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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Scheme of Free Coaching for Students with Disabilities**

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Government of India is implementing the Scheme to providing free coaching to the students with disabilities.

**Objective**

The objective of the Scheme is to provide coaching for economically disadvantaged students with disabilities, having minimum 40% or more disability to enable them to appear in competitive examinations and succeed in obtaining an appropriate job in Government / Private Sector.

**Course Detail**

The courses for which the coaching is imparted are as follows:-

- Recruitment examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission(UPSC), the Staff Selection Commission(SSC) and the various Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) for Group 'A'and 'B' posts;
- Recruitment examinations conducted by the state public service commission for group 'A' and 'B' posts in the respective states.
- Recruitment examinations conducted by Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS), Nationalized Banks, Government Insurance Companies and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) for Officer level posts under them.
- Entrance Examinations for admission in
  - Engineering (eg. IIT-JEE)
  - Medical (eg. NEET)
  - Professional courses like Management (eg. CAT)
  - Law (eg. CLAT) and
  - Any other such discipline as Ministry may decide from time to time

### **Eligibility Criteria for applying for empanelment of Coaching Institutes:**

- The institute should be a registered body or run by any organization registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 /Companies Act, 2013 or any other relevant Act of the State / Union territory.
- The institute should have been registered at least for a period of 3 years as on date of notification inviting applications from States / UTs/ Coaching Institutes for empanelment by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
- The institute should have been fully functional for a minimum period of 3 years at the time of applying under this Scheme and having a minimum enrolment of 100 students in the courses as indicated at Para-3 here in above each year for at least two years, immediately prior to the year in which empanelment is sought
- The institute must have proper infrastructure (barrier free) to meet all prescribed requirements for providing coaching in the courses applied for.

### **Eligibility criteria and selection of candidates:**

- (i) Free coaching under this scheme will be available to students with disabilities who are covered under the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunity, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 and the National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999 and any other relevant Act issued by the Govt. of India from time to time.
- (ii) The students should be selected by the coaching institute based on academic criteria prescribed by the institute itself. However, the institute may relax these criteria for PwDs candidates as per terms to be laid down in the Agreement.
- (iii) The candidate should be eligible to appear at the examination for which he/she is obtaining the coaching under this Scheme.
- (iv) Income Ceiling: Only students with disabilities having total family income from all sources of Rs.6.00 lakh or less per annum will be eligible to apply under the Scheme.
- (v) Benefits under the Scheme can be availed by a particular student not more than once, irrespective of the number of chances he/she may be entitled to take in a particular competitive examination. The coaching institute will also be required

to take an undertaking from the students that they have not taken benefit more than once under the Scheme.

(vi) Candidates who are not availing the benefits of free coaching under any other scheme of the Central Govt, are eligible under the scheme. The coaching institute will also be required to take an undertaking from the students that they have not availed benefit of free coaching under any other scheme of the Central Govt.

(vii) However, notwithstanding the provision at para (v) above, where examination is conducted in two stages viz. Preliminary and Main, the candidates will be entitled for free coaching for both the stages of examinations. They will be entitled for free coaching separately for both the Preliminary and Main examinations as per their convenience. However, there will be no restriction in number of chances for coaching for Interview, if the candidate is selected for interview.

(viii) Attendance: In the event of any student remaining absent for more than 15 days without any valid reason, benefits of free coaching to him/her shall be discontinued under intimation to the DEPwD.

(ix) Duration of Coaching Assistance: On completion of the first year, if a student wants to continue for the second year, he/she has to apply for renewal of coaching assistance.

### **Provision of Stipend**

Monthly stipend of Rs.2500/- (Rupees Two Thousand and Five Hundred only) per student will be paid for local students for attending the coaching class. Similarly, Rs.5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) per student will be paid p.m for outstation students. Special Allowance of Rs.2,000/- (Rupees Two Thousand only) per student p.m will be paid to students towards reader allowance, escort allowance, helper allowance etc.

**THE DETAIL GUIDELINES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE WEBSITE**

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