Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

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Notification

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Government of Goa is pleased to supersede the scheme "The Grant of Scholarship for Differently Abled Persons" notified vide Notification No. 50-289-96-97-HC/VOL-I/PART I dated 20-05-2008 and published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 8 dated 22-05-2008 cited by a Scheme viz. 'The Grant of Scholarship to Students with Disabilities' the following Scheme and is hereby published for general information of public, which shall come into force with the date of publication in the Official Gazette.

SCHEME TO PROVIDE GRANT OF SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

1. *Short title and commencement*.— This Scheme shall be called Grant of Scholarship to Students with Disabilities. This Scheme shall be applicable throughout the State of Goa, and shall come into force with effect from publication in Official Gazette.

2. *Objective*.— The objectives of the scheme- Grant of Scholarship to students with Disabilities is to encourage students with Disabilities to pursue Higher Education, Technical Education and Professional training which would enable them to overcome financial obstacles that prevent them from pursuing Higher Education.

3. *Applicability*.— The scheme shall be applicable to all categories of the Students with Disabilities viz. as defined under the Schedule as per clause (zc) of Section 2 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and its further amendments. Under this scheme, Scholarship will be given to Students with Disabilities pursuing Higher Education.

4. *Definitions*.— a) Government means the Government of Goa.

b) Director means, the Director, Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Government of Goa.

c) Institute means the school/institute recognized by the Directorate of Education of Goa or any other recognized agency.

5. *Eligibility conditions*.— For the purpose of grant of Scholarship under this scheme the students with Disabilities must fulfill the following criteria:

a) The Student must be regular student of a recognized Board of Education or University.

b) This Scholarship is also extended to pursue education in Music and Vocational Courses through recognized Board of Education or University.

c) Scholarship is open to students with benchmark disability i.e. 40% or more disability as defined in the 'Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016'.

d) Combined income Certificate issued by Competent Authority not exceeding Rs. 8.0 lakhs p.a.

e) Student should not be in receipt of any other scholarship from any other source.

f) If a family has more than one Child with Disabilities, both will be eligible for the grant of Scholarship under this scheme subject to the conditions that other conditions under these scheme are fulfilled.

g) The Student must have UDID Card, Aadhaar card and Bank Pass book (Bank account should be Aadhaar seeded).

h) The Student shall not be eligible for the grant of Scholarship if he/she happens to be a repeater in a particular standard. However the failure can be condoned at the discretion of the Director.

6. *Other requirements*.— a) Course:- Student with Disabilities must be studying a full time course or correspondence course in an educational institution affiliated to a Board/University, Music Course in an institution affiliated to a University or an organization approved by the State or Central Government or as trainee in a recognized institution or commercial/industrial establishment approved by the Central/State Government.

b) Student with Disabilities who are under any scheme of the Central/State Government has received craft training free of cost, or undergone a course of general education free of cost will be eligible for consideration for scholarship for higher technical training or higher education. The students who want to go in for academic courses after doing craft training and vice-versa shall not however, be considered for scholarship.

c) Student with Disabilities who is in receipt of assistance for free boarding and lodging facilities from any Voluntary or State source will be eligible for the scholarship as applicable to the day scholar, provided he or she had paid tuition fees.

7. *Financial Assistance*.— The eligible Students will be paid Scholarship at the following rates:-

(*a*) Std IX to XII	Rs. 900/- p.m.
(*b*) B.A./B.Com./B.Sc.	Rs. 1100/- p.m.
(*c*) M.A./M.Com/M.Sc. and other Professional courses	Rs. 1300/- p.m.

In the case of Visually Impairment Student reader's allowance shall be paid if it is certified by the head of the institution/establishment that Student has availed the benefit of a reader during the period the allowance is claimed as follows.

(*a*) Std IX to XII	Rs. 300/- p.m.
(*b*) B.A./B.Com./B.Sc.	Rs. 530/- p.m.
(*c*) M.A./M.Com/M.Sc. and other Professional courses	Rs. 600/- p.m.

In case the Student with Disability stays in hostel, he/she shall be paid additional allowance as follows subject to the Certificate issued by Head of the Institution/hostel warden certifying the stay in Hostel during the period the allowance is claimed.

(*a*) IX to XII	Rs. 400/- p.m.
(*b*) B.A./B.Com./B.Sc.	Rs. 500/- p.m.
(*c*) M.A./M.Com/M.Sc. and other Professional courses	Rs. 450/- p.m.

a) The applications received shall be scrutinized by the Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

b) One academic year shall be taken as 11 months.

c) The payment shall be disbursed through ECS after furnishing G.A.R 33 from Concern school/institution

d) The Director shall be the sanctioning Authority under this scheme and his decision as regard to the selection or rejection of the grant shall be final.

8. *Cancellation/withdrawal of Financial Assistance*.— a) The scholarship shall be cancelled or withheld for a particular period if a candidate fails to pass in an annual examination or if the progress continues to be unsatisfactory or if the conduct is found to be unsatisfactory.

b) Furnishing incorrect information or suppressing material facts will automatically liable for cancellation of scheme.

c) Every student shall abide by such rules as may be prescribed by the concerned of authority. Failure to do so will automatically be liable for cancellation of scheme.

9. *Mode of applying*.— The applications should be sent to the Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities within the period as may be specified from time to time. Each application shall be accompanied by the following documents:

a) Disability Certificate issued by Goa Medical College Bambolim, District Hospital North and South and Institute of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, Bambolim.

b) Income Certificate issued by Competent Authority not exceeding Rs. 8.0 lakhs p.a.

c) A copy of a Mark Sheet of last annual Examination.

d) A copy of Bank Pass Book (Bank account should be Aadhaar seeded).

e) A copy of Aadhaar Card.

f) UDID card.

10. *Other conditions*.— a) A Student is liable to refund the Scholarship amount at the discretion of the Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, if during the course of the year, the student discontinued the studies for which the Scholarship has been awarded.

11. *Interpretation of the provision of this scheme*.— If any question arises regarding interpretation of any clause, word, expression of the scheme, the decision about the interpretation shall lie with the Government which shall be final and binding on all concerned.

12. *Review and Revamp of the scheme*.— The scheme shall come into force from the date of this notification and shall remain in operation until further orders. However, the scheme shall be reviewed and suitably revamped after a period of three (3) years from the date of its notification, based on performance, feedback, and emerging needs.

13. *Relaxation of the provisions of the scheme*.— a) The Government shall be empowered to relax any or all of the clauses or conditions of this scheme in genuine case(s) for sanction of the grant.

b) The Government shall have the power to modify, amend, or make any necessary changes to the Scheme, as and when required.

This issue with the approval of Finance (Exp) Division vide U.O. No. 1400114818 dated 16-11-2025.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Varsha Naik, Director & Ex officio Addl. Secretary (DEPwD).

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