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NOTIFICATION FOR E-COUNSELLING OF JEPBN-2026

The West Bengal Joint Entrance Examinations Board (WBJEEB) is empowered to conduct Common Entrance Examinations for selection of candidates for admission to undergraduate and postgraduate Professional, Vocational and General Degree Courses in the State of West Bengal and to conduct an online counselling process or otherwise adopt a single-window approach.

Accordingly, candidates must appear in the State Common Entrance Examination, or JEPBN-2026, and obtain a valid rank for admission to the Post Basic Nursing course at Government, Self-financing, or Private institutions in West Bengal. The JEPBN-2026 was conducted on 07-06-26, and the results have been published. Accordingly, WBJEEB will now start centralised online counselling, or e-counselling.

The e-counselling process will guide students on choosing colleges and courses based on their exam ranks. Students must read this notification carefully and stay updated on any new notices. By registering for e-counselling, students agree to follow all the rules and guidelines provided by the Board. Students must understand these rules to avoid confusion. The candidate must follow the "Seat Matrix", available on the Board's website in detail (especially the status of the Institution and Courses, which may not be reflected during choice filling) before choice filling. The Board will not be responsible if students do not understand the rules correctly.

This notification aims to ensure a fair and smooth admission process, giving all eligible students an equal chance to get into their desired courses and colleges.

The following rules and guidelines will be followed for e-counselling.

	RULES & GUIDELINES
1.0 Introduction	a) Centralised online process: - All stages of the JEPBN-2026 counselling process, including registration, choice filling, seat allotment, payment of the seat acceptance fee, and other related activities, shall be conducted online through the centralised e-counselling system. - The counselling will be for admission in the institutes and course as per the uploaded seat matrix. - The JEPBN-2026 e-counselling process will be done in three rounds.

	iv. Each round includes fresh registration, choice filling, seat assignment, fee payment, and provisional acceptance. v. The detailed schedule for the counselling process, including the activities and timelines for each round, has been notified separately by the Board. b) Counselling Scope: Seat allotment shall be made against the Institutes and course included in the approved Seat Matrix. The Board will make the approved Seat Matrix available on its websites before counselling begins. c) Eligibility for Registration: Any candidate who satisfies the prescribed eligibility criteria and has obtained a valid General Merit Rank (GMR) in JEPBN-2026 shall be eligible to register for e-counselling. d) No Conversion of Reserved Seats: The Board shall not convert or de-reserve any vacant seats earmarked for reserved categories (SC, ST, OBC, EWS, and PwD) into General (Unreserved) category seats in any round of counselling. Fees: The counselling registration fee shall be Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred only). The fee is non-refundable under any circumstances. If any payment fails or the transaction is unsuccessful due to technical reasons, the Board shall not be held responsible or liable.
2.0 Registration	Details to Provide: Candidates must submit personal information, academic details, bank account information (for potential refunds), and address during registration. a) JEPBN-2026 Information: Candidates must provide their JEPBN-2026 application number/roll number and rank, along with the relevant academic information based on their qualifying stream. b) During registration, candidates' information will be fetched from the information provided by the candidates during their application for the examination. c) Those candidates who have omitted their father's name/mother's name during application for examination; in their cases, the blanks in the backup data are to be replaced by 'NA'. These candidates will write 'NA' in places of father's name/mother's name and while writing father's/mother's name by the candidate during registration, a cursor tip message would appear as "If you omitted father's/mother's name during application for examination, write 'NA' here". d) Candidates need to provide Bank account details (in case of any refund), address, etc. e) Candidate must provide his/her application number/roll number for JEPBN-2026 and provide following academic information. i. Passing status, full marks and obtained marks of the qualifying examinations. ii. Nature of employment: West Bengal State Govt/ others (including ESI/Central Govt. employee). iii. If present employer is 'WB State Govt.', then whether can produce 'Letter of Permission' (TR) from the Dpt. of H&FW, Govt. of W.B. at the time of document verification. i. Work experience: The candidates presently employed by the West Bengal State Govt. must have at least 3 years' qualifying uninterrupted/regularised experience in Govt.

