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Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)

Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

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Dated: 26th July, 2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Revision of the existing guidelines for the scheme of Free Coaching for Students with Disabilities(SwDs).

The undersigned is directed to say that the competent authority has approved certain modifications in the Guidelines of Free Coaching for Students with Disabilities (SwDs) which is being implemented by this Department under the Umbrella Scheme "Scholarships for Students with Disabilities".

2. Accordingly, the changes, as per **Annexure**, in respect of the Free coaching Scheme shall be applicable from the date of issue of this O.M. The complete Guidelines of the Scholarship Scheme of this Department is available on https://depwd.gov.in/.

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Encl :- As above To.

- 1. Chief secretaries/Principal Secretaries of all States/UTs.
- 2. All NIs/CRCs/Implementing Agencies concerned.

Copy for information to :-

- 1. PS to Hon'ble Minister SJ&E
- 2. PS to Hon'ble MoS (RA)/PS to Hon'ble MoS (BLV)
- 3. Sr. PPS to Secretary, DEPwD
- 4. PPS to JS(RY)/PS to JS(RS)/PPS to DDG
- 5. PS to JS & FA
- 6. To all Directors/DS of DEPwD

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		The courses for which the coaching will be imparted shall be as follows:	The courses for which the coaching will be imparted shall be as follows:
		 i. Recruitment examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission(UPSC) for Group 'A' posts, the Staff Selection Commission(SSC) for Group 'B' and 'C' posts and the various Railway Recruitment Boards(RRBs) for Group 'A', 'B' and 'C' posts; ii. Recruitment examinations conducted by the State Public Service Commissions for Group 'A', 'B' and 'C' posts in the respective States; iii. Recruitment examinations conducted by Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS), Nationalized Banks, Government Insurance Companies and Public Undertakings (PSUs) for Officer level/Clerical level posts under them. iv. Entrance Examinations for admission to (a) Engineering(e.g IIT-JEE), (b) Medical(e.g NEET), (c) Professional Courses like Management(e.g CAT) and Law(e.g CLAT), and (d) Any other such disciplines/courses as Ministry may decide from time to time 	by Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS), Nationalized Banks, Government Insurance Companies and Public Undertakings (PSUs) for Officer level/Clerical level posts under them.

14.3 NUMBER OF SLOTS AND ITS DISTRIBUTION

There will be 1000 yearly slots under Free There will be 1000 yearly slots under Free Coaching Scheme, out of which 60% slots (i.e Coaching Scheme, out of which 60% slots 600) will be earmarked for competitive (i.e 600) will be earmarked for competitive examinations relating to recruitment Government Services and 40% (i.e 400) for Government Services and 40% (i.e 400) for entrance examinations for admission to various entrance examinations for admission to professional courses.

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(b) deaf, hard of hearing and	130
speech and language disability	
(c) locomotor disability including	130
cerebral palsy, leprosy cured,	
dwarfism, acid attack victims and	
muscular dystrophy	
(d) autism, intellectual disability,	130
specific learning disability,	
mental illness and multiple	
disabilities	
(e) Other disabilities such as	80
chronic neurological	
conditions(multiple sclerosis and	
parkinson's disease) and blood	
disorder(haemophilia, thalassemia	
and sickle cell disease)	

However, in case of non-availability of eligible applicants in any of the above categories, unutilized slots under that category may rationally be utilized for other categories having more number of applicants.

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Secretary/Director(Scholarship),

coaching), D/o SJE- Member

- iv. Director, Dr. Ambedkar Foundation-Member
- v. Director/ Deputy Secretary, Scholarship, DEPwD

Secretary, DEPwd will be approving authority to the recommendation of selection committee.

DEPwD-Member

5 14.6 GENERAL CONDITION FOR IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

- i. Signing of MoU: Implementing agency (IA) shall sign MoU with the Department indicating, among other things, the slots allocated courses to be offered with slots per course, fee to be charged per student, duration of the course, date of commencement conclusion of the course, etc.
- ii. Renewal of MoU: The signed MoU shall be applicable for a period of three years from the date of its signing. The empanelment can be renewed for a further period subject to fulfilment of performance criteria, willingness of the Implementing Agency and other material factor(s) at the time of the renewal of MoU
- iii. Every year performance of the IA will be reviewed by the Department
- iv. IA will not allow outsourcing for coaching
- v. IA will ensure that the coaching for the indicated course will be provided in its own campus
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viii. Responsibility of Implementing Agency about the eligibility of students: The Implementing Agency shall check the viii. credentials relating to educational, UDID card/disability certificate, income, etc, of the student coached by them from the originals of such documents and certify that they are satisfied that these students are genuine and eligible students. After listing the candidates, implementing agency shall forward a list of all short listed candidates to this Department. If at any stage it is found out that any or all of such students were not eligible on account of education, category of disability, annual family income, etc, the Implementing Agency coaching the student shall be solely responsible. No fee/stipend shall be released in respect of such students and further if any payment has already released to such students before coming into knowledge of their ineligibility for availing benefits under the scheme, the amount shall be recovered from the students and concerned institute with penalty, if any, decided by the Department.

