CHAPTER – 4
RESERVATIONS

4.1 Reservations

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:

1. General category belonging to Economically Weaker Section (GEN- EWS) – 10% of seats in every program. 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.
2. Other Backward Classes belonging to the Non-Creamy Layer (OBC- NCL) – 27% of seats in every program.
   a) OBCs should be listed in the current updated central list of OBCs (**https://ncbc.nic.in/**).
   b) 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.
   c) The criteria for OBC-NCL will be as per the notification of the Government of India.
   d) 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.
3. Scheduled Caste (SC) – 15% of seats in every program.
4. Scheduled Tribe (ST) – 7.5% of seats in every program.
5. Persons with Benchmark Disability (PwBD) – 5% seats in each of the GENERAL, GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC and ST category seats.

Note : The category OBC (NCL), GEN-EWS, SC, ST and the sub-category (PwD/PwBD) entered in the JEE (Main) database by the candidate will be used for JEE (Advanced). Therefore, the candidates are advised to fill in the category/sub-category column very carefully.

4.2 Provisions relating to Persons with Disability (PwD)/ Persons with Benchmark Disability (PwBD)

4.2.1 The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016

The Gazette of India, Extraordinary Part-II Section 1, Ministry of Law and Justice (Legislative Department) New Delhi dated 28 December 2016 on "The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. The relevant paragraphs of the above Gazette Notification for consideration are as under: -

Para 2 (r) **"person with benchmark disability" means a person with not less than forty percent 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;

Para 2 (s) "person with disability" means a person with long term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairment which, in interaction with barriers, hinders his full and effective participation in society equally with others;

Para 2 (zc) "specified disability" means the disabilities as specified in the Schedule; **(Appendix - V)**

4.2.2 Office Memorandum dated 29 August 2018

Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, Office Memorandum No. F. No. 34-02/2015-DD-III dated 29 August 2018 for conducting written examination for persons with specified disabilities covered under the definition of Section 2(r) of the RPwD Act, 2016. The relevant paragraphs of the above Office Memorandum for consideration are as under: -

Para IV. The facility of Scribe/Reader/Lab Assistant should be allowed to any person with benchmark disability as defined under section 2(r) of the RPwD Act, 2016 and has limitation in writing including that of speed if so desired by him/her.

In case of persons with benchmark disabilities in the category of blindness, locomotor disability (both arms affected-BA) and cerebral palsy, the facility of scribe/reader/lab assistant shall be given, if so desired by the person.

In case of other category of persons with benchmark disabilities, the provision of scribe/reader/lab assistant can be allowed on production of a certificate to the effect that person concerned has physical limitation to write, and scribe is essential to write examination on his behalf, from the Chief Medical Officer/Civil Surgeon/Medical Superintendent of a Government health care institution as per proforma at **Annexure - I**.

In case the candidate is allowed to bring his/her own scribe, the qualification of the scribe should be one step below the qualification of the candidate taking examination. The person opting for own scribe should submit details of the own scribe as per proforma at **Annexure-III**.

4.2.3 Office Corrigendum dated 08 February 2019

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) vide Office Corrigendum No. F. No. 34-02/2015-DD-III (pt) dated 8 February 2019, amended the guidelines for conducting written examinations for persons with disabilities, issued under Office Memorandum No. 34-02/2015-DD.III dated 29 August 2018. Accordingly, the relevant provision contained in Para XII on page 3 of the said Office Memorandum, as amended by the aforesaid Corrigendum reads as follows:

"The word "extra time or additional time" that is being currently used should be changed to "compensatory time" and the same should not be less than 20 minutes per hour of examination for persons who are allowed use of scribe/reader/lab assistant. All the candidates with benchmark disabilities who are eligible for availing the facility of scribe in terms of guidelines IV may be allowed additional time of minimum of one hour for examination of 3 hours duration whether they use the facility of scribe or not. In case the duration of the examination is less than an hour, then the duration of additional time should be allowed on pro-rata basis. Additional time should not be less than 5 minutes and should be in the multiple of 5."

4.2.4 Office Memorandum dated 10 August 2022

Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, Office Memorandum No F. No. 29-6/2019-DD-III dated 10 August 2022 for conducting written examination for persons with specified disabilities covered under the definition of Section 2(s) of the RPwD Act, 2016 but not covered under the definition

of Section 2(r) of the said Act, i.e. person having less than 40% disability and having difficulty in writing. The relevant paragraphs of the above Office Memorandum for consideration are as under: -

Para 3(b). The facility of scribe and/or compensatory time shall be granted solely to those having difficulty in writing subject to production of a certificate to the effect that person concerned has limitation to write and that scribe is essential to write examination on his/her behalf from the competent medical authority of a Government healthcare institution as per proforma at **Annexure-II**.

