

## National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) Scheme.

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Sir/Madam,


We are enclosing herewith guidelines of National Overseas Scholarship Scheme (NOS) with respect to Directorate of Higher Education. It is requested that an awareness of the Schemes may be done at college level and the feedback and list of interested students, who want to benefit from Scheme may be prepared & forwarded to Directorate of Social Welfare 18th June Road Panjim Goa for further implementation.


Regards,

Office of the Director

Directorate of Higher Education

### 2 attachments

 **National Overseas Scholarship Guidelines.pdf**  
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 **Letter.pdf**  
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## National Overseas Scholarship for SC etc. Candidates

(Applicable from the year 2025-26)

### 1 Objective of the Scheme

The Central Sector Scheme of National Overseas Scholarship is to facilitate the low income students belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Denotified Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes, Landless Agricultural Labourers and Traditional Artisans category to obtain higher education viz., Master degree or Ph.D courses by studying abroad thereby improving their Economic and Social status.

### 2 Scope

- a. The Scheme provides financial assistance to the selected candidates for pursuing Masters level courses and Ph.D. courses abroad in Institutions/Universities accredited by the Government/authorized body of that country in any field of study.
- b. In each Selection Year, 125 fresh awards, subject to availability of funds, will be given under the Scheme. However, there will be a cap of 10% of the total slots i.e. Scheduled Castes, Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes and landless Agricultural Labourers and Traditional Artisans for each State while allotting the slots. In case, the slots in the 1st round of selection remains unfilled after applying the 10% cap, these slots will be filled in 2nd round.
- c. The following will be the category-wise distribution of slots for various groups eligible for scholarships under the scheme:

S. No.	Category	Numbers
a)	Scheduled Castes	115
b)	Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes	06
c)	Landless Agricultural Labourers and Traditional Artisans	04
	<b>Total slots</b>	<b>125</b>

#### d. Definitions:

- i. Landless agricultural laborer means an individual and their family members who do not own any property, land, or business and whose principal means of livelihood is manual labour on agricultural land.
- ii. Traditional artisans means individuals and their families who earn their livelihood through traditional artisanal practices.



courses, the qualifying exam would be Master's Degree and for Master's Degree courses, the qualifying examination would be Bachelor's Degree. In case a student has completed Bachelor's of Engineering after completing Diploma (Lateral Entry to 2nd year), percentage of marks obtained in Bachelor's degree will be taken into account.

For any University, percentage would be calculated on the basis of the marks obtained by the applicant in various semesters/ terms. Marksheet for all semesters is to be provided. Wherein the University provides only the CGPA and not the numerical marks, a formula for conversion of CGPA to numerical marks bearing authentication by the University should invariably be provided.

In case marksheets for all semesters/terms are not submitted with the application form the candidature of the applicant will be rejected. Likewise, if the formula of conversion of CGPA (wherever applicable) are not submitted by the applicant with his application form, the candidature would be rejected. No representations, in this regard, in either case will be entertained.

#### **4 Age**

Not more than 35 (Thirty Five) years, *as on first day of April for selection year.*

#### **5 Income Ceiling**

Gross annual family income from all sources shall not exceed Rs. 8.00 lakh per annum in the preceding financial year as detailed in para 8 c of these guidelines. The income certificate should be issued by a Revenue Officer not below the rank of "Tehsildar". The students will submit the complete ITR/ITRs along with the Centralized Processing Centre (CPC) intimation order under Section 143(1) issued by the IT Department in respect of self and other family members before issuance of final award letter but the ITR acknowledgement should be submitted at the time of applying on the portal where Gross annual family income for the F.Y. 2023-24 is more than Rs. 2.5 Lakh in Old Tax Regime and Rs. 3.0 Lakh in New Tax Regime. The income certificate should either be in digital, prescribed format of Central/State Govt. or on the letter head of the issuing authority.

