

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
(UNIVERSITY BRANCH)
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NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS, the State Government in this Department had earlier issued an Order ensuring 3% reservation for persons with disabilities in all State-aided Higher Educational Institutions vide this Department Order No. 65-Edn (U) dated 16.01.2014, in terms of section 39 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, and

WHEREAS, it is found expedient, keeping in mind the provisions and guidelines of the said Act that some specific relaxations be extended to persons with disabilities in the State-aided Higher Educational Institutions, and

NOW THEREFORE, the Governor is hereby pleased to direct that the following relaxations/facilities be given to the Persons with Disabilities in every State-aided Higher Educational Institutions strictly in terms of the provisions of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, namely,—

(a) Reduction in payment of Examination fees and Application fees:—

Examination fees in respect of all examinations conducted by any State-aided University or any Government-aided college and application fees for participating in any selection/recruitment process conducted by any such University or college or the West Bengal College Service Commission shall be reduced to 40% of the total fees prescribed on this behalf, for Persons with disabilities. Application fees and examination fees for all academic or professional examinations conducted by the West Bengal Joint Entrance Examinations Board shall also be reduced to 40% of the prescribed fees.

(b) Relaxation of Marks:—

Persons with disabilities shall be provided with relaxation of 5% marks for admission to any course in any State-aided Universities or Government-aided Colleges and also for selection

in the Joint Entrance Examinations. Similar relaxation of marks shall be made available to persons with disabilities in case of employment made by the Universities or Colleges, or through the West Bengal College service Commission.

(c) Relaxation in the Duration of Examinations:—

Persons with disability shall be provided with 20 minutes of extra time in the academic or competitive examinations conducted by any State-aided University, Government-aided College, the West Bengal Joint Entrance Examinations Board, and the West Bengal Colleges Service Commission. Visually challenged persons shall also be provided with the help of a writer/scribe having a lesser/lower qualification than the examinee if, he /she so desires.

(d) Relaxation of Upper Age Limit:—

- (i) Persons with disability shall be eligible for a relaxation of the upper age limit up to a maximum of 5 years for admission to any course in a State-aided University, Government-aided College. A similar relaxation shall be opened to persons with disability for participating in the Joint Entrance Examinations.
- (ii) The upper age limit shall be relaxable up to a maximum of 5 years for recruitment to any post in State-aided Universities, Government-aided Colleges, conducted the University or the college itself or through the West Bengal College Service Commission.

By order of the Governor

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