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Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)

Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan,
C.G.O. Complex, New Delhi -110003
Date: 10 September, 2025

Office Memorandum

Subject: Clarification on applicability of revised Comprehensive Guidelines for conducting competitive written public examinations dated 01.08.2025 for Persons with Disabilities under the RPwD Act, 2016.

In continuation to the Department's Office Memorandum of even number dated 1st August 2025, whereby revised Comprehensive Guidelines for conducting competitive written public examinations (linked to employment or admission to professional or technical courses) for Persons with Disabilities under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 were issued, the following clarifications are hereby issued:

1. In view of the likely lack of preparedness of Examining Bodies for introduction & application of technology for conduct of exams & keeping in mind both larger & immediate interest of the Divyangjan community, this is to state that all the competitive public examinations **notified/ to be notified until and including 31st December, 2025** may be conducted as per the system in vogue before issuing the said Guidelines dated 01.08.2025 i.e. as per the DEPwD Guidelines dated 29 August 2018, subsequent corrigendum and the Guidelines issued on 10th August 2022.
2. However, the Divyangjan applicants who are appearing in the competitive examinations during the intervening period and are willing to adopt the use of technology/ Assistive Devices for writing the exam independently, may be accommodated and encouraged by the Examining Bodies to the reasonable extent possible.
3. Meanwhile, DEPwD shall undertake wider and more extensive stakeholder consultations on the subject of examination guidelines, including various Examining Bodies, divyang community and other stakeholders.
4. All Ministries, Departments, Examining Bodies and relevant authorities are requested to adhere strictly to the above clarification and ensure compliance with the notified timelines and provisions of the applicable Guidelines.
5. This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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To

1. The Secretary, all Ministries/Department as per standard list
2. The Chairperson, UPSC, Shahjahan Road, New Delhi.
3. The Chairperson, SSC, Block No.12, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003.

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4. The Chairperson, University Grants Commission Chairperson, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110002
5. The Chairperson, Railway Board, M/o Railways
6. The Chairperson, National Testing Agency, First Floor, NSIC-MDBP Building, Okhla Industrial Estate, New Delhi, Delhi 110020
7. All National Institutes and RCI under the administrative control of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of SJ&E, New Delhi

Copy for information to:

- a. O/o the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Dwarka, New Delhi
- b. The Director, IT Cell, DEPwD with a request to kindly arrange uploading the OM to DEPwD website at the link <https://depwd.gov.in/guidelines-2/> and also under What's New section