

5 Reservation for Persons with Benchmark Disability; for Children/Widows of Personnel of the Armed Forces; Kashmiri Migrants; PM's Special Scholarship for J&K; nominated Sikkimese Students; Ward Quota

5.1 Reservation of Seats for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD)

As per the provisions of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, not less than five percent (5%) seats are reserved for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities. "Person with benchmark disability" means a person with not less than forty percent (40%) 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. It may be noted that the erstwhile Persons with Disability Act, 1995, under which reservation for Persons with Disabilities in admissions was provided earlier has now been repealed.

PwBD applicants shall be given a relaxation in the course-specific eligibility in the qualifying examination and in the admission entrance test to the extent of 5%, till seats are filled. For example, if the minimum eligibility for admission to a course is 40% for the UR Category applicants, the minimum eligibility for the PwBD category will be 38% (i.e. 40% minus 5% of 38%).

The following specified categories of disabilities as mentioned in the Schedule to the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 [See clause (zc) of section 2 of Act of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016] are eligible to get the benefit of the said reservation.

I. Physical disability

A. Locomotor disability

1. Locomotor disability (a person's inability to execute distinctive activities associated with movement of self and objects resulting from affliction of musculoskeletal or nervous system or both), including—
2. "leprosy cured person" means a person who has been cured of leprosy but is suffering from—
 - (i) loss of sensation in hands or feet as well as loss of sensation and paresis in the eye and eye-lid but with no manifestation of deformity;
 - (ii) manifest deformity and paresis but having sufficient mobility in their hands and feet to enable them to engage in normal economic activity;
 - (iii) extreme physical deformity as well as advanced age which prevents him/her from undertaking any gainful occupation, and the expression "leprosy cured" shall construed accordingly;
3. "cerebral palsy" means a Group of non-progressive neurological condition affecting body movements and muscle coordination, caused by damage to one or more specific areas of the brain, usually occurring before, during or shortly after birth;
4. "dwarfism" means a medical or genetic condition resulting in an adult height of 4 feet 10 inches (147 centimetres) or less;

5. "muscular dystrophy" means a group of hereditary genetic muscle disease that weakens the muscles that move the human body and persons with multiple dystrophy have incorrect and missing information in their genes, which prevents them from making the proteins they need for healthy muscles. It is characterised by progressive skeletal muscle weakness, defects in muscle proteins, and the death of muscle cells and tissue;
6. "acid attack victims" means a person disfigured due to violent assaults by throwing of acid or similar corrosive substance.

B. Visual impairment

7. "blindness" means a condition where a person has any of the following conditions, after best correction -
 - (i) total absence of sight; or
 - (ii) visual acuity less than 3/60 or less than 10/200 (Snellen) in the better eye with best possible correction; or
 - (iii) limitation of the field of vision subtending an angle of less than 10 degree.
8. "low-vision" means a condition where a person has any of the following conditions, namely:
 - (i) visual acuity not exceeding 6/18 or less than 20/60 upto 3/60 or upto 10/200 (Snellen) in the better eye with best possible corrections; or
 - (ii) limitation of the field of vision subtending an angle of less than 40 degree up to 10 degree.

C. Hearing impairment

9. "deaf" means persons having 70 DB hearing loss in speech frequencies in both ears;
10. "hard of hearing" means person having 60 DB to 70 DB hearing loss in speech frequencies in both ears;
11. "speech and language disability" means a permanent disability arising out of conditions such as laryngectomy or aphasia affecting one or more components of speech and language due to organic or neurological causes.

II. **Intellectual disability**, a condition characterised by significant limitation both in intellectual functioning (reasoning, learning, problem solving) and in adaptive behaviour which covers a range of every day, social and practical skills, including—

12. "*specific learning disabilities*" means a heterogeneous group of conditions wherein there is a deficit in processing language, spoken or written, that may manifest itself as a difficulty to comprehend, speak, read, write, spell, or to do mathematical calculations and includes such conditions as perceptual disabilities, dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, dyspraxia and developmental aphasia;
13. "*autism spectrum disorder*" means a neuro-developmental condition typically appearing in the first three years of life that significantly affects a person's ability to communicate, understand relationships and relate to others, and is frequently associated with unusual or stereotypical rituals or behaviours.