	service as on the last Date of application, i.e., 3 years upto to 18.04.2026. Choice validation and allotment are to be done based on the above inputs given by the candidate and applying the algorithm given in the attached eligibility criteria mapping. f) Accuracy in Registration Information: g) Candidates must exercise extreme caution when providing details during registration. Corrections or edits cannot be made after the final submission. WBJEEB will not be responsible for any input errors, including instances where no seat is allotted due to incorrect information provided by the candidate. Allotment: Refer to the eligibility criteria mentioned in the JEPBN-2026 Information Bulletin.
3.0 Eligibility for admission	See the concerned sections of the Information Bulletin. (3.0, 3.1, & 3.2. General criteria for admission to different course.
4.0 Domicile criteria	See the concerned sections of the Information Bulletin (6.0,6.1 & 6.2 Criteria to be treated as domicile of West Bengal and applicable proforma of certificate).
5.0 Reservation of seats	For SC/ST/OBC/EWS/PwD categories of students: a) Reservation policies will be according to the extant rules of the Govt. of WB for admission in reserved seats for SC/ST/ As per the Kolkata Gazette Notifications. The OBC reservation will be in accordance with the two Gazette Notifications published by the Backwards Classes Welfare Department, Govt. of West Bengal. The OBC candidates belonging to the Non-Creamy Layer (NCL) are eligible for consideration as reserved candidates only. OBC candidates must produce an updated NCL certificate during Counselling/ Admission. Additional information regarding OBC reservation and Non-Creamy Layer (NCL) status for admission, vide Memo No. 1037(64)/Secy-BCW/MR-33/2025(Pt.V), Dt. 20-05-26 is available on the Board's website. b) The number of category-wise reserved seats is reflected in the Counselling portal. c) Such reservation shall be restricted to candidates who are Indian citizen and domiciled in West Bengal only. d) Candidates claiming reservation must submit a relevant Certificate issued by the competent Authorities. Reservation of seats for PWD candidates a) According to Section 2(r) of the RPWD Act, 2016, "persons with benchmark disabilities" means a person with not less than forty per cent (40%) of a specified disability where specified disability has not been defined in measurable terms and includes a person with disability where specified disability has been defined in measurable terms, as certified by the certifying authority. b) Accordingly, reservation in PWD seats will be available for several types of disabilities, the percentage of disability being not less than 40%. (Ref. JEPBN-2026 Information Bulletin, page 13, Clause 10.0 and APPENDIX-8).

	c) PWD certificates are to be issued by any of the authorities as given in the Order No. 289-HF /O/PHP/IR-05/2017 dated 29.08.2018 by the Government of West Bengal, Health & Family Welfare Department (PHP Branch). Certificates are to be produced for verification by the allotted Institute during counselling, admission, etc. If at that time, it is found that any information given by the candidate is/are not correct or if the candidate is unable to produce certificate/document/ proof valid as per the then applicable rules as on the date of its verification, his/her information will be corrected/modified accordingly and the candidate may be reconsidered in the next round of counselling (if any).
6.0 Choice filling	a) During registration, once academic scores are given and registration fees paid, the candidate can view all Institutes and courses available to him/her according to his/her eligibility criteria based on the inputs provided by him/her. b) After selecting the institutes/courses, the candidate will arrange his/her choices in order of his/her priority. c) If a candidate does not give any choice, obviously, he/she will not be given any allotment for the concerned round. d) The choices are shown in alphabetical order to make the search easy. Candidates can also search for details by Institute and Branch. e) Candidates must be very judicious and cautious while selecting the choices. Candidates are advised to select the maximum possible number of Institutes/branches. This increases the chance of allotment. The candidate can either opt for UPGRADATION after accepting the current allotment or opt for a fresh choice fill-up for the next round, if any. Candidates are advised to select at least 20 choices
7.0 Choice locking	Candidates must lock his/her choices within the pre-announced date (as per the schedule provided). Candidates can also take a printout of his/her locked choices. If a candidate fails/forgets to lock his/her choices by the pre-announced deadline, his/her last saved choices will be considered final and locked automatically after the scheduled date and time.
8.0	ROUND-1 COUNSELLING
8.1 Purpose of Round-1	Round-1 shall be the initial seat allotment round in which all candidates who have successfully completed registration, paid the prescribed counselling registration fee, submitted their choices, and completed choice locking. Such candidates may be considered for seat allotment as per their eligibility.
8.2 Basis of Allotment	Seat allotment in Round-1 shall be carried out strictly on the basis of: - General Merit Rank (GMR) ; - Eligibility criteria prescribed for the respective institute and course; - Reservation rules and category status of the candidate; - Availability of seats; and - Order of choices submitted and locked by the candidate. Candidates belonging to reserved categories may be allotted seats in the Unreserved (UR) category if they meet the eligibility requirements prescribed for UR candidates, including merit rank, eligibility, and vacancy status.
8.3	a) Round-1 allotment results shall be published on the notified date.