Para 3 (c). The medical authority for the purpose of certification as mentioned above should be a multi-member authority comprising the following: -

i. Chief Medical officer/Civil Surgeon /Chief District Medical Officer, Chairperson
ii. Orthopaedic/PMR specialist
iii. Neurologist, if available*
iv. Clinical Psychologist/Rehabilitation Psychologist/ Psychiatrist/Special Educator
v. Occupational therapist, if available*
vi. Any other expert based on the condition of the candidate as may be nominated by the Chairperson.

(* the Chief Medical Officer/Civil Surgeon/Chief District Medical Officer may make full efforts for inclusion of neurologists, occupational therapist from the nearest District or the Medical College/Institute, if the same is not available in the District)"

The candidate should fill up the details of scribe as per undertaking proforma at **Annexure-III.**

4.3 Scribe and Compensatory Time

1 The candidate should have the discretion of opting for his own scribe / reader / lab assistant or request the Examination Body for the same. The Examining Body may also identify the scribe / reader / lab assistant to make panels at the District / Division / State level as per the requirements of the Examination. In such instances the candidates should be allowed to meet the scribe before the Examinations so that the candidates get a chance to check and verify whether the scribe is suitable or not.

2 The word "extra time or additional time" that is being currently used should be changed to "compensatory time" and the same should not be less than 20 minutes per hour of Examination for persons who are allowed use of scribe / reader / lab assistant. All the candidates with benchmark disabilities who are eligible for availing the facility of scribe in terms of guidelines vide para IV of Para 4.2.2 above may be allowed additional time of minimum of one hour for Examination of 3 hours duration whether they use the facility of scribe or not. In case the duration of the Examination is less than an hour, then the duration of additional time should be allowed on pro-rata basis. Additional time should not be less than 5 minutes and should be in the multiple of 5".

Note

i) Both the guidelines i.e. dated 29 August 2018 (for PwBDs) and dated 10 August 2022 (for PwDs) have other important aspects such as allowing use of assistive devices, proper seating arrangement, accessibility of Examination centres etc. which will be followed. The scribe will help the Candidate in reading the questions and / or keying in the answers as per the directions of the Candidate. A scribe will NEITHER explain the questions NOR suggest any solution to the Candidate.

ii) It is to be noted that the Scribe will be provided by the National Testing Agency (NTA), if opted for by the Candidate. If it is found at any stage that a candidate has availed the services of a scribe and/or availed the compensatory time but does not possess the extent of disability that warrants the use of a scribe and/or grant of compensatory time, the candidate will be excluded from the process of

evaluation, ranking, counselling and admission. In case such a candidate has already been admitted to any Institution, the admission of the candidate may also be cancelled.

iii) Physical Disability certificate (Unique Disability Identification (UDID)) issued by the notified medical authority needs to be uploaded in the Online Application Form of JEE (Main) – 2027.

iv) Candidates are requested to fill the Application Form carefully. Corrections in certain fields will be permitted during the correction window which will be notified at a later stage and in any case, no change will be entertained by NTA after the declaration of NTA Score for JEE (Main) - 2027. The category OBC (NCL), GEN-EWS, SC, ST and the sub-category (PwD/PwBD) entered in the JEE (Main) database by the candidate will be used for JEE (Advanced). Therefore, the candidates are advised to fill in the category/sub-category column very carefully.

v) A candidate who has registered for Session 1 examination and has also submitted an application for Session 2 examination (with the same application number), he/she shall not be permitted under any circumstances to modify or alter the details pertaining to sub-category/PwD/PwBD status during correction window provided for Session 2.

vi) The extent of "specified disability" in a person shall be assessed in accordance with the "Guidelines for the purpose of assessing the extent of specified disability in a person included under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

vii) Candidates must note that the benefit of reservation will be given to them subject to verification of documents. If it is discovered at any stage that a candidate has used a false/fake/incorrect document or has furnished false, incorrect or incomplete information, in order to avail the benefit of reservation, then such a candidate shall be excluded from all admission processes. In case such a candidate has already been given admission, the admission shall stand cancelled.

viii) Compensatory time of 20 minutes per hour of examination shall be allowed: (i) automatically to all candidates with benchmark disabilities (PwBD, ≥40%) who are eligible for the facility of scribe under the 29 August 2018 OM, whether or not they actually use the facility of scribe; and (ii) to candidates with specified disabilities under the 10 August 2022 OM (PwD, <40%, with difficulty in writing) who have been certified for and granted the facility of scribe. The eligibility may be fixed at the time of the application based on the disability certificate uploaded.

4.4 Reservation Policy of State Government

In the case of the Institutes run/aided/recognized by State Governments, the reservation policy of the respective State Governments shall be applicable.

Note 4.4:

1. The benefit of reservation for admission to NITs/ IIITs and CFTIs shall be given only to those classes/castes/tribes which are in the respective Central List published by the Government of India from time to time.

2. 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 (websites: http://socialjustice.gov.in and https://ncst.gov.in/).