III. Mental behaviour

14. "*Mental illness*" means a substantial disorder of thinking, mood, perception, orientation or memory that grossly impairs judgment, behaviour, capacity to recognise reality or ability to meet the ordinary demands of life, but does not include retardation which is a condition of arrested or incomplete development of mind of a person, specially characterised by subnormality of intelligence.

IV. Disability caused due to

(a) *Chronic neurological conditions, such as—*

15. "*multiple sclerosis*" means an inflammatory, nervous system disease in which the myelin sheaths around the axons of nerve cells of the brain and spinal cord are damaged, leading to demyelination and affecting the ability of nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord to communicate with each other;
16. "*Parkinson's disease*" means a progressive disease of the nervous system marked by tremor, muscular rigidity, and slow, imprecise movement, chiefly affecting middle-aged and elderly people associated with degeneration of the basal ganglia of the brain and a deficiency of the neurotransmitter dopamine.

(b) *Blood disorder—*

17. "*haemophilia*" means an inheritable disease, usually affecting only male but transmitted by women to their male children, characterised by loss or impairment of the normal clotting ability of blood so that a minor wound may result in fatal bleeding;
18. "*Thalassemia*" means a group of inherited disorders characterised by reduced or absent amounts of haemoglobin.
19. "*Sickle cell disease*" means a haemolytic disorder characterised by chronic anemia, painful events, and various complications due to associated tissue and organ damage; "haemolytic" refers to the destruction of the cell membrane of red blood cells resulting in the release of haemoglobin.

V. Multiple Disabilities (more than one of the above specified disabilities)

20. Multiple disabilities including deaf blindness which means a condition in which a person may have combination of hearing and visual impairments causing severe communication, developmental, and educational problems.
21. **Any other category as may be notified** by the Central Government.

Applicants must furnish a valid disability certificate issued by a recognized Government hospital, bearing a photograph of the applicant.

5.1.1 Concessional/Waiver of fees in respect of Persons with Disabilities (PwBD)

- a) Applicants with physical disabilities pursuing various courses of study in the Faculties, Departments, Centres, and Institutions / Colleges of the University shall be **exempted from payment of fees, including examination fee and other University fees**, except Admission fee, subscription towards Delhi University students' Union and Identity Card fee (As per amendment to Ordinance X(4) of the University).

- b) **PwBD applicants who meet the cut-off for the unreserved category and will take admission in the unreserved category (UR) will pay the fee relevant for PwBD applicant.**
- c) As per the Executive Council Resolution No. 50 dated 03.11.2012, students with physical disabilities residing in different Hostels / Halls of the University are **exempted from payment of all hostel fees and charges** except refundable caution fee and the mess fees. Persons with Physical Disabilities who are students shall pay 50% of the Mess fee and the remaining **50% of their Mess Fee** will be met by the University of Delhi. **Similar norms are to be adopted by the Colleges in respect of PwBD Students residing in various hostels of the Colleges.**
- d) PwBD students who are getting fellowships / financial assistance shall be exempted from payment of fees / charges / mess fees subject to the following conditions. **All admitted SC/ST, OBC, EWS, PwBD students in colleges who are eligible for fellowships should submit their scholarship forms to the requisite office by February for timely processing.**

Value of Fellowship	Exemption of Fees Waiver etc.
Up to ₹3000/- per month	Fees waiver + 50% Mess Subsidy
₹3001 to 8000 per month	Fees waiver but no Mess Subsidy
₹8001 and above per month	No fees waiver and no Hostel Subsidy

5.2 Reservation for Children/Widows of Personnel of the Armed Forces (CW)

1. Five percent (5%) of seats are reserved for applicants under this category, course-wise in all colleges.
2. All such applicants have to upload the Educational Concession certificate (as per the format **provided in Appendix VII**) to be issued by **any of the following authorities** on the proper letterhead:
 - (a) Secretary, Kendriya Sainik Board, Delhi.
 - (b) Secretary, Rajya Zila Sainik Board.
 - (c) Officer-in-Charge, Record Office.
 - (d) 1st Class Stipendiary Magistrate.
 - (e) Ministry of Home Affairs (For Police Personnel in receipt of Gallantry Awards)

No other format shall be permissible. Proofs of the CW category in the form of ID card of parent or dependent, Medical card, Ration card, CSD card, etc. are not admissible in lieu of certificate in correct format. The priority must be clearly mentioned in the certificate. Certificates that do not mention the relevant priority will not be considered.