Publication of Allotment Result	b) Candidates may also be informed through SMS and/or other electronic means. c) Candidates must log in to the counselling portal to view their allotment status and download the allotment letter.
8.4 Allotment Round-1	a) Candidates allotted in 1st choice: All the candidates must complete the document verification and take admission to the allotted institute within the stipulated time. If the candidate fails to do so, the candidate will be debarred from the entire counselling procedure and will not be eligible for any further rounds. b) Candidates allotted in 2nd or later choice: Such candidates may pay the seat acceptance fee and complete the document verification with “Yes” or “No” upgradation. The ‘No’ upgradation candidates must complete the admission procedure, failing which the candidate will be debarred from the entire counselling procedure and will not be eligible for any further round. The ‘Yes’ upgradation candidates will automatically be eligible for the next round with their existing choice, and they are not eligible for a fresh choice fill-up in the very next round. c) Candidates did not get any seats: Such candidates are automatically eligible for the next round with their existing choice fill-up. Those candidates may also opt for fresh choice fill-up in the very next round. d) Candidates allotted in 2nd or later choice but non-responsive: Such candidates, either paid the seat acceptance fee but did not verify the document or did not pay any seat acceptance fee, will be eligible for the next round with their existing choice fill-up. Those candidates may also opt for fresh choice fill-up in the very next round. e) Eligible for fresh choice fill-up in Round 2: - Freshly registered candidates in Round 2. - Not allotted any seats in Round 1. - Allotted in 2nd or later choice in Round 1 but non-responsive (Seat acceptance fee paid or not). f) Seat cancelled in Round 1 during document verification.
9.0	Round 2 Counselling
9.1 Allotment Round-2	a) Candidates allotted/upgraded in 1st choice: All the candidates must complete the document verification and admission to the allotted institute within the stipulated time. If the candidate fails to do so, the candidate will be debarred from the entire counselling procedure and will not be eligible for any further rounds. b) Candidates allotted for the 1st time in their 2nd or later choice: Such candidates may pay the seat acceptance fee and complete the document verification with “Yes” or “No” upgradation. No-upgradation candidates must complete the admission procedure; failing which, the candidate will be debarred from the entire counselling procedure and will not be eligible for any further round. Yes upgradation candidates will automatically be eligible for the next round with the existing choice and will not be eligible for a fresh choice fill-up in the very next round. c) Candidates upgraded in 2nd or later choice: Such Candidates may opt for “No” upgradation and complete the admission procedure in respective institutes, failing which the candidate will be debarred from

