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National Board of Examination in Rehabilitation (NBER)
(An Adjunct Body of Rehabilitation Council of India)

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New Delhi – 110016
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CIRCULAR

NBER ONLINE ADMISSION 2026: Merit based admissions for RCI approved Certificate and Diploma Level Courses in the field of Special Education and Disability Rehabilitation for the Academic Session 2026-27

National Board of Examination in Rehabilitation (NBER) an adjunct body of Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) invites online applications from the eligible candidates for admission to its various Certificate & Diploma Level Courses in Special Education and Disability Rehabilitation offered by RCI's approved Institutions/University Departments across the country. Online admission to these Courses will be made on the merit basis only.

Eligibility conditions for admission:

- i. Only institutes those have uploaded course wise faculty as per norms, geotagged photo, confirmed availability of Biometric Attendance System (BAS) on NBER portal and have paid affiliation fees till 2025-26 will be eligible in admission process
- ii. Special Education Courses (D.Ed.Spl.Ed.): Those who have passed 10+2 or equivalent with 50% of marks in any stream are eligible. *(Please refer to the respective syllabus on RCI website for more information)*
- iii. Disability Rehabilitation Courses (D.H.L.S., D.P.O., D.R.T., D.H.A.E.M.T., D.C.E.&A.T.(VI), D.V.R.(ID), D.C.B.R., D.E.C.S.E., D.I.S.L.I., C.C.R.T., C.B.S., C.C.C.G. courses): 10+2 with PCM/PCB or its equivalent examination from a recognized Central/State Board of Education with minimum 50% marks. *(Please refer to the respective syllabus on RCI website for more information)*
- iv. Sign Language (DTISL Course): Only for deaf candidates, 10+2 or its equivalent from a recognized Central/State Board of Education with minimum 45% marks aggregate, Certificate of Disability (Deaf), proficient receptive and productive skills in ISL. *(Please refer to the respective syllabus on RCI website for more information)*
- v. D.C.E.&A.T.(VI): Only for visually impaired candidates, successful completion of 10+2 or senior secondary examination or equivalent from a recognized Board of Education with minimum 50% marks. Relaxation/Reservation norms will be as per respective Governments as applicable. *(Please refer to the respective syllabus on RCI website for more information)*
- vi. Appearing candidates at 10+2 level examination may also apply; provided they are eligible as per the eligibility criteria of the applied course otherwise their candidature shall be rejected. However, relaxation of marks at 10+2 level for candidates belonging to reserved category for admission to Diploma level courses will be applicable as per the policy of the concerned Central/UT's, State Govt. with evidentiary documents by the TTI.
- vii. Parents and Siblings of PwDs shall be given preference in admission on the basis of percentage of disability with minimum 50% disability -5 marks and maximum 10 marks for 100% disability (applicable to the first blood relation only).
- viii. All the admissions to all the RCI's approved certificate and diploma level courses for the academic session 2026-27 are on Merit basis only and no entrance examination to be conducted.

Tentative Schedule for Online Admissions-2026

Particulars	Tentative Timelines
Circular on Portal	22-Jul-26
Online Registration (including Choice filling) Start date	05-Aug-26
Online Registration (including Choice filling) End date	24-Aug-26
TTI wise Merit list Live (1st Round merit list) (1st choice course - TTI wise)	26-Aug-26
Reporting at Institute for Admission - Start date (1st Round counselling) (verification of candidate documents, admissions and self declaration of verification by TTIs)	29-Aug-26
Reporting at Institute for Admission – End date (1st Round counselling)	03-Sep-26
TTI wise Merit list Live (2nd Round merit list) (2nd choice course – TTI wise)	05-Sep-26
Reporting at Institute for Admission – Start date (2nd Round counselling) (verification of candidate documents, admissions and self declaration of verification by TTIs)	08-Sep-26
Reporting at Institute for Admission – End date (2nd Round counselling)	11-Sep-26
Final list of all admitted candidates TTI wise and Pending candidates (showing remarks of the TTI for non admitted candidates, if any)	15-Sep-26
Commencement of Classes	18-Sep-26

Registration Fee:

Rs. 500/- for General/UR and Rs. 350/- for OBC, EWS, SC, ST, PwD candidates.

Interested candidates are advised to visit NBERs website <https://nber-rehabcouncil.gov.in> for detailed information regarding instruction, admission guidelines, schedule, list of diploma & certificate level courses, duration, eligibility, syllabus, course fee, State-wise list of Training institutes, etc.


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Member Secretary, RCI &
Secretary, NBER

To

All concerned

Encl.: SOP for TTIs & candidates

- To be uploaded on NBER and RCI website for information

Standard Operating Process (SOP) to get the admissions of Certificate & Diploma level training programme for the academic session 2026-27

For Institutions:

