

**01 - SCHEME OF POST-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE STUDENTS  
BELONGING TO SCHEDULED CASTES  
AND SCHEDULED TRIBES FOR STUDIES IN INDIA**

**REGULATION GOVERNING THE AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIP  
(APPLICABLE FROM 1ST APRIL, 2003)**

**I OBJECT**

The object of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students studying at post matriculation or post secondary stage to enable them to complete their education.

**II SCOPE**

These scholarships are available for studies in India only and are awarded by the government of the State/Union Territory to which the applicant actually belongs i.e. permanently settled.

**III CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY :**

- i) The scholarships are open to nationals of India.
- ii) These scholarships will be given for the study of all recognised post-matriculation or post-Secondary courses pursued in recognised institutions with the following exceptions :  
“Scholarships are not awarded for training courses like Aircraft Maintenance Engineer’s Courses and Private Pilot Licence Courses, Courses at Training-ship Dufferin (Now Rajendra), courses of training at the Military College, Dehradun, courses at Pre-Examination Training Centres of all India and State levels.”
- iii) Only those candidates who belong to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes so specified in relation to the State/Union Territory to which the applicant actually belongs i.e. permanently settled and who have passed the Matriculation or Higher Secondary or any higher examination of a recognised University or Board of Secondary Education will be eligible.
- iv) Candidates who after passing one stage of education are studying in the same stage of education in different subject e.g. I.Sc. after I.A. or B.Com. after B.A. or M.A. in other subject will not be eligible.
- v) Students who, after havin<sub>g</sub> completed their educational career in one professional line e.g. LLB after B.T./B.ED. will not be eligible. From the Academic Year 1980-81, studies in two professional courses are allowed.

- vi) Students studying in Classes XI of the Higher Secondary School courses or the XII class of the Multipurpose High School will not be eligible for it being a continuous School course. However, in cases where tenth class examination of such courses is treated as equivalent to Matriculation and students who after passing tenth class join other courses, such students will be treated as post-matric students and will be eligible for the award of scholarships.
- vii) Students pursuing post-graduate courses in medicine will be eligible if they are not allowed to practice during the period of their course.
- viii) Students who after failing or passing the under graduate/post-graduate examinations in Arts/Science/Commerce join any recognised professional or Technical certificate/diploma/degree courses will be awarded scholarships if otherwise eligible. No subsequent failure will be condoned except courses in Group ' I ' .
- (ix) Students who pursue their studies through correspondence courses are also eligible. The term correspondence includes distant and continuing education.
- (x) Employed students whose whose income combined with the income of their parents/guardians does not exceed the maximum prescribed income ceiling are made eligible to post-matric scholarships to the extent of reimbursement of all compulsory payable non-refundable fees.
- (xi) All Children of the same parents/guardians will be entitled to receive benefits of the scheme.
- (xii) A scholarship holder under this scheme will not hold any other scholarship/stipend. If awarded any other scholarship /stipend, the student can exercise his/her option for either of the two scholarships/stipends, whichever is more beneficial to him/her and should inform the awarding authority through the head of the Institution about the option made. No scholarship will be paid to the students under this scheme from the dates he/she accepts another scholarship/stipend. The student can, however, accept free lodging or a grant of ad-hoc monetary help from the State Government or any other source for the purchase of books, equipment or for meeting the expenses of boarding and lodging in addition to the scholarship amount paid under this scheme.
- (xiii) Scholarships holders who are receiving coaching in any of the pre-examination training centres with financial assistance from the Central Government/State Government will not be eligible for stipend under the coaching schemes for the duration of the coaching programme.

**NOTE 1 :** It is mentioned under the item III (condition of eligibility) of these regulations that the scholarship will be given for the study of all recognised post-matriculation or post secondary courses pursued in recognised institutions, the list of courses grouped (I to IV) is only illustrative and not exhaustive. The State Governments / Union Territory Administrations are, thus, themselves competent to decide the appropriate grouping of courses at their level as advised vide this Ministry's letter No. 11017/13/88 - Sch. Cell. dated 3.8.1989.

#### IV MEANS TEST

Scholarships will be paid to the students whose parents/guardians income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 1,00,000/- per annum.

**NOTE 1 :** So long as either of the parents (or husband in the case of married unemployed girl students) are alive, only the income of the parents/husband (as the case may be) from all sources has to be taken into account and of no other members even though they may be earning. In the form of income declaration, income is to be declared on this basis. Only in the case where both the parents (or husband in the case of married but unemployed girl students) have died, the income of the guardian who is supporting the student in his/her studies has to be taken. Such students whose parent's income is affected due to unfortunate death of one of earning parents and resultantly comes within the income ceiling prescribed under the scheme, shall become eligible for scholarship, subject to their fulfilling other conditions of eligibility, from the month in which such sad incidence takes place. Applications for scholarships from such students can be considered even after lapse of last date of receipt of applications, on compassionate grounds.