	the entire counselling procedure. In case of “Yes” upgradation for the next round, the candidate need not do anything. d) Candidates did not get any seats: Such candidates are automatically eligible for the next round with their existing choice fill-up. Those candidates may also opt for fresh choice fill-up in the very next round. e) Candidates allotted in 2nd or later choice but non-responsive: Such candidates, either who paid the seat acceptance fee but did not verify the document or did not pay any seat acceptance fee, will be eligible for the next round with their existing choice fill-up. Those candidates may also opt for a fresh choice fill-up in the very next round. Such candidates from both Round 1 and Round 2. f) Eligible for fresh choice fill-up in Round 3: - Freshly registered candidates in Round 3. - Not allotted any seats in Round 1 and Round 2. - Seat cancelled in Round 2 during document verification. - Allotted in 2nd or later choice in Round 2 but non-responsive (Seat acceptance fee paid or not). g) Candidates who have allotted a seat in 2nd or later choice in Round 1, completed document verification with “Yes” upgradation and retain the seat in Round 2 or upgraded in 2nd or later choice in Round 2.
9.2 General rules for 2nd and 3rd Round registration	If any existing eligible candidate opts for a fresh choice in Round 2 or Round 3, his/her previous choice fill up/previous allotment (if any) will be cancelled. Such candidates must fill new choices for possible allotment for the respective round.
10.0 Exit Rules from Counselling	- Candidates withdrawn from Counselling during 2nd round. - Candidates who have been allotted a seat in their 1st choice in any round and did not complete document verification and admission procedure at the respective institute will be debarred from the entire counselling process. - After document verification, if the candidate does not meet the minimum eligibility criteria, the candidate will be exited from the counselling procedure. - Candidates with “No” upgradation status after document verification in any round must complete the admission procedure/PI reporting for the respective round(s). Failing which, the candidate will be debarred from the entire counselling procedure and will not be eligible for any future round.
11.0 Round-3 Counselling	- Final Round: Round-3 shall be the final round of the Online Centralised Counselling and shall be conducted against the vacancies remaining after completion of Round-2. - Reporting and Admission: Candidates receiving allotment shall complete Seat Acceptance (where applicable), reporting, document verification and admission within the notified schedule. - No Further Upgradation: Since Round-3 shall be the final counselling round, no further upgradation or change of allotted seat shall ordinarily be permitted.

	d) Non-reporting: Candidates failing to complete the prescribed admission formalities within the stipulated period shall forfeit their claim to the allotted seat. e) Closure of Counselling: Upon completion of Round–3 admissions, the Online Centralised Counselling process for the Academic Session 2026–27 shall stand concluded.		
12.0 Document Verification	Physical document verification by the allotted institute is mandatory. Candidates must present printed allotment letters, rank cards, 10th admit cards (for DOB), domicile certificates, category certificates, etc.		
	1.	All candidates	Provisional Seat Allotment Letter.
	2.	All candidates	Rank card
	3.	All candidates	Class 10 th admit card/birth certificate for verification of date of birth.
	4.	All candidates	Mark sheets of all semesters of the qualifying examination
	5.	All candidates	Nursing certificate
	6.	WB State Govt. employee	1. 'Letter of Permission' (TR) 2. Experience certificate.
	7.	SC/ST/OBC/OBC/EWS candidates	Respective category certificate as per sections 5.0, 8.0 and 9.0 of Information Bulletin. Candidates with OBC certificates should have a NCL certificate issued by the competent authority
	8.	PwD Candidates	Respective category certificate as per sections 10.1 of the Information Bulletin. PwD status must be verified by authorised Hospitals, and institutes.*
	9.	All candidates	Must carry a mobile phone with the same Mobile number registered during application to receive calls at the final stage of admission confirmation.
Verification Outcomes: - If WB domicile status is cancelled, the allotment is cancelled and carried over to the next round as an Outside WB candidate. - If a reserved category (SC/ST/OBC/EWS) is rejected, the allotment is cancelled and carried over to the next round as a General candidate. - If the PwD certificate is not accepted, the allotment is cancelled and carried over to the next round as a General candidate. * N.B. Reservation of seats for PwD candidates			

