

Seat Reservation

Indian Nationals belonging to certain categories are admitted under the seats reserved for them in accordance with the rules prescribed by the Government of India. The categories and the extent of reservation are as follows:

I. Gen-EWS Category

General category belonging to Economically Weaker Section (GEN- EWS) – **10% of seats in every Programme**. The benefit of reservation will be given only to those General Category Candidates who satisfy the conditions given in the OM No. 20013/01/2018-BC-II dated 17 January 2019, issued by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. The criteria for GEN-EWS will be as per the prevailing norms and/or notifications of the Government of India.

GEN-EWS certificate is required which should have been issued on or after 01st April 2026 in consonance with the latest guidelines of the Government of India.

II. Other Backward Classes (OBC-NCL, Central List):

Other Backward Classes belonging to the Non-Creamy Layer (OBC- NCL) – **27% of seats in every Programme**.

- i.** OBCs should be listed in the current updated central list of OBCs (<http://www.ncbc.nic.in>).
- ii.** OBCs present in the State list but not covered in the central list of OBCs (as per the list in <http://www.ncbc.nic.in>) are NOT eligible to claim the reservation.
- iii.** The criteria for OBC-NCL will be as per the notification of the Government of India.
- iv.** Candidates belonging to the creamy layer of OBC are NOT entitled to reservation. Such candidates are treated as belonging to the general (GEN), i.e. unreserved category, and they will be eligible only for the OPEN seats – the seats for which all candidates are eligible. The certificate should be issued on or after 01st April 2026.

III. Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe:

The benefit of reservation will be given only to those castes and tribes that are mentioned in the respective central list of corresponding states published by the Government of India (website: <http://www.Social>

justice.nic.in/ and www.tribal.nic.in). The percentage of seats for SC, ST category are as under: -

(i) Scheduled Caste (SC). 15% of seats in every Programme.

(ii) Scheduled Tribe (ST). 7.5% of seats in every Programme.

Caste (for SC) or Tribe (for ST) certificate is required as per the latest guidelines of the Government of India.

The Candidate must be in possession of the Caste/Tribe certificate in his/her own name at the time of Registration and Admission.

The Caste certificate should clearly state:

(a) Name of his/her caste/tribe

(b) Whether candidate belongs to SC or ST

(c) District and the State or Union Territory of Candidate's usual place of residence, and

(d) The appropriate Govt. of India Schedule under which his /her caste/tribe is approved as SC or ST.

Candidate will have to produce the valid original SC or ST certificate at the time of admission.

The following are empowered to issue the requisite SC/ ST certificate:

a. District Magistrate / Additional District Magistrate / Collector / Deputy Commissioner / Adtl. Deputy Commissioner / Deputy Collector / 1st class Stipendiary Magistrate / City Magistrate / Sub-Divisional Magistrate/Taluka Magistrate/Executive Magistrate/Extra Assistant Commissioner.

b. Chief Presidency Magistrate /Adtl.Chief Presidency Magistrate/Presidency Magistrate.

c. Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar.

d. Sub-Divisional Officer of the area where the Candidate and/or his family normally resides.

e. Administrator/Secretary to the Administrator/Development Officer (Lakshadweep Islands). Candidates to note that the SC / ST Certificate from any other person / authority shall not be accepted in any case. If the Candidate happens to belong to SC or ST, Candidate's caste / tribe must be listed in the appropriate Govt. of India Schedule.

IV. Persons with Disability (PwD):

Five percent **(5%) of the total sanctioned strength (Horizontal) in every Programme** are reserved for PwBD candidates.

Disability Certificates issued after 01.06.2021 must be as per the Gazette Notification no. 1736 (E) dated 05.05.2021 issued by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities and applied through UDID portal. However, Disability Certificates issued before 01.06.2021, will be considered as per other existing applicable rules and notifications of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities and the University.

