

Government of West Bengal
Higher Education Department
Technical Branch
Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 091.

No. 444-Edn(T)/10M-70/2012

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Order

The Higher Education Department, vide No. 326-Edn(T) dated 14th June, 2013, had notified the West Bengal Free-ship Scheme (WBFS) extending the benefit of full and half tuition fee waivers to meritorious students from economically weak backgrounds admitted into undergraduate level Engineering and Technology courses /Pharmacy/Architecture in the Government Engineering Colleges, Engineering Departments of State-aided Universities and in Private/Self-financing Engineering and Technology Institutes in the State.

For the academic year 2016-17, the State Government has decided, to extend the provisions of the West Bengal Free-ship Scheme (WBFS) as notified vide No. 326-Edn(T)/10M-70/2012 dated 14th June, 2013. In so far as the Private/Self-financing Engineering and Technology Institutes are concerned the terms and conditions are given below :


- I. Private/Self-financing Engineering and Technology Institutes shall continue to provide Full Tuition Fee Waiver (full free-ship) to 10% of the admitted student in proportion to the number of admissions made under the Management Quota category.
- II. The Private/Self-financing Engineering and Technology Institutes implementing the fees as revised by the State Government following the recommendation of the Fee Structure Committee for 2013-2014 and/or 2014-15 and/or 2015-16 and/or 2016-17 will provide half free-ship to 10% of the students admitted in each of Engineering/Pharmacy/Architecture courses in the academic session 2016-17 for the entire duration of the course period, subject to their satisfactory academic performance in the Institution which would necessarily mean promotion to the next year without being disqualified in any subject.

The effective benefit under the various Tuition Fee Waiver Schemes in the State remains at twenty five percent of the total student strength comprising 5% under Tuition Fee Waiver (TFW), 10% Half free-ship under WBFS linked to the revised fee-structure and 10% full free-ship linked to Management Quota (MQ) under the West Bengal Free-ship Scheme.

Other provisions, including eligibility criteria, 'income-certifying authority' etc. of this Scheme shall continue to be guided by the Department's Order No. 272-Edn(T) dated 1st July, 2011.

The Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology (MAKAUT, formerly known as West Bengal University of Technology), which is the affiliating University of all Private/Self-financing Engineering & Technology/Pharmacy/Architecture Colleges of this State shall make it mandatory for those colleges to submit reports regarding the status of implementation of WBFS to it.

The said University shall send the reports to the Director of Technical Education endorsing a copy to the State Government in Higher Education Department at periodical intervals.


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Special Secretary

Higher Education Department.