PSU Jobs through GATE PDF: Official Notices

Many public sector undertakings (PSUs) in India have used GATE scores to shortlist engineers for roles such as graduate engineer trainee or executive trainee. The list of PSUs, branches, posts and rules changes every year, so the only reliable source is each PSU's official recruitment notice on its own website. Take GATE in the paper that matches the notice, track careers pages from the GATE result window onwards and apply within the stated dates.

Key takeaways

- PSUs decide each year whether to recruit through GATE, for which branches and with which GATE year's score.
- Always read the official notice on the PSU's own website; third-party lists can be outdated or wrong.
- Notices usually specify the GATE paper, eligible degrees, minimum marks, age limits and reservation rules.
- After shortlisting on GATE, many PSUs add group discussions, interviews and medical checks.
- Applying to PSUs is free or low cost through official channels; avoid agents who promise jobs.

What PSU recruitment through GATE means

Public sector undertakings are companies owned wholly or mainly by the central or state government, in areas such as oil and gas, power, steel, mining, telecom and engineering. Many of them hire fresh engineers as trainees. Instead of running their own written test, several PSUs have used GATE scores in recent years to shortlist candidates, followed by their own interviews or group discussions.

This guide explains how the process usually works and how to track it. It does not list cutoffs, salaries or vacancy numbers, because those are set by each PSU in each notice and change every year.

PSUs that have used GATE scores in past notices

The following organisations are among those that have used GATE scores in past recruitment notices for engineering trainees. This is not a guarantee for any year: always confirm on the official website.

Organisation	Sector	Where to look
Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL)	Oil and gas	Careers section of iocl.com
NTPC	Power generation	Careers section of ntpc.co.in
Power Grid Corporation of India (POWERGRID)	Power transmission	Careers section of powergrid.in
Bharat Heavy Electricals (BHEL)	Engineering and manufacturing	Careers section of bhel.com
ONGC	Oil and gas	Careers section of ongcindia.com
GAIL	Gas	Careers section of gailonline.com

Many other central and state PSUs and some government bodies have also used GATE scores. Follow the official websites of the organisations that interest you.

How a typical GATE-based PSU process works

1. **Notice.** The PSU publishes a recruitment notice, often around the GATE application or result period. It states which GATE year's score will be used.
2. **GATE paper match.** The notice lists which GATE paper maps to which branch or post, for example a mechanical post may need the ME paper.
3. **Online application.** You apply on the PSU's own portal with your GATE registration number and other details within the dates given.
4. **Shortlisting.** Candidates are shortlisted based on GATE score and the notice's rules.
5. **Further rounds.** Group discussion, group task, personal interview or a combination, as stated in the notice.
6. **Medical and document verification**, then the offer.

The exact steps differ by PSU and year.

What to check in every notice

- **Post and discipline:** which branches are invited.
- **GATE paper and year:** which paper code and which year's score is accepted.
- **Educational qualification:** degree type, minimum marks or CGPA, and whether final-year students can apply.
- **Age limit and relaxations:** as of the cut-off date given.
- **Reservation and relaxation rules:** as per government norms, explained in the notice.
- **Service agreement or bond:** some PSUs ask trainees to sign one.
- **Application dates and fee:** apply only through the official link.
- **Selection process:** rounds after shortlisting and their weight, if stated.

A yearly timeline to follow

Period	What to do
Before GATE registration	Decide your GATE paper based on the PSUs and posts you want
GATE registration	Register on the official GATE website; keep your registration details safe
Exam months	Write GATE; watch PSU careers pages
Result period	Many PSU notices appear around this time; apply within dates
After applying	Prepare for group discussion and interview
Selection rounds	Attend with documents listed in the call letter

How to prepare beyond GATE

Technical interview. Revise your core subjects in depth, especially those related to the PSU's work. An oil and gas PSU may ask about thermodynamics and fluid mechanics for mechanical roles; a power PSU may ask about machines and power systems for electrical roles.

Your final-year project and internships. Be ready to explain them clearly.

General awareness about the PSU. Its main business, recent projects and role in the sector, from its official website and annual report.

Group discussion. Practise speaking clearly and listening well on topics such as energy, infrastructure and technology.

HR questions. Why a PSU, willingness to work at remote plants or sites, and long-term goals.

Sample weekly plan in the result-to-interview window

Day	Task
Monday	Core subject revision (2 hrs)
Tuesday	Core subject revision (2 hrs), check PSU careers pages
Wednesday	PSU research: business, projects, annual report highlights
Thursday	Core subject revision, project explanation practice
Friday	Group discussion practice with friends
Saturday	Mock interview
Sunday	Rest, update application tracker

Documents to keep ready

PSU applications and interviews usually ask for originals and copies of documents such as your GATE scorecard or admit card, degree or provisional certificate, semester marksheets, 10th and 12th certificates, identity proof, category or other certificates if applicable, and photographs in the

specified format. The exact list is in each notice and call letter. Keep scanned copies in one folder so you can apply quickly when a notice opens.

Choosing your GATE paper with PSUs in mind

If PSU jobs are your main goal, pick the GATE paper that matches your degree branch and the posts you want. Look at the previous few years' notices from your target PSUs to see which papers they accepted for which posts. Do not assume a paper will be accepted just because a related one was.

Red flags to avoid

- Websites or agents asking for money to "secure" a PSU job.
- Notices that are not on the PSU's official website.
- Messages asking for your GATE login, OTP or bank details.
- Promises of "direct joining" without the stated selection process.

Official PSU recruitment goes through the PSU's own website and published process.

If you do not get a PSU offer

PSU seats are limited and competition is high. A good GATE score still opens M.Tech admissions, and many students reapply in the following year with a better score. Others take private sector core roles or move into IT or data roles. Keep one backup path in your weekly plan so a single result does not decide everything.

Checklist

- [ ] Target PSUs listed and official careers pages bookmarked
- [ ] Past notices read to understand GATE paper mapping
- [ ] GATE registered in the right paper
- [ ] Notice checklist ready: eligibility, age, paper, dates, bond
- [ ] Core subject, project and PSU research notes for interviews
- [ ] Group discussion and mock interview practice
- [ ] A backup plan

If you want a data-related backup that uses your engineering maths, Uncodemy's Data Analytics course is one option.

Frequently asked questions

Which PSUs recruit through GATE?

Organisations such as IOCL, NTPC, POWERGRID, BHEL, ONGC and GAIL have used GATE scores in past notices. The list changes each year, so check each PSU's official website.

Is GATE score enough for a PSU job?

Usually not on its own. GATE is used for shortlisting, and most PSUs add group discussions, interviews, document checks and a medical test.

Where can I find official PSU recruitment notices?

On the careers or recruitment section of each PSU's own website. Avoid relying only on third-party lists, which can be outdated.

Can final-year students apply to PSUs through GATE?

Many notices allow final-year students who will complete the degree by a stated date. Check the eligibility section of each notice.

Do PSUs have a service agreement or bond?

Some do. The terms, if any, are stated in the official notice or offer documents. Read them before accepting.

Which GATE paper should I take for PSU jobs?

Usually the paper matching your branch and the post you want. Check past notices from your target PSUs to see which papers they accepted.

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