carries 200 marks and the interview 50, and **together they constitute the entire final merit**. Two recent changes point in the same direction: Paper II moved from purely objective to a mix of objective and descriptive, and the interview weightage was raised from 25 to 50 marks. Both favour candidates who can write. 13NABARD Grade A Syllabus 2026 Economic & Social Issues (ESI) Growth and development, national income, per capita income and measurement of growth Poverty alleviation and employment generation, rural and urban Inflation, monetary and fiscal policy, budget, taxation and the financial system Economic reforms, liberalisation, privatisation, globalisation, WTO and India's trade position Population, demographic transition, urbanisation, migration, education and health Social justice, social movements, sustainable development and climate policy Agriculture & Rural Development (ARD) Agronomy, cropping systems, soil science, irrigation, seed and fertiliser Horticulture, animal husbandry, dairy, fisheries and forestry Agricultural economics, MSP, procurement, marketing reforms and supply chains Agricultural finance and credit – priority sector lending, KCC, SHG-bank linkage NABARD's own role, schemes and instruments – RIDF, refinance, FPO promotion, watershed and tribal development Rural development programmes, panchayati raj, government missions and current agricultural policy Other Phase I sections English Language, Reasoning Ability, Quantitative Aptitude, Computer Knowledge and Decision Making are standard competitive-exam sections at a graduate difficulty level. They are qualifying, so they need to be cleared rather than maximised. 14NABARD Grade A Salary 2026 An Assistant Manager in Grade A starts on a basic pay of about **₹44,500** in the scale of **₹44,500 – 89,150**. With dearness allowance, house rent or leased accommodation and other admissible allowances, gross monthly emoluments generally work out to around **₹1 lakh**, varying with posting city. Exact figures for 2026 will be as stated in the notification. Leased accommodation, medical cover and loan facilities at concessional rates A defined promotion path from Assistant Manager upward within NABARD Work

spanning rural credit policy, refinance, FPO development and district-level planning Study leave and professional development opportunities

15 Previous Recruitment Cycle Analysis The most recent completed cycle is the best available guide to how quickly the 2026 process may move once it begins. Previous recruitment cycle: notification to final result

C4S Courses Notification 8 NOV 2025 Admit card 15 DEC Phase I 20 DEC Phase II 25 JAN 2026 Psychometric 7 MAR Final result 8 MAY ← ABOUT 6 WEEKS FROM NOTIFICATION TO PHASE I → Notification to Phase I: about six weeks. Notification to final result: about six months. Two implications for anyone targeting NABARD Recruitment 2026. First, the preparation window effectively closes when the notification is published, not when it opens. Second, the gap between Phase I and Phase II in that cycle was roughly five weeks — too short to build descriptive writing ability from scratch.

16 NABARD Grade A Previous Vacancy Trend Historical data only. It is presented for context and is **not a forecast** of the 2026 vacancy.

Recruitment cycle	Vacancies announced	Streams notified
2026 cycle	To be announced	To be announced
Previous cycle	91 Assistant Manager posts	Rural Development Banking Service, Legal, Protocol & Security
Cycle before that	102 posts, plus 8 PwBD posts	Rural Development Banking Service and specialist streams

Reading vacancy numbers correctly matters more than the headline. A lower total does not automatically mean a harder exam, because applicant numbers move too. What shifts is the **cut-off in the merit sections**, and the separation between candidates ultimately happens on Phase II descriptive quality.

17 C4S Result Analysis: Previous NABARD Grade A Cycle The results below are from the **most recently concluded NABARD Grade A recruitment cycle** — the one notified on 8 November 2025, with the final result declared on 8 May 2026. They are not from the 2026 recruitment, whose notification is still awaited. **188.75** Suraj Ravindra **185** Lokesh Chandran **185** Vivek **184.50** Kapil Patlya **183.75** Siddhant Khesarwani **182** Lalit Kumar All six were enrolled in the Clarity NABARD Mentorship Programme. What the scores show, for anyone preparing now, is where the separation happens: at these margins a difference of two or three marks in Phase II descriptive writing or the interview moves a candidate several ranks. You can hear their preparation strategies in the [C4S NABARD toppers interview playlist](#).

18 NABARD Grade A 2026 Preparation Strategy Preparation should be allocated by weightage, not by comfort: merit sections first, qualifying sections maintained at a pass standard, and descriptive writing started early rather than after Phase I results. Day

1–25 **Build the ARD and ESI base** ARD fundamentals — agronomy, soil science, irrigation, horticulture, animal husbandry — with ESI macro concepts on growth, poverty, inflation and the financial system. Start a current-affairs register on day one and one descriptive answer a week from week one. Day

26–45 **Policy, schemes and NABARD-specific content** Agricultural finance and priority sector lending, MSP and procurement, rural development missions, and NABARD's own structure, refinance operations, RIDF and FPO work — the block interview panels probe hardest. Day

46–65 **Qualifying sections and full-length mocks** Bring English, reasoning, quantitative aptitude, computer knowledge and decision making to a comfortable qualifying standard and no further. Begin timed full-length Phase I mocks, analysing each for as long as it took to write. Day

66–80 **Descriptive intensity** At least two evaluated descriptive answers a week — essay, précis and report writing. This is where Paper II marks are made and the only part of preparation that cannot be self-assessed. Day

