

HTTP Status Codes – SSC Exam Quick Revision

High yield errors, meanings, and memory tips commonly asked in SSC exams.

4xx – Client Side Errors (VERY IMPORTANT)

- 400 – Bad Request → Invalid / wrong request
- 401 – Unauthorized → Authentication required or failed
- 403 – Forbidden → Access denied even after authentication
- 404 – Not Found → Page or resource does not exist
- 408 – Request Timeout → Client took too long
- 409 – Conflict → Request conflicts with server state
- 429 – Too Many Requests → Rate limit exceeded

5xx – Server Side Errors

- 500 – Internal Server Error → Generic server failure
- 502 – Bad Gateway → Invalid response from another server
- 503 – Service Unavailable → Server overloaded or down
- 504 – Gateway Timeout → No response from upstream server

SSC Exam Tips & Memory Tricks

- 401 vs 403 Trap: 401 = Who are you? | 403 = I know you, but you are not allowed.
- 4xx errors mean the mistake is on the client/user side.
- 5xx errors mean the mistake is on the server side.
- Most repeated in SSC: 404, 403, 401, 500, 503.
- If access is denied → think 403 first.