#### **6 Family**

Under the Scheme, for determination of family income, the family will be considered as following:

"The candidate applying for scholarship, his/her parents and siblings below the age of 18 years, his/her spouse and also children below the age of 18 years."



financial year 2023-24 (to be furnished during the application submission process) and scholarship will be granted to the candidate subject to the condition that his/her gross annual family income for the financial year 2024-25 is less than Rs.8.00 lakh. Failing this, the provisional award letter issued to the candidate will stand cancelled. The portal for second round will be opened in September/October for a period of 40 days for inviting of applications online and 4 days will be given for correction and for that gross annual family income for financial year 2024-25 will be taken into account for purpose of selection.

- d. Online applications complete in all respects only shall be considered for award. All the incomplete applications will be summarily rejected. However, the rejected candidates/Non-selected candidates will have the option to apply in subsequent phases of selection. The candidates are required to submit documents as per the attached Annexure I.
- e. Grievances in connection with results will be entertained for upto 30 calendar days from the publication of the Result on the portal and the inadvertent mistakes occurred at the time of scrutiny of the application of the candidate will only be considered. No additional documents will be accepted and considered during the redressal period of Grievance.
- f. For determining the eligibility of a candidate against a quota reserved for a particular State/UT, the State/UT that issued the Caste Certificate will be considered as his/her State/UT for the purpose of quota eligibility.

## **9 Selection Procedures**

- a. Only candidates who have submitted their Aadhar card and obtained unconditional offer of admission from one of the foreign Institutions/ Universities which are in the list of top 500 QS world ranked institutions/ universities from the academic session 2025-26 and onward shall be considered for award of scholarship for studying in that Institution/University subject to fulfillment of other eligibility conditions of the Scheme. However, in case the students are unable to submit their Aadhar Card on the portal at the time of application, they will be asked to mandatorily submit their Aadhar ID/Aadhar EID before the issue of final award letter/confirmation letter failing which the provisional award letter issued to them would be revoked.
- b. No request for change of Institution/University shall be entertained. In case the selected candidate desires to change the course or university, he/she can apply afresh in the next available round.
- c. There will be only two round of Selection. For every cycle of selection, merit list of the eligible candidates shall be drawn up on the basis of the rank, as per the latest available QS ranking, of the foreign Universities/Institutions from where the candidate has received the offer of admission and scholarships shall



- iii. Topics/courses concerning Indian Culture/heritage/History/Social studies on India based research topic shall not be covered under NOS. The final decision as to which Topic can be covered under such category will rest with Selection-cum-Screening Committee of NOS.
- iv. Employed candidates are required to provide a "No Objection Certificate" (NOC) from the Employer to this Ministry.
- v. In case the awardee was a Government Servant before going abroad, on return to India he/she is also required to serve the Government, if he/she continues to be in Government service after return to India, as one was before going abroad with award under the Scheme.
- vi. All administrative matters like study leave, salary etc. will be directly resolved by the candidate with his/her employer and as per rules of the serving organization. This Ministry will not take any responsibility or render any assistance in this regard.
- vii. It will be for the candidate to obtain the appropriate visa for a country wherein he/she intends to study further with the award from the Scheme, and the Visa issuing authorities may see that only such type of visa be issued which permits the candidate to pursue specified course abroad and thereafter the candidate returns to India. In case the candidate is applying for admission in any University in the United States of America, the candidate is required to obtain **J-1 VISA only**. The State Department of USA keeps a list of Designated Sponsor Organizations for J-1 visas for students. Candidates going to USA should apply in the J-1 Visa sponsoring Universities/colleges only. In case a candidate has applied for admission on F-1 Visa or has already obtained F-1 Visa, such candidate is not eligible for scholarship under the Scheme. Government of India will render no assistance to the candidate for obtaining Visa.
- viii. The candidate will give an undertaking that he/she will allow his/her University to share information with concerned Indian Mission abroad and the Ministry. The candidate will also give an undertaking that he/she is not in receipt of any scholarship from Government of India/State Government/ foreign government/other organization in India or abroad. In case candidate is in receipt of any scholarship from University/College in which he/she has secured admission for the course, the same scholarship will be allowed, however, the candidate should report the same to this Ministry and this amount of scholarship will be deducted from admissible amount under NOS. The selected candidate will also be required to give an undertaking to this Ministry and the Indian Mission abroad, as per prevailing laws of the foreign country, that the extension of stay abroad beyond completion of the course or duration of the scholarship under the scheme, whichever is earlier will not be permissible. However, the extension of stay abroad beyond completion of the course or duration of the scholarship under the Scheme, whichever is earlier is permissible as mentioned in clause 14.
- ix. In case the concerned University/Institute is allowing online classes to the awardee due to Corona Pandemic (covid-19) or any other such unavoidable