81–90 **Compressed revision and interview readiness** One-page revision formats for ESI and ARD, current affairs updated to the latest budget and Economic Survey, profile preparation on graduation subject and home-state agriculture, and mock interviews for the 50-mark stage. **Free: the complete 90-day NABARD strategy plan** Subject sequencing, daily hours, mock schedule and revision cycles, explained end to end on the C4S YouTube channel. ► [Watch](#) Five mistakes that cost candidates selection **Treating Phase I as the exam.** It is a gate; the rank is built in Phase II and the interview. **Over-preparing qualifying sections.** Every extra hour beyond the pass bar is taken from the 100 merit marks. **Starting descriptive writing after**

Phase I results. The gap in the last cycle was about five weeks. **Using outdated ARD material.** Scheme outlays and mission targets change every budget. **Practising without evaluation.** Unmarked answers repeat the same structural errors for months. 19C4S NABARD Grade A 2026 Mentorship NABARD Grade A 2026 Complete Course with Mentorship Built around the merit sections and the descriptive papers that actually decide rank — with individual feedback on written answers rather than model answers alone.

Phase I and Phase II coverage of all eight sections and both mains papers **ESI and ARD** taught to Phase II descriptive depth, not prelims-level summaries **Evaluated answer writing** with individual corrections returned **Personal mentorship**, mock tests with sectional analysis, and current affairs support **Interview preparation** for the 50-mark stage that decides close ranks [Explore the Mentorship Programme Phase I test series English descriptive course ► Toppers' interviews](#) Get the notification alert first Join [@Clarity4Sure](#) on Telegram for free NABARD Grade A Notification 2026 alerts, exam date updates and study material — delivered the moment they are announced. [Open t.me/Clarity4Sure](#) Related NABARD Grade A pages **NABARD Grade A Syllabus 2026**[Phase 1, Phase 2 and interview, section by section](#) **NABARD Grade A Cut Off 2026**[Expected marks for every category](#) **Cut Off 2025 to 2021**[Five years, discipline wise](#) **Job Profile & Salary**[Pay, postings, transfers, promotions](#) **Preparation Strategy**[How to build the plan from here](#) **10 Preparation Mistakes**[What quietly costs the cut-off](#) **PIB for NABARD Grade A**[What to read, what to skip](#) **NABARD Grade A 2026 Toppers**[Six C4S students above 182](#) **NABARD Previous Year Papers**[PYQs and question trends](#) 20NABARD Grade A Notification 2026: FAQs Is the NABARD Grade A Notification 2026 released? No. As on the last-checked date shown at the top of this page, the notification has not been released and the official notification date is awaited. When issued, the PDF will appear in the Careers section of the NABARD website and this page will be updated on the same URL. Where will the NABARD Grade A Notification 2026 PDF be available? In the Careers or Recruitment section of the NABARD website, usually preceded by a short newspaper advertisement about two days earlier. Download the full PDF and verify eligibility, vacancy and dates from it before applying. What is the NABARD Grade A notification date 2026? Awaited. For reference only, the previous cycle's notification was issued on 8 November 2025 and the one before that on 27 July 2024. NABARD has not announced a date for the 2026 cycle, and the release month has varied between cycles. How many vacancies are there in NABARD Grade A 2026? To be announced in the official notification, discipline-wise and category-wise. For historical context only: 91 Assistant Manager posts in the previous cycle across Rural Development Banking Service, Legal and Protocol & Security, and 102 posts plus 8 PwBD posts in the cycle before that. What is the last date to apply for NABARD Grade A 2026? To be specified in the notification. In recent cycles the online application window has stayed open for about 15 to 20 days from the notification date. How do I apply online for NABARD Grade A 2026? Once the notification is live: open the Careers section of the NABARD website, read the notification PDF, click Apply Online, complete new registration, fill in your details, upload photograph, signature, thumb impression and handwritten declaration, pay the fee online, submit and save the printout. The full step-by-step is in the Apply Online section above. What is the NABARD Grade A age limit 2026? In recent cycles, 21 to 30 years as on the cut-off date stated in the notification, with 5 years' relaxation for SC and ST, 3 years for OBC, and further relaxation for PwBD and other categories as per rules. Confirm the 2026 cut-off date from the official notification. What qualification is required for NABARD Grade A 2026? For the general stream in recent cycles: a bachelor's degree with at least 60% marks (55% for SC, ST and PwBD) or a post-graduate degree / MBA / PGDM with at least 55% (50% for SC, ST and PwBD), or an equivalent professional qualification where permitted. Specialist posts carry discipline-specific requirements listed in the notification. Is there negative marking in NABARD Grade A? Yes — one-fourth of the marks assigned to a question is deducted for each wrong answer in the objective papers. Is Phase I counted in the final merit? No. Phase I is qualifying and decides shortlisting for Phase II only. Within Phase I, General Awareness, ESI and ARD carry the merit weight. The final merit is Phase II (200 marks) plus the interview (50 marks). Can I prepare for NABARD Grade A 2026 while working full time? Yes, and many selected candidates do. It requires strict prioritisation — merit sections first, qualifying sections at a pass standard, and descriptive practice in short regular slots rather than long weekend blocks. 21Official Sources & Disclaimer **Official website:** nabard.org — Careers /

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