1. Only Training institute those have uploaded faculty as per norms, geotagged photo, confirmed availability of Biometric Attendance System (BAS) on NBER portal and have paid affiliation fees till 2025-26 will be eligible in admission process
2. Training institute shall visit the NBER e-Portal at <https://nber-rehabcouncil.gov.in> and login to their dashboard. In case the Institution does not have a User ID and Password, the same may be obtained by contacting the System Administrator through e-mail at rci-depwd@gov.in
3. Training institute may download the Instructions for admission from its dashboard on NBER portal.
4. The merit wise list of candidates applied online as first / second choice for the training programme in the respective institute can be seen in descending order.
5. Training institute can see merit wise available candidates with 1:2 of sanctioned intake for the first round and merit wise available candidates with 1:3 for vacant seat of sanctioned intake for the second round
6. Training institute can see the seats marked & confirmed by the candidate in their institute as per choice if within sanctioned intake on start date of reporting.
7. Training institute shall admit as per the merit wise list in order as per the reservation policy, if applicable.
8. A Special Committee to be constituted of following members for admissions by the institution:
 - a. Head of the Training Institute / HoD of the University : Chairperson
 - b. Principal or its nominee of any nearby Govt. School : Member
9. Candidate will report to the concerned training institute along with the requisite original documents i.e. acknowledgement of online admission-2026, original 10th and 12th marksheet, passing certificate, category certificate (in case candidates belongs to reserved category or PwD) etc. for confirmation of their admission as per the schedule mentioned in the aforesaid circular
10. Training institute must verify all the requisite information and documents of the candidates as per norms & guidelines, prior to confirmation of admission on the online admission portal
11. The candidates reflecting in more than one TTI during admission as per the merit will automatically be deleted once admitted by the Training Institute. Where the candidates are not admitted, the reasons will have to be mentioned by the training institute else the panel will not close and the admissions taken will not be confirmed.
12. If the candidate has marked the seat and not reported for admission in the training institute during the first round till 2nd September or till 10th September in second round, the confirmation of seat will be cancelled and the training institute may admit the next eligible candidate from the list on the last day of the respective round
13. Parents and Siblings of PwDs shall be given preference in admission on the basis of percentage of disability with minimum 50% disability -5 marks and maximum 10 marks for 100% disability (applicable to the first blood relation only).
14. Acknowledgement to be issued by training institute to all the candidates reported for admission.
15. Training institute shall admit merit wise candidates strictly in accordance with the eligibility criteria of the respective training programme, as prescribed in the approved syllabus available on the RCI website
16. Training institute must verify all the requisite information and documents of the candidates, prior to confirmation of admission on the online admission portal. TTIs will upload on the NBER ePortal a signed and stamped declaration mentioning '***all candidate details have been verified and the TTI will be held responsible for any corrections in future***' along with the merit list of admitted candidates signed &



stamped by the Special Committee of the Training institute. No separate list to be submitted through email or any other form to any NBER

17. Once admitted list is confirmed on portal, no changes will be granted.
18. The details of admitted candidates shall be seen by the respective NBER for verification on their portal only after the institute uploads the signed & stamped undertaking and merit list of admissions.
19. Candidate will get an option of change/modification for details filled in the online form during 21st to 23rd August only. This chance will be granted only once during the period.
20. The candidate if admitted in 1st round will not be seen in the merit list of 2nd round
21. After the end date of 1st round counselling or 2nd round counselling the merit list will be terminated and admission cannot be claimed
22. Admissions will be only through 1st or 2nd counselling merit list. No other chances will be granted.
23. In case any training institute fails to report on the online admission portal within the stipulated timeline it will be presumed that no admission has been taken.
24. The entire admission process shall be completed within the stipulated time period. No admissions shall be entertained after the due date under any circumstances.
25. All Admissions made by the Institutions shall be treated as provisional until enrolment number are issued by NBER-RCI.
26. In cases where students fail to pay the prescribed admission fees or are not interested, the concerned Teacher Training Institutes (TTIs) may take new admission by deleting the name of the candidate and then filling the vacant seat only from the online admission 2026 waiting list data. Re-admission should be strictly with deletion-addition pattern only.
27. The NBER reserves right to cancel the candidature of any admitted candidate at any stage, if it is found incorrect or misleading information furnished by the Institution and/or candidate.
28. Biometric attendance is mandatory for all students and faculty.
29. In case if a student does not have a regional language then the TTI should ensure that the candidate should be able to learn the basic regional language as a part of their curriculum for teaching and communication with children with disabilities and their parents in regional language during the course.



For Candidates:

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2. The candidates will have to create User ID.
3. Using the ID the candidate will apply online registration form completing all details including language of learning & examination
4. Candidate will fill choices of Course wise TTIs from any State for the First round and Second round (counselling) in the registration form. Choices will be limited to two Courses and maximum three TTIs from any State for both the courses.
5. The candidate will also upload all necessary scanned original colour documents and pay online registration fees as eligible.
6. Candidate must verify all entered data along with supporting documents and submit a self-declaration of correctness of their data, including the language option for learning & examination
7. Candidate will get an option of change/modification for details filled in the online form during 21st to 23rd August only. This chance will be granted only once during the period.
8. The candidate will receive an acknowledgement of online application with photo.
9. As per the timeline in Circular, on login on NBER portal the candidate will be able to see the merit list of eligible candidate as per first choice of course with chosen TTI wise published on portal
10. Candidates will have to mark the seat & confirm in the desired TTI of choice if within sanctioned intake before start date of reporting. In case of being in waiting list (i.e above intake), will have to track for updation till the admissions are continued.
11. If the candidate has marked the seat and not reported for admission in the TTI during the first round till 2nd September or till 10th September in second round, the confirmation of seat will be cancelled and the TTI may admit the next eligible candidate on the last day of the respective round
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