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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: 30 March, 2026

Office Memorandum

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

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's Office Memorandum dated 01.08.2025, vide which the Guidelines for conduct of written examinations for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBDs) were revised, and to the subsequent Office Memorandum dated 10.09.2025, wherein it was clarified that, in view of the preparedness of examining bodies and in the interest of the Divyangjan community, all competitive public examinations notified or to be notified up to and including 31.12.2025 would continue to be conducted as per the Guidelines dated 29.08.2018, the subsequent corrigendum thereto, and the Guidelines issued on 10.08.2022. Further, vide subsequent Office Memorandum dated 30.12.2025, the abeyance of the applicability of the revised Guidelines dated 01.08.2025 was extended beyond 31.12.2025 up to 31.03.2026.

2. In continuation thereof, and in view of the ongoing stakeholder consultations with examining bodies and organizations representing persons with disabilities, it has been decided, with the approval of the competent authority, to extend the abeyance of applicability of the revised Guidelines dated 01.08.2025 beyond 31.03.2026 and up to 30.06.2026.
3. Accordingly, all competitive public examinations notified or to be notified up to and including 30.06.2026 shall continue to be conducted in accordance with the Guidelines dated 29.08.2018, the subsequent corrigendum thereto, and the Guidelines issued on 10.08.2022.
4. This issues 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.
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. The Chairman, IBPS
8. The Chairman, CBSE, CBSE Integrated Office Complex, Sector-23, Phase - I, Dwarka New Delhi - 110077
9. 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