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6 14.7 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND OTHER CONDITIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

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- iv. Unique Disability ID(UDID) or UDID enrolment number with disability certificate is mandatory.
- v. Not more than two children with disabilities of the same parents will be entitled to receive benefits of the scheme. In case the second child is a twin, the benefits under the scheme will be admissible to the twin.
- vi. Benefits under the scheme can be availed by a particular student not more than once, irrespective of the number of vi. chances he/she may be entitled to take in a particular competitive examination and irrespective of the number of stages in the exam.
- vii. Only students with benchmark disability, having total family income from all sources of Rs 8.00 lakh or less per annum will be eligible for benefits under the scheme.
- viii. Income certificate: Income declaration of self-employed parens/guardian should be in the form of a certificate issued by a Revenue Officer not below the rank ofviii. Tehsildar/NaibTehsildar. **Employed** parents/guardians are required to obtain income certificate from their employer and submit consolidated income certificate from Revenue Officer including any other additional source of income.
- ix. For the competitive exams for which qualifying exam is class XII, benefits under the scheme will be available to a candidate only if the candidate has passed class XII or is studying in class XII as on date of receiving the benefits under the scheme. Student will be required to declare the marks obtained by him/her in

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- ix. For the recruitment examinations and entrance examinations, the eligibility for joining free coaching shall be the same as the eligibility prescribed for

- class X in the application form which shall be reckoned for the purpose of evaluating his/her eligibility. Students having less than 50% marks in their class X exam shall not be considered under the scheme.
- x. Further, in case of competitive exams for which the qualifying exam is at bachelor level, only students/candidates having completed the bachelor level course or studying in the final year of the bachelors degree course at the time of receiving the benefits under the scheme shall be eligible. Student will be required to declare the marks obtained by him/her in higher secondary examination which shall be reckoned for the purpose of evaluating his/her eligibility. Students having less xi. than 50% marks in their class XII exam shall not be considered under the scheme.
- xi. The candidate shall be precluded from availing benefits under any other coaching scheme of the centre or state government and will be required to provide a declaration to this effect.

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7 14.9 PRESCRIBED COURSES FEE AND PRESCRIBED COURSES FEE AND STIPEND

- Prescribed course fee and duration of the courses under free coaching scheme are as under:
- S1.N Coaching Maximu Minimum Course total and course fee *maximum in Rupees duration of course months Civil Services 75,000/-9-12 months Exam by UPSC/SPSCs SSC/RRB 40,000/-6-9 months Banking/insura 50,000/-6-9 months nce/PSU/CLA JEE/NEET 75,000/-9-12 months
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1	Civil Services	75,000/-	9-12 months
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	Service		
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	Public Service		
	Commissions		
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5	IES	75,000/-	9-12 months	2	Staff	40,000/-	6-9 months	
6	CAT/MAT	50,000/-	6-9 months		Selection			
7	CA-	75,000/-	9-12 months		Commission			
	CPT/GATE				(SSC)/State			
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	month				Undertakings			
(c) Book allowar	nce: Rs 50	000 per course		(PSUs)			
	(one time)			4	Common	40,000/-	6-9 months	
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				6	Common	40,000/-	6-9 months	
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				_	Test(CMAT)	40.000/		
				7	Chartered	40,000/-	6-9 months	
					Accountant-			
					Common			
					Proficiency Test (CA-			
					Test (CA-CPT)			
				8	Graduate	75,000/-	9-12 months	
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					Test(GATE)			
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10	University Entrance Test(CUET UG/PG)	10,000/-	o-7 months
10	Common	40,000/-	6-9 months
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	CSIR-UGC-		
	Test/Joint		
	Eligibility		
	National		
	Commission-		
	ty Grants		
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	Eligibility		
9	Teacher	40,000/-	6-9 months

*A minimum physical coaching of 16 hours per week will be mandatory for all the above courses.

- ii. Stipend and other allowances to be paid to the candidates
 - a) Stipend/Maintenance allowance: Rs 4000/- per month
 - b) Disability allowances: Rs 2000/- per month
 - c) Book allowance: Rs 5000 per course (one time)

Note:

Stipend / maintenance allowance / disability allowance shall be paid for the actual months of coaching or for the maximum prescribed duration, whichever is less, even if the concerned implementing agency has imparted coaching for a period beyond the maximum duration prescribed.

14.10 MODE OF DISBURSEMENT OF STIPEND MODE OF DISBURSEMENT OF AND FEE

Coaching fee, stipend and other admissible allowances shall be released through DBT mode in the candidate's Aadhaar enabled bank accounts in two

STIPEND AND FEE

Coaching fee/Tuition fee shall be released on advance basis through a Central Nodal Agency (CNA). CNA would release payment to

- of 50% each of the instalments admissible amount. The first instalment released immediately commencement of course and the second will be released instalment conclusion of more than 75% of the course duration. Book allowance will be paid in full as part of 1st instalment.
- ii. On receiving the coaching fee, the students will be required to remit or pay the portion of the institution fee immediately, not exceeding 15 days, to the implementing agency where they are getting coaching.

- Implementing Agency on monthly/Quarterly basis.
- ii. Stipend and other admissible allowances shall be released through DBT mode in the candidate's Aadhaar enabled bank account on a monthly/quarterly basis after receiving progress report on a monthly/quarterly basis.