

Eligibility criteria for students

1. Only students belonging to SCs and OBCs, having total family income of Rs. 8.00 lakh or less per annum from all sources will be eligible for benefits under the Scheme.
2. SC/OBC candidates belonging to a Minority community may apply under the similar scheme(s) of Ministry of Minority Affairs, or the State Govts., as the case may be.
3. The student should have a valid Aadhar number and a bank account seeded therewith, allotted to him/her . At the time of application, if the student does not have Aadhar number, he/ she can submit his/her EID number. However, the payment shall be released only after obtaining the Aadhar Number and shall be disbursed to the Aadhar seeded bank account of the student only.
4. Income Certificate: Income declaration of self-employed parents/guardian should be in the form of a certificate issued by a Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar. Employed parents/guardians are required to obtain income certificate from their employer and submit consolidated certificate from Revenue Officer including any other additional source of income.
5. For the competitive exams for which the qualifying exam is class XII, benefits under the scheme will be available to a candidate only if the candidate has passed class XII or is studying in class XII as on the date of receiving the benefit under the scheme. Student will be required to declare the marks obtained by him/her in class X in the application form. Students having less than 50% marks in their class X exam, shall not be considered under the scheme.
6. Further, in case of competitive exams for which the qualifying exam is Under Graduate level, only students/candidates having completed the Under Graduate level course or studying in the final year of the Under Graduate course concerned at the time of receiving the benefit under the scheme shall be eligible. Student will be required to declare the marks obtained by him/her in class XII in the application form. Students having less than 50% marks in their class XII exam, shall not be considered under the scheme.
7. Benefit under the Scheme can be availed by a particular student not more than twice, irrespective of the number of chances he/she may be entitled to take in a particular competitive examination and irrespective of the number of stages in the exam. The student will be required to provide a declaration that he/she has not taken benefit more than twice under the Scheme or any other similar coaching scheme run by the Central or State Government.
8. The candidate shall be precluded from availing benefit under any other coaching scheme of the Centre or State Government and will be required to provide a declaration to this effect. A list of beneficiaries availing the scheme will also be uploaded on the website of the Ministry and shall be shared with Central Universities/Central Institutes to avoid possibility of the candidate availing benefits of similar coaching scheme simultaneously or more than twice.