- xvii. The candidates shall not change the course of study or research for which scholarship has been sanctioned. However, when situations arise where an awardee pursuing Ph.D in a University/Institution where one is initially registered finds his/her guide has left and there are no immediate replacements thereof or the University/Institutions has discontinued their research support facilities in the area where the awardee was pursuing Ph.D. research; the Indian Missions abroad in such cases are authorized to allow the awardee to change the University/ Institution as notified in the scheme, after the Missions are satisfied about such a need, however, subject to the condition that the credits if any earned by the awardee in the initial University/Institution are accepted for transfer by the second University/ Institutions and that the total period of award will remain unchanged even on such a transfer/change, which will be permitted only once during the award.
- xviii. In case the candidate fails, the following provisions will apply:-
- i). No payment for reappearing in any failed subject is allowed.
  - ii). If a candidate seeks an extension solely due to academic failure, no additional financial assistance for the extension will be granted. However, in cases where failure is accompanied by justifiable reasons, such requests may be considered with the approval of the competent authority, based on recommendations from the Indian mission abroad and the respective university.
- xix. In case of exigency at home where the awardee is required to return to India for some time to attend to it, the awardee is permitted to return to India for the specific purpose, after having informed the Indian Mission and the educational institution where one is pursuing studies, about it. The awardee will, however, be required to bear to and fro journey expenses for the visit and shall also not be entitled to receive maintenance allowance under the scheme from the Indian Mission, for the period of being away from the place of his/her educational institution abroad and the maintenance allowance shall be resumed by the Indian Mission only from the date of his/her resuming the same course at the same institution. The awardee after having dealt with the situation at home, is required to return to the place of his/her educational institution, as early as possible; failing which, he/she shall be liable to be declared a defaulter and the recovery proceeding will be initiated against him/her.
- xx. All candidates after having availed of the award under the Scheme are required to return to India within 30 days from the date of completion of the course for employment and sharing their knowledge gained overseas. Students have to stay in India for at least one year and look for opportunities to serve in various Departments/Ministries of the Government of India.
- xxi. It is expected that the beneficiaries of the Scheme shall explore the opportunities to contribute towards Nation building and shall not indulge in any anti-National activities.

## 11 Role of Indian Mission



- iii. The Mission & Ministry will maintain position of selection, sanction order, release of funds & progress of students etc. on the NOS Portal.

### 13 Financial Assistance

S. No.	Type of Assistance	United States of America (USA) & other countries except UK	United Kingdom (UK)
1.	Annual Maintenance Allowance	15400 US Dollars	9900 Great Britain Pounds
2.	Annual Contingency Allowance	1500 US Dollars	1100 Great Britain Pounds
3.	Tuition Fees	Actual as charged	
4.	Visa Fees	Actual visa fees in Indian Rupees	
5.	Medical Insurance Premium	Actual as charged	
6.	Incidental Journey Allowance & Equipment Allowance	20 US Dollars for each or its equivalent in Indian Rupees	
7.	Air Passage	<p>a) The awardees shall be allowed to purchase air tickets (from nearest Airport to Hometown in India to the nearest place to the educational institution and back to India) from the three authorized travel agents viz. Balmer Lawrie &amp; Company Limited (BLCL), Ashok Travels &amp; Tours (ATT), Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd (IRCTC) with the condition that the ticket purchased must be of economy class/shortest route on date of booking.</p> <p>b) The choice of the travel agent for booking of the ticket is left open to the awardees. No Booking charges/excess baggage/cancellation charges &amp; other add-ons will be reimbursed to</p>	



#### **14 Duration of Award with Financial Assistance**

- i. The prescribed financial assistance will be provided upto sanctioned duration of the course/research or the following period, whichever is earlier:-

Ph.D.	--	04 years (Four years)
Master's Degree	--	03 years (Three years)

- ii. The extension of stay beyond prescribed period for levels of courses as mentioned above, may be considered without financial assistance of any kind except the air passage to return to India, if and only if recommendation of the competent concerned authority in the educational institution/ university as well as the Indian Mission abroad is received certifying that such an overstay for a specified period, is absolutely essential for facilitating the candidate to complete the course. The final decision in this regard will, however, rest with the Government of India alone.

