

Epigraphist

Aliases: Epigrapher

Industry/Sector(s): Education, Training and Research

JOB DESCRIPTION ¹

The tasks an Epigraphist is expected to perform include:

- Studying inscriptions on ancient monuments, temple walls, stone slabs, rocks, copper plates and other media
- Deciphering writing to depict the historical evolution of a country, people and places
- Revealing lost history of the past and early rulers, their culture, social and religious systems, etc.
- Visiting historical and other important places and examining inscriptions on rocks, copper plates, temple walls, images, coins, seals, etc.
- Taking ink impressions of inscriptions found on walls, stone slabs, pillars, etc. on paper
- Deciphering or decoding contents of such inscriptions written in various languages and scripts
- Publishing results of investigations reflecting on history and civilisation
- Furnishing required information to scholars and research workers

WORK ENVIRONMENT ^{1, 2}

- It is not a desk job
- Need not handle a team
- Local travelling is a part of this job role
- Part-time work and contractual jobs may be available
- Work from home option is not available

Working hours

- Organizations usually work for 5/6 days a week and 8/9 hours everyday. This may vary from organization to organization
- Shift system may be available
- Overtime may be required

Is the job suitable for a candidate with special needs?

This may vary from organization to organization

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING ³

Preferably, M.A. in history

KEY COMPETENCIES ¹

- Knowledge of ancient monuments
- Skilled in deciphering ancient languages and symbols
- Ability to write reports on the research conducted and publishing the results
- In-depth knowledge of history and related areas of study

DESIRABLE COMPETENCIES ¹

- Good communication skills
- Hard-working

AVAILABLE SKILL TRAINING AND LEARNING INSTITUTES

Universities offering history across India

AVAILABLE SKILL TRAINING SCHEMES/SCHOLARSHIPS

For scholarship and schemes, use further links like:

- <https://scholarships.gov.in/>

SAMPLE OF TRAINING AND LEARNING COURSES

http://unipune.ac.in/Syllabi_PDF/revised/mms/9.%20M.A.%20History%20Syllabus.pdf

CAREER PROGRESSION PATH ⁴

Epigraphist → Teacher, Writer



Junior Researcher

The progression is indicative

EXPECTED EARNINGS ³

- For new entrants - Rs 25,000 to Rs 30,000 per month

These figures are indicative and subject to change

REQUIRED WORK EXPERIENCE ³

Some organizations hire new entrants too

PROBABLE EMPLOYERS ³

- Private and government colleges/universities
- Museums
- Cultural organizations/societies
- Self-employed

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OCCUPATIONAL CODES AND STANDARDS

Standard	Code	Description
NCO 2015	2633.0300	Epigraphist
ISCO 2008	2633	Philosophers, Historians and Political Scientists
NIC 2008	72200	Research and experimental development on social sciences and humanities
QP Reference	Not available	Not available
NSQF	Not available	Not available

REFERENCES

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4	http://dget.nic.in/upload/uploadfiles/files/publication/Des-Div-2.pdf