	As intimated by the Dept. of H&FW, Govt. of W.B., reservation in the PwD category will be available only for 40% to 50% locomotor disability in the lower limbs. All candidates claiming to be in the PwD category will have to report in person to the Government Medical Colleges & Hospitals in five (5) divisions of West Bengal on a scheduled date for physical verification. i. Presidency Division (Kolkata, North 24 Pgs, South 24 Pgs, Howrah & Nadia)- IPGME&R -SSKM Hospital, Kolkata. ii. Medinipur Division (Purba Medinipur, Paschim Medinipur, Jhargram, Purulia & Bankura) – Medinipur Medical College & Hospital, Paschim Medinipur. iii. Burdwan Division (Purba Bardhaman, Paschim Bardhaman, Hooghly & Birbhum) –Burdwan Medical College & Hospital, Purba Bardhaman iv. Malda Division (Malda, Uttar Dinajpur, Dakshin Dinajpur & Murshidabad) – Malda Medical College & Hospital, Malda v. Jalpaiguri Division (Jalpaiguri, Coochbehar, Alipurduar, Darjeeling & Kalimpong) – North Bengal Medical College & Hospital, Darjeeling. N.B. (i) The Candidates are instructed to attend PwD verification at the Medical Colleges & Hospitals designated for the cause based on their residence, as listed above. Any certificate from other Medical Colleges & Hospitals will not be entertained under any circumstances. (ii) If the candidate fails to report in person to the Government Medical Colleges & Hospitals in the five divisions of West Bengal on a scheduled date for physical verification, the candidate will be considered a non-PwD candidate. (iii) No changes to the category will be entertained after the last date for correction of the application form.
13.0 Exit Conditions	After successful document verification, candidates shall select either the "YES (Upgradation)" or "NO (No Upgradation)" option, as applicable, during the counselling process. The "YES (Upgradation)" option shall be available only to candidates who remain eligible for consideration in a subsequent counselling round in accordance with the approved counselling rules. Candidates who have been allotted their first preferred choice, or who are not eligible for any further round of counselling, shall not be required to exercise the upgradation option. Failure by an eligible candidate to exercise the applicable option within the prescribed period shall be deemed unwillingness to continue in the counselling process, and the candidate shall forfeit the right to participate in any subsequent round, where applicable.
14.0	Allotments shall be liable to cancellation if, at any stage of scrutiny or verification, it is found that a candidate is not eligible for the allotted seat or

Cancellation Rules	has furnished incorrect, false, or misleading information. The present allotment may be cancelled, and candidates may be considered in the next round with their revised academic scores/categories.
15.0 Refund Provisions	Refund, withdrawal, and forfeiture of the Seat Acceptance Fee shall be governed exclusively by the refund policy notified separately by the Board. A candidate may withdraw during the specified withdrawal period. Upon successful withdrawal, the full amount will be refunded through online banking within 60 to 90 days after all rounds conclude, and the candidate will cease to be eligible for future rounds.
16.0 Reserved Category Rules	Reservation policies apply strictly for candidates who are Indian citizens and domiciled in West Bengal. OBC reservation will follow the relevant Gazette Notifications; OBC candidates must produce NCL certificates. PwD candidates must verify their status at designated Government Medical Colleges for physical verification. Certificates are verified during counselling, and invalidation modifies the candidate to the General category for subsequent rounds.
17.0 No De-reservation Rule	The Board shall not convert or de-reserve any vacant seats earmarked for reserved categories (SC, ST, OBC, EWS, and PwD) into General (Unreserved) category seats in any round of the e-counselling process.
18.0 Institute Responsibilities	Document verification is entirely the responsibility of the allotted Institute. WBJEEB shall not be responsible for any mistakes in document verification and subsequent admission.
19.0 Candidate Responsibilities	Whenever a candidate is required to produce counselling documents (allotment letters, locked choices, receipts), only the original documents printed directly from the counselling portal shall be treated as valid. Screenshots, photographs, or manually reproduced copies shall not be accepted. Securing a rank does not guarantee admission if candidates fail to comply with criteria.
20.0 General Rules	a) Seat allotment results for each counselling round shall be published on the notified date as per the counselling schedule. b) All allotments shall be made strictly on the basis of the information furnished by the candidate during registration, the applicable merit rank, eligibility criteria, reservation status, availability of seats and the order of choices submitted and locked by the candidate. c) Candidates shall be required to log in to the counselling portal to view their allotment status and download the relevant allotment letter and other counselling documents. d) Candidates shall be required to log in to the counselling portal to view their allotment status and download the relevant allotment letter and other counselling documents. e) A candidate receiving a seat allotment for the first time in any counselling round shall be required to pay a 'Seat Acceptance Fee' of ₹1,000/- (Rupees one Thousand only) through the prescribed online payment modes and download the allotment letter. f) Failure to pay the Seat Acceptance Fee within the stipulated period shall result in cancellation of the allotment. The candidate's further participation in subsequent counselling rounds (except 1st choice