As per the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, a 'person with benchmark disability means a person with not less than forty percent (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'. It may be noted that the erstwhile Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protect of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 (No. 1 of 1996), under which reservation for Persons with Disabilities in admissions was provided earlier has now been repealed.

Person with benchmark disabilities falling within any of the following specified categories of disabilities as mentioned in the Schedule to the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 [See Clause (zc) of Section 2 of the said Act] are eligible to get the benefit of the said reservation.

A. Locomotor Disability

Locomotor disability (a person's inability to execute distinctive activities associated with movement of self and objects resulting from affliction of musculoskeletal or nervous system or both), including—

1. "Leprosy cured person" means a person who has been cured of leprosy but is suffering from—

- i) Loss of sensation in hands or feet as well as loss of sensation and paresis in the eye and eye-lid but with no manifestation of deformity;
- ii) Manifest deformity and paresis but having sufficient mobility in their hands and feet to enable them to engage in normal economic activity;
- iii) Extreme physical deformity as well as advanced age which prevents him/her from undertaking any gainful occupation, and the expression "leprosy cured" shall construed accordingly;

2. "Cerebral palsy" means a Group of non-progressive neurological condition affecting body movements and muscle coordination, caused by

damage to one or more specific areas of the brain, usually occurring before, during or shortly after birth;

3. "Dwarfism" means a medical or genetic condition resulting in an adult height of 4 feet 10 inches (147 centimeters) or less;

4. "Muscular Dystrophy" means a group of hereditary genetic muscle disease that weakens the muscles that move the human body and persons with multiple dystrophy have incorrect and missing information in their genes, which prevents them from making the proteins they need for healthy muscles. It is characterized by progressive skeletal muscle weakness, defects in muscle proteins, and the death of muscle cells and tissue;

5. "Acid Attack Victims" means a person disfigured due to violent assaults by throwing of acid or similar corrosive substance.

B. Visual impairment

6. "Blindness" means a condition where a person has any of the following conditions, after best correction

- i) total absence of sight; or
- ii) visual acuity less than 3/60 or less than 10/200 (Snellen) in the better eye with best possible correction; or
- iii) limitation of the field of vision subtending an angle of less than 10 degrees.

7. "Low-Vision" means a condition where a person has any of the following conditions, namely:

- i) visual acuity not exceeding 6/18 or less than 20/60 upto 3/60 or up to 10/200 (Snellen) in the better eye with best possible corrections; or
- ii) limitation of the field of vision subtending an angle of less than 40 degrees up to 10 degrees.

C. Hearing Impairment

8. "Deaf" means persons having 70 DB hearing loss in speech frequencies in both ears;

9. "Hard of Hearing" means person having 60 DB to 70 DB hearing loss in speech frequencies in both ears;

10. "Speech and Language Disability" means a permanent disability arising out of conditions such as laryngectomy or aphasia affecting one or more components of speech and language due to organic or neurological causes.

D. Intellectual Disability

A condition characterised by significant limitation both in intellectual functioning (reasoning, learning, problem solving) and in adaptive behavior which covers arrange of everyday, social and practical skills, including—

11. "Specific Learning Disabilities" means a heterogeneous group of conditions wherein there is a deficit in processing language, spoken or written, that may manifest itself as a difficulty to comprehend, speak, read, write, spell, or to do mathematical calculations and includes such conditions as perceptual disabilities, dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, dyspraxia and developmental aphasia;

12. "Autism Spectrum Disorder" means a neuro-developmental condition typically appearing in the first three years of life that significantly affects a person's ability to communicate, understand relationships and relate to others, and is frequently associated with unusual or stereotypical rituals or behaviours.

E. Mental Illness

"Mental illness" means a substantial disorder of thinking, mood, perception, orientation or memory that grossly impairs judgment, behaviour, capacity to recognise reality or ability to meet the ordinary demands of life, but does not include retardation which is a condition of arrested or incomplete development of mind of a person, specially characterized by subnormality of intelligence.