#### **15 Jurisdiction of the Scheme**

The jurisdiction of the Scheme is upto providing prescribed financial support to the selected candidates for pursuing higher education in the specified subjects.

#### **16 Default under the Scheme**

In case a candidate pursuing studies abroad violates any of the terms and conditions of the bonds executed by him/her and that the educational Institution/University intimates the Indian Mission abroad about his/her adverse reports on studies and/or conduct and/or that the candidate leaves for any other country or absconds or joins any other university or course/programme or/and returns to India in case of exigency without intimating the Indian Mission abroad, he/she will be declared defaulter and will become liable for refund of entire amount spent on him/her along with the interest which will be 12% per annum and in case an awardee fails to repay the amount within six months from the date on which a demand for such refund is made, penal interest at the rate which is 2.5% higher than the above normal rate of interest on the outstanding amount would be charged. If the awardee fails to repay such amount along with interest thereon in the manner decided by Government of India, his/her sureties who have executed bonds, will be liable to pay the entire amount failing which the District Collector of the concerned district will realize the amount as arrears of land revenue.

#### **17 Furnishing of False Information**

If any candidate has furnished any false information/document and is established as false, he/she will be debarred from the award and if he/she has



## **Annexure-I**

### **A. List of Document Required at the Application Stage**

1. 10<sup>th</sup> Board Certificate
2. Caste Certificate
3. Photo
4. Scanned Signature
5. Current Address proof/Permanent Address Proof, in case different from current address
6. Qualifying Degree/Provisional Certificate
7. Mark sheet of qualifying examination
8. Valid Document regarding admission in Foreign University (Application, Registration or Admission related document) (\*).
9. Income documents of all family members as detailed in Clause-5 of Scheme Guidelines
10. NOC from employer, if applicant is employed. Gap Certificate in case there is gap of more than 6 months after completing qualifying degree.
11. Income Tax Return Acknowledgement document or copy of assessment order accepting the Income Tax Return filed by the candidates.
12. Aadhar Card

### **B. In case the candidate is selected, they are required to submit the following documents upon the issuance of the Provisional Award Letter under the National Overseas Scholarship scheme for SC etc.:**

- i. Attestation form
- ii. Self Declaration/Undertaking Regarding Total Annual Family Income.
- iii. SELF DECLARATION REGARDING ANY PENDING CASE/NON-CONVICTION OF OFFENSE.
- iv. Copy of Passport

Further course of action will be processed by this Ministry for granting of Confirmation of Award Letter, after submission of above documents and verification of offer letter by concerned Embassy and original documents as sought by the Department.



## **Annexure-II**

- a. The portal will be opened for first round in February/March for a period of 40 days for inviting of applications and after this period, the portal will be opened again for 4 days to allow the candidates to make corrections, if any, in the submitted applications.
- b. The application received will be scrutinized in the Section in 20-30 days.
- c. Thereafter, the scrutinized applications will be placed before the Selection-cum-screening committee for recommendation/rejection of candidates which will take approx 10-15 days.
- d. On the basis of the recommendations received from the Committee, final list for selection/rejection will be submitted for the approval of Hon'ble Minister (SJ&E).
- e. The same procedure will be followed for the second round for which portal will be opened in September/October for a period of 40 days for inviting of applications and after this period, the portal will be opened again for 4 days to allow the candidates to make corrections, if any, in the submitted applications.
- f. The portal will be opened only for two rounds subject to availability of slots.
- g. Result will be uploaded on the online portal.
- h. Individual email/messages will also be sent to all registered applicants in due course of time. Incomplete applications will be rejected summarily.

Note :- The above timeline is tentative.





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To,  
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**Sub: National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) Scheme.**

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Yours Faithfully,

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Encl: As above