	allotment) shall thereafter be governed by the approved counselling rules applicable to the concerned category of candidate. g) After payment of the Seat Acceptance Fee, wherever applicable, the candidate shall report to the allotted Institute within the notified period for physical verification of documents. h) Failure to complete document verification within the stipulated schedule shall result in cancellation of the current allotment. Eligibility for participation in subsequent rounds shall be governed by the approved counselling rules. In such case, if the candidate has already paid registration fee/seat acceptance fee, no additional fee is required for participation in any subsequent round(s) of counselling/allotment. i) If, at any stage of scrutiny or verification, it is found that a candidate is not eligible for the allotted seat or has furnished incorrect, false or misleading information, the allotment and/or admission shall be liable to cancellation. j) Whenever a candidate is required to produce counselling documents such as allotment letters, locked-choice statements, participation confirmations, admission letters, physical reporting receipts or similar records, only the original documents generated through the counselling portal shall be treated as valid. Screenshots, photographs or manually reproduced copies shall not be accepted. k) Automatic category upgradation within the same Institute and the same course may occur if vacancies arise in a higher-preference reservation category for which the candidate is eligible. l) If a candidate receives an upgraded allotment in any counselling round, the earlier allotment shall stand automatically cancelled and released for allotment to other eligible candidates according to merit and reservation rules. Such upgradation shall be irreversible, and the candidate shall not be entitled to reclaim the earlier allotment. m) If no upgradation occurs, the candidate shall continue to retain the previously accepted allotment, subject to compliance with the applicable counselling rules. n) Refund, withdrawal and forfeiture of the Seat Acceptance Fee shall be governed exclusively by the refund policy notified separately by the Board from time to time. o) If any change occurs in domicile reservation in any institution, these changes have to be reflected in the seat matrix. Candidates are advised to follow the seat matrix available on the Board's website, which will be treated as final. p) Candidates are advised to regularly visit the Board's website and counselling portal for notifications, corrigenda, schedules and counselling-related updates.
21.0 Seat Matrix	The counselling portals at www.wbjeeb.nic.in and www.wbjeeb.in provide information on seat availability across various institutions, branches, and categories, as per the Seat Matrix issued by the Dept. of Health & Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal.

23.0 Information Disclosure	The WBJEEB shall provide a candidate with information relating to his/her own status in the common entrance examination and the e-counselling process upon request. For this purpose, candidates may contact the Board individually through the prescribed mode. However, the Board shall not disclose any information pertaining to the candidature, rank, allotment status, or any other personal details of any other candidate.
24.0 Legal Jurisdiction	a) All matters relating to the JEPBN-2026 e-counselling process shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta. b) The Board shall not be a party to any dispute arising out of, or in connection with, the admission process to any course of study after allotment through the JEPBN-2026 e-counselling process. Any such dispute shall be resolved between the concerned candidate and the respective admitting institution or other competent authority, as applicable.
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