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### **UPSC may soon revise the age criteria for the civil services entrance examinations**

The Indian government may soon revise the age criteria for the civil services entrance examinations, widely considered one of the most prestigious in the country, according to a report by ET Now.

The exams, conducted by the Union Public Services Commission are the entry point for the nation's bureaucracy, including the Indian Administrative Services, the Indian Foreign Service and the Indian Police Service, among a host of other sector-specific positions.

A UPSC-appointed committee has recommended to the government that the upper age-limit for appearing in the examinations such as the IAS and IPS be reduced to 26 years from the current 32 for general category students over the next 5-7 years. Over the years, the age limit for the general category has gone up from 24 years to 32 in the year 2014.

The panel headed by former education secretary B S Baswan, was appointed by the Narendra Modi government in August last year to change the overall system of the civil services examination, one of the most exclusive and stringent nationwide.

However, nothing has been mentioned about the age criteria for SC/ST, for whom the upper age limit is 37 years.

Sources told ET Now that the current upper age limit is seen as being too old for an IAS,IFS aspirant. The final decision will be taken by the government.