F. Disability caused due to Chronic neurological conditions, such as—

13. "Multiple Sclerosis" means an inflammatory, nervous system disease in which the myelin sheaths around the axons of nerve cells of the brain and spinal cord are damaged, leading to demyelination and affecting the ability of nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord to communicate with each other;

14. "Parkinson's Disease" means a progressive disease of the nervous system marked by tremor, muscular rigidity, and slow, imprecise movement, chiefly affecting middle-aged and elderly people associated with degeneration of the basal ganglia of the brain and a deficiency of the neurotransmitter dopamine.

G. Blood Disorder

15. "Haemophilia" means an inheritable disease, usually affecting only male but trans- mitted by women to their male children, characterized by

loss or impairment of the normal clotting ability of blood so that a minor wound may result in fatal bleeding.

16. "Thalassemia" means a group of inherited disorders characterized by reduced or absent amounts of hemoglobin.

17. "Sickle Cell Disease" means a hemolytic disorder characterized by chronic anemia, painful events, and various complications due to associated tissue and organ damage; "hemolytic" refers to the destruction of the cell membrane of red blood cells resulting in the release of hemoglobin.

H. Multiple Disabilities (more than one of the above specified disabilities) Multiple disabilities including deaf blindness which means a condition in which a person may have combination of hearing and visual impairments causing severe communication, developmental, and educational problems.

I. Any other category as may be notified by the Central Government

Supernumerary Seats

1. Children and Wards of Eligible Armed Forces Personnel (CW Category):

Two supernumerary seats shall be available for preferential allotment in each course for CW candidates. To avail this preferential allotment, a CW candidate must be in the Common Rank List of admission examination. Admission to candidates belonging to CW categories will be made in the following order of priorities: -

- i. Priority I.** Widows/Wards of Defence personnel killed in action
- ii. Priority II.** Wards of Defence Personnel disabled in action and boarded out from service with disability attributable to military service.
- iii. Priority III.** Widows/Wards of Defence Personnel who died while in peace time with death attributable to military service.
- iv. Priority IV.** Wards of Defence Personnel disabled in service and boarded out with disability attributable to military service.
- v. Priority V.** Wards of Serving/Ex-servicemen including personnel of police forces who are in receipt of Gallantry Awards. (1). ParamVir Chakra (2). Ashok Chakra (3). MahaVir Chakra (4). Kirti Chakra (5). Vir Chakra (6). Shaurya Chakra (7). President's Police Medal for Gallantry (8). Sena Medal (Gallantry), NauSena Medal (Gallantry), VayuSena Medal (Gallantry) (9). Mention-in- Dispatches (10).Police Medal for Gallantry.
- vi. Priority VI.** Wards of Ex-Servicemen.
- vii. Priority VII.** Wives of:
 - (i). Defence personnel disabled in action and boarded out from service.
 - (ii). Defence personnel disabled in service and boarded out with disability attributable to military service
 - (iii). Ex-servicemen and serving personnel who are in receipt of Gallantry Awards.
- viii. Priority VIII.** Wards of Serving Personnel.
- ix. Priority IX.** Wives of Serving Personnel

2. Kashmiri Migrants:

One seat is reserved in every programme for the wards of Kashmiri Migrants. All the wards of Kashmiri Migrants will have to upload a certificate of registration as Kashmiri Migrants issued by Divisional Commissioner/Relief Commissioner.

Category of Candidate The category of a candidate once entered in an application form shall be final and requests for change of category shall not be entertained. Category Certificate must be produced at the time of counselling & admission.

Unfilled seats The vacant seats reserved under GEN-EWS and OBC-NCL category will be dereserved to OPEN category seats. The reservation for PwD candidates is horizontal and hence, unfilled seats will be de-reserved to the respective categories i.e., unfilled SC-PwD seats will be converted to the SC category seats and so on.