

IRCTC User ID

IRCTC username — 3-10 alphanumeric characters.

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^[a-zA-Z][a-zA-Z0-9_]{2,9}$
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Token-by-token breakdown

Token	Meaning
^	start of string (or line in multiline mode)
[a-zA-Z]	any of: lowercase letters, uppercase letters
[a-zA-Z0-9_]{2,9}	between 2 and 9 times: any of: lowercase letters, uppercase letters, digits, “_”
\$	end of string (or line in multiline mode)

Quick usage in 7 languages

JavaScript	const re = /^[a-zA-Z][a-zA-Z0-9_]{2,9}\$/; re.test(value);
Python	import re re.match(r"^[a-zA-Z][a-zA-Z0-9_]{2,9}\$", value)
Java	Pattern.compile("^[a-zA-Z][a-zA-Z0-9_]{2,9}\$").matcher(value).matches();
C# / .NET	Regex.IsMatch(value, @"^[a-zA-Z][a-zA-Z0-9_]{2,9}\$");
Go	regexp.MustCompile(`^[a-zA-Z][a-zA-Z0-9_]{2,9}\$`).MatchString(value)
Ruby	/^[a-zA-Z][a-zA-Z0-9_]{2,9}\$/ .match?(value)
PHP	preg_match('~^[a-zA-Z][a-zA-Z0-9_]{2,9}\$~', \$value);

Common pitfalls

- **Anchored to the whole string.** This pattern uses ^ and \$, so it requires the entire input to match. To find it inside a longer text, drop the anchors and use the global (g) flag.
- **ASCII letters only.** [a-zA-Z] excludes accented and non-Latin letters (é, ü, ß, ñ, and non-Latin scripts). For international input use Unicode properties like \p{L} with the u flag.
- **Validate beyond format.** Matching the format doesn't guarantee the value is real. Confirm the irctc user id against a source of truth (database, API, or checksum) where it matters.