**NOTE 2 :** House rent allowance received by the parents of a student shall be exempted from the computation of 'income' if the same has been permitted to be exempted for purposes of Income-Tax.

**NOTE 3 :** Income certificate is required to be taken once only i.e. at the time of admission to courses which are continuing for more than one year.

**NOTE 4 :** The revised income ceilings account for Consumer Price Index for Industrial workers upto October, 2002. Income Ceiling would be revised once in every two years linking it with Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers for the month of October of the year, preceding the year of revision and will be made effective from April

#### V VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The value of scholarship includes maintenance allowance, additional allowance for students with disabilities, reimbursement of compulsory non-refundable fees, Study Tour Charges, Thesis Typing / Printing Charges and book allowance for students pursuing correspondence courses and book bank facility for specified courses, for complete duration of

the course. The details are as follows:-

**(I) MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE**

Groups	Rate of Maintenance Allowance (in Rupees per month)	
	Hostellers	Day Scholars
Group I Degree and Post Graduate level courses (including M.Phil, Ph.D and Post Doctoral research) in Medicines (Allopathic, Indian and other recognised systems of medicines), Engineering, Technology, Agriculture, Veterinary and Allied Sciences, Management, Business Finance, Business Administration and Computer Applications/Science. Commercial Pilot License (including helicopter pilot and Multi Engine rating)course.	740	330
Group II Other professional and technical graduate and post graduate (including M.phil, Ph.D and Post Doctoral research) level courses not covered in Group I, C.A./CWA/CS etc.courses. All Post Graduate, Graduate level diploma courses, all certificate level courses.	510	330
Group III All other courses leading to a graduate or above degree (not covered in group I & II)	355	185
Group IV All Post matriculation level courses before taking up graduation like classes XI and XII in 10+2 system and intermediate examination etc, not covered in Group II or III. ITI courses, other vocational courses (if minimum required qualification to pursue the course is at least matriculation)	235	140

**NOTE 1 : COMMERCIAL PILOT LICENSE COURSE (CPL)**

CPL course would include commercial helicopter pilot license (CHPL) and multi engine rating training on A-320 and similar aircrafts even after the candidate has got scholarship for multi-engine rating training with CPL courses. CPL course is covered under Group ' I '. The number of awards for CPL will be 20 per annum. Consequent upon receiving applications from concerned students, concerned State Governments / UT Admns. should scrutinize them for determining their eligibility under the scheme and thereafter recommend the number of eligible applicants for CPL training (with their names) each financial year to Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

(their applications need not be sent to the Ministry). Upon receipt of such information, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment will give clearance to the concerned States/UTs on the first-come-first served basis upto 20 awards for the country as a whole. Selected candidates are provided a maintenance allowance at rates applicable to Group ' I ' courses i.e. Rs. 740/- per month for hostellers and Rs. 330/- per month for day scholars. In addition all compulsory fees, including flight charges are to be provided as fee.

**NOTE 2 :** M.Phil and Ph.D courses are post-graduation courses. Scholarship to such students may be paid at the rates of maintenance allowance for Group ' I ', or ' II ' depending on the course under these groups.

**NOTE 3 :** Normally the term 'Hostel' is applicable to a common residential building and a common mess for the students run under the supervision of the educational institution authorities. In case the college authorities are unable to provide accommodation in the college Hostel, an approved place of residence can also be treated as Hostel for the purpose of this scheme. The place will be approved by the Head of the Institution after due inspection and keeping in view the rules and regulations laid down by the University, if any. In such case, a certificate to the effect that the students residing in an approved place of residence as he is unable to get accommodation in the college hostel should be furnished by the Head of Institution.

It is further clarified that such deemed hostels should consist of the accommodation as is hired at least by a group of 5(five) students living together, usually with common mess arrangements.

**NOTE 4 :** Scholars who are entitled to free board and/or lodging will be paid maintenance charge at 1/3rd at Hostellers rate.

**(II) ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCE FOR SC STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

**(A) Reader Allowance for blind Scholars**

<u>Leave of Course</u>	<u>Reader Allowance (Rs. Per month)</u>
Group I,II	150
Group III	125
Group IV	100

**(B)** Provision of transport allowance upto Rs. 100 per month for disabled students, if such a student does not reside in the hostel, which is within the premises of educational institution. The disability as per the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 is defined as blindness, low-vision, leprosy-cured hearing impairment, locomotor disability, mental retardation and mental illness.

**(C)** Escort Allowance of Rs. 100/- per month for severally handicapped day scholar students with low extremity disability.