Admission may be offered to the Children/Widows of Personnel of the Armed Forces (**Priority**

I to IX) including Para-Military Personnel (**only Priority I to V**), in the following order of preference:

Priority I	Widows/Wards of Defence personnel killed in action;
Priority II	Wards of Defence Personnel disabled in action and boarded out from service with disability attributable to military service;
Priority III	Widows/Wards of Defence Personnel who died while in service with death attributable to military service;
Priority IV	Wards of Defence Personnel disabled in service and boarded out with disability attributable to military service;
Priority V	Wards of Ex-servicemen and Serving personnel, including personnel of police forces who are in receipt of Gallantry Awards; i. ParamVir Chakra ii. Ashok Chakra iii. MahaVir Chakra iv. Kirti Chakra v. Vir Chakra vi. Shaurya Chakra vii. President's Police Medal for Gallantry viii. Sena Medal (Gallantry), Nau Sena Medal (Gallantry), Vayu Sena Medal (Gallantry) ix. Mention-in-Despatches x. Police Medal for Gallantry
Priority VI	Wards of Ex-Servicemen.
Priority VII	Wives of: i. Defence personnel disabled in action and boarded out from service. ii. Defence personnel disabled in service and boarded out with disability attributable to military service iii. Ex-servicemen and serving personnel who are in receipt of Gallantry Awards.
Priority VIII	Wards of Serving Personnel
Priority IX	Wives of Serving Personnel

5.3 Reservation of Kashmiri Migrants (KM) (Supernumerary Seats)

1. All the wards (sons/daughters) of Kashmiri Migrants who wish to be considered for admission to various undergraduate courses of the University have to register online as per the schedule notified by the University.
2. Up to 5% seats are reserved course-wise in all colleges for the wards of Kashmiri Migrants.
3. All the wards of Kashmiri Migrants will have to upload a certificate of registration as Kashmiri Migrants issued by Divisional Commissioner/ Relief Commissioner.
4. Admission of Wards of Kashmiri Migrants will be based on cut-offs to be announced by the Colleges. A concession of maximum 10% in the last cut-off marks fixed for unreserved category applicants shall be extended to the Kashmiri Migrants.

5. Reservation under this category is not available in courses where admission is based on entrance tests.

5.4 Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme for J&K students

The applicants selected under Prime Minister's special scholarship scheme for J&K students will be admitted directly to the Colleges. Reservation under this category is not available in courses where admission is based on entrance tests. Applicants must register on the University Portal as per schedule to be announced on University website.

5.5 Nomination of Seats for Sikkimese Students

Sikkimese students nominated by the Govt. of Sikkim shall be considered for admission by the University in Colleges where hostel facilities are available (AC Resolutions 51 dated 05/06/1980 and 122 dated 17/12/1990). The allocation of Sikkimese students for admission as well as for hostel accommodation in respective colleges be made by the Vice-Chancellor at his discretion. **Reservation under this category is not available in courses where admission is based on entrance tests. Applicants must register on the University Portal as per schedule to be announced on University website.**

The number of these nominated seats is detailed below:

Course	Seats
B.A. (Prog.)	3
B.A. (Hons.)	1
B.Com.	4
B.Com. (Hons.)	2
B.Sc. Physical Sciences /Applied Physical Sciences	2
B.Sc. Life Sciences /Applied Life Sciences	2
Total	14

5.6 Seats for Ward Quota

Admission to the wards of University and College permanent in-service employees, both teaching and non-teaching, to the various undergraduate courses, excluding professional courses and other courses where admission is made on the basis of entrance test, is to be made according to the following criteria:

1. Admission to wards (children) of the permanent in-service employees at the college where employees are working will be given on the basis of merit among such applicants subject to ordinarily one seat for every unit of up to sixty students in a course and subject to fulfilment of course-specific eligibility conditions.
2. For admission of the wards (sons/daughters) of the permanent in-service employees of the University/other colleges (teaching/non-teaching) the total number of seats for admission

will not exceed six (three for the teaching and three for the non-teaching employees) on the basis of merit among such applicants subject to a maximum of ordinarily one seat for every unit of up to sixty students in a course and subject to fulfilment of course-specific eligibility conditions.

3. The admissions on the above norms will be against seats over and above the normal strength.
4. Applicants who wish to apply for admission under ward quota must fill the online registration form on the university portal. They must choose the colleges they wish to apply to from the list provided at the time of registration. The schedule and process for admission under this quota will be notified on the University website.