Electronics Regional Test Laboratory (East), Kolkata

Advertisement Notification No.: Apprentice/2026/01

ENGAGEMENT OF GRADUATE AND DIPLOMA APPRENTICES FOR THE TRAINING PERIOD 2026–2027 UNDER THE APPRENTICES ACT, 1961 AND APPRENTICESHIP RULES, 1992, AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME

Electronics Regional Test Laboratory (East) (ERTL (East)), a laboratory under the STQC Directorate, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, invites applications from eligible Graduate and Diploma Apprentices for apprenticeship training during the period 2026–2027 under the National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS).

ERTL (East) provides specialized testing, calibration and quality assurance services for electrical, electronic and information technology products and related services.
The apprenticeship programme provides selected Graduate/Diploma Apprentices with an opportunity to:
A) Gain hands-on practical experience in electrical and electronic product testing and calibration and related testing services for information technology products.
B) Develop industry-relevant technical skills in a professional and technologically advanced laboratory environment.
C) Obtain valuable exposure to quality assurance, testing, measurement and calibration practices.
D) Enhance professional competencies through structured on-the-job training and practical learning.
E) Build a strong foundation for a career in testing, calibration, quality assurance and allied technical fields..

1. DETAILS OF DISCIPLINES, VACANCIES AND MINIMUM ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATION

DISCIPLINE	Nos.	Minimum Essential Qualification
Graduate Apprentice	8	**1. Graduate Apprentice – Engineering/Technology (07 Nos.):**: Graduate Degree (**B.E./B.Tech. or equivalent**) in **Computer Science/Information Technology/Electrical Engineering/Electronics & Communication Engineering/Mechanical Engineering**, obtained after a **04-year full-time course** from a University/Institution recognized by **AICTE/UGC or the appropriate statutory authority, as applicable**. **2. Graduate Apprentice – General Stream (01 No.):** Graduate Degree in **Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.)/Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com.)/Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)** from a **recognized University/Institution**, as applicable.
Diploma Apprentice	2	**Diploma in Engineering/Technology (03-year full-time course)** in **Computer Science/Information Technology/Electrical Engineering / Electronics and Communication Engineering/Mechanical Engineering,** awarded by a **State Board of Technical Education/University/Institution recognized by AICTE or the appropriate statutory authority, as applicable.**

2. RESERVATION

2.1 Reservation shall be applicable as per the provisions of the Apprentices Act, 1961, Apprenticeship Rules, 1992, and applicable Government of India instructions/guidelines, as amended from time to time.

2.2 Candidates belonging to **SC (Scheduled Caste), ST (Scheduled Tribe) and OBC (Non-Creamy Layer)** categories shall produce valid certificates/documents in the prescribed format issued by the competent authority, wherever applicable.

3. PERIOD OF APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING:

The period of apprenticeship training shall be **12 months**, commencing from the date of execution of the Contract of Apprenticeship.

4. STIPEND:
The monthly stipend shall be paid at the prescribed rates applicable under the **Apprentices Act, 1961 and the prevailing Government/BoPT guidelines**, as amended from time to time.

Sl. No.	Discipline	Monthly Stipend
1	Graduate Apprentice	Rs. 12,300/-
2	Diploma Apprentice	Rs. 10,900/-

Note: Out of the total stipend, 50% will be paid by BoPT through Direct Benefit Transfer, subject to the applicable BoPT provisions.

5. YEAR OF PASSING OF QUALIFYING EXAMINATION:
Candidates who have passed the qualifying examination in **2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 or 2026** are eligible to apply.

6. MINIMUM PERCENTAGE IN QUALIFYING EXAMINATION:
The candidate should have secured a minimum of **60% marks** in the qualifying examination.

7. LAST DATE OF APPLICATION:
15-11-2026

8. NATS REGISTRATION:
Candidates must register themselves on the **National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS)** portal before applying.

9. Candidates should not have undergone apprenticeship training earlier or be pursuing apprenticeship training under the Apprentices Act, 1961, as amended from time to time.

10. Apprentices shall be entitled to holidays observed by ERTL (East) and other leave, as applicable, in accordance with the prevailing BoPT guidelines.

11. **HOW TO APPLY:**

Candidates can apply through the NATS portal online by visiting at https://nats.education.gov.in/student_type.php

12. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

a) Candidates fulfilling the prescribed eligibility criteria shall be shortlisted for Personal Interview (PI) in the ratio of up to 1:5 against the respective vacancies, based on the percentage of marks obtained in the prescribed qualifying examination, subject to the applicable reservation norms.

b) On completion of the apprenticeship training period of one year, the Apprenticeship Contract shall automatically cease. There shall be **no obligation on the part of ERTL (East) to offer employment** to any apprentice thereafter.

c) Before applying, candidates should ensure that they fulfil all the eligibility criteria and other conditions prescribed in this advertisement and on the NATS portal.

d) No accommodation/hostel facility shall be provided by STQC/ERTL (East).

e) Apprentices shall maintain the attendance prescribed by the establishment and shall comply with the applicable working hours, discipline, safety requirements and administrative instructions.

f) The candidature of a candidate is liable to be rejected at any stage of the selection process or even after execution of the Contract of Apprenticeship, if any information furnished by the candidate is found to be false, incorrect or not in conformity with the prescribed eligibility criteria. Screening and selection of candidates shall be based on the information furnished by the candidate. Candidates are therefore advised to furnish complete, accurate and correct information. Furnishing false, incorrect or incomplete information shall lead to disqualification, and ERTL (East) shall not be responsible for any consequences arising therefrom.

g) No **TA/DA or other expenses** shall be admissible to candidates appearing for the Personal Interview or any other stage of the selection process.

h) Selected candidates shall undergo apprenticeship training at **Electronics Regional Test Laboratory (East), DN-63, Sector V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata, West Bengal – 700091**.

i) Any **canvassing or personal follow-up intended to influence the selection process** shall lead to cancellation of candidature.

j) ERTL (East) reserves the right to **withdraw/cancel the advertisement or the selection process**, in whole or in part, if circumstances so warrant, without assigning any reason thereof.

14.10.2026

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