

Pondicherry State Post Matric Scholarship

AWARD OF PONDICHERRY STATE POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I. GENERAL

In order that no really brilliant student is prevented on the grounds of poverty alone from pursuing an academic career the Government of Pondicherry has formulated a scheme for the award of scholarships for Post Matriculation education, to be implemented from the year 1968-'69. The awards under the scheme will be made on the basis of the results of the following examinations:-

- (1) School Leaving Examination viz. Matriculation/High School/Higher Secondary/Indian School Certificate or other School Leaving Examinations.
- (2) P.U.C./P.D.C. Examination or other equivalent examinations.
- (3) First Degree Examination Viz. B.A./B.Sc./B.Com/B.Sc. (Ag) Examinations or other equivalent Examinations.

II. ALLOCATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS:

Every year, 150 fresh scholarships will be allocated for the various qualifying Examinations which will be further distributed among the various Examinations mentioned in para I above, based on the number of students likely to be appeared for these Examination in the previous year. However, the number of awards to be given each year, will also depend on the funds available in the budget of each year.

Increased of the number of Post-Matric Scholarships from 125 to 150 from the year 1976-77 onwards to be awarded under the Pondicherry State Post Matric Scholarships Scheme - vide Government of India- Ministry of Education and Social Welfare (Deptt. of Education), New Delhi No. F.33-13/72-UT.I/UT.II dt. 7th July 1976.

III. COVERAGE AND ELIGIBILITY:

- i) Candidates must be citizens of India and belong to Union Territory of Pondicherry either by birth or domicile.
- ii) These candidates who obtain a first class (or where no class is awarded, not less than 60% marks in the aggregate) in the Examination mentioned in para I will be eligible for the grant of Scholarships subject to the means test mentioned in para IV below.
- (iii) The candidates who have passed the qualifying examination mentioned in para I above in a year prior to the year of award will not be eligible for consideration.
- (iv) The candidates who have passed the qualifying examination in the first attempt only will be eligible for the award.
- (v) An awardee under this scheme will not be allowed to receive any other regular scholarship or stipend. In case, he is in receipt of any such award, the same must be surrendered and the amount, if any received, under the latter, refunded, before the benefit of this scholarships can be claimed. He would, however, be permitted to enjoy fee concessions, if any, awarded to him by the Institution where he is studying and by other Government.

IV. RATE OF SCHOLARSHIPS:-

A. THE RATES OF SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AS UNDER.

	Resident scholar.	Day lar.
	Rs. p.m.	Rs. p.m.
1. I.Sc./I.A., Pre-University course and 1st year of the 3 years Degree Course, where such course exists.	100/-	60 50/-
2. B.Sc./B.A. and 2nd 3rd years of the 3 years' Degree course where such course exists.	140/- 80/-	90/- 75/-
3. M.A./M.Sc.	300/- 110/-	125/- 100/-
4. Professional courses	110/- 300/-	130/- 120/-

B. MEANS TEST:

The scholarship will be governed by the following Means Test :

- i) Only those whose parents have an income of Rs. 500/- or below per month should be eligible for Scholarships.
- ii) There would be no system of half Scholarships.
- iii) A National prize of Rs. 100/- and a certificate of merit should be awarded in lieu of scholarship to eligible students whose parents income exceeds Rs. 2500/- + Rs. 2083/- p.m.
- iv) An income affidavit will be submitted by the parents/guardian of each scholar on selection. The scholarship once awarded will continue at the same rate as determined by the Income Affidavit submitted at the initial selection and it will be renewed from year to year till the completion of the particular stage for which the award has been made without calling for an income affidavit each year, provided the scholar fulfils all other terms and conditions regarding the renewal of the award. A fresh Income Affidavit will be submitted if the scholar is eligible for renewal of the award beyond the stage for which it has been given and the rate of scholarship will be fixed afresh under the above mentioned "Means Test". The rate of scholarship thus fixed will remain in force till the completion of the next stage of education.

v) Scholarships under the Scheme for the post Graduate Study/research will be paid without any consideration of the income of the parents of this candidate.

(Included as per Govt. of India, Ministry of Education and Social Welfare, New Delhi letter No.F.33-18/71-UT-1 dt. 23rd October 1971).

V. TENABILITY:

- (1) Scholarships under this scheme shall be tenable for full-time courses only. Morning and evening colleges and correspondence courses are not covered.
- (2) A scholarship under this scheme has to be availed of from the year it is made. A selected candidate who chooses to avail of any other scholarship in the year of the award of a scholarship under the present scheme will lose his entitlement to the latter. He will not be entitled to claim the same from any subsequent year as well. The same condition will apply if a scholar chooses to avail of another scholarship in any subsequent year as well.

(3) The holder of the scholarship is free to follow any higher course in Arts/Science/Engineering/Medicine/Agriculture/Law/Commerce/Education in any recognised institution anywhere in India and the responsibility for the payment of his scholarship will continue to be of the Government of Pondicherry.

(4) A Scholarship under the present scheme will be tenable only for the next course of study and not for any equivalent course.

(5) In the case of engineering and medical studies, the scholarship will be tenable for the first degree only provided admission to the same is secured immediately after the candidate has attained the prescribed minimum admission qualifications.

(6) If a candidate selected on the basis of the first degree examination (B.A./B.Sc./B.Com/B.Sc.(Agrl) wishes to join a first degree course in engineering or medicine, he can do so and his scholarship will remain suspended for the number of years he has already studied beyond the educational qualifications essential for entry into the concerned professional course.

(7) Where a selected candidate joins a course in engineering/technology after passing B.A./B.Sc. examination for which the minimum educational qualification for admission is B.A./B.Sc. the scholarship will be admissible to him for that course.

VI. Duration of the Scholarship and its Renewal:

A scholarship once awarded on the result of a school leaving examination will be tenable from the start of the post matriculation studies to the end of the first degree course. A scholarship awarded on the result of P.U.C./P.D.C. examination will continue to be renewed to the end of first degree course and a scholarship awarded on the result of a first degree course will terminate with the next degree/diploma course.

(2) A scholarship under the scheme is renewable from year to year within the same stage of education. This renewal will depend on promotion to the next class with at least 50 marks in the aggregate in their terminal examination which 50 marks in the promotion to the next class. Pre-University, Pre-Professional, Pre-Engineering, Pre-Medical and P.D.C. examinations will be treated as promotion examinations and not as final University Examinations for the purpose of this rule.

(3) When a scholar fails to obtain promotion to the next class with at least 50 marks, his scholarship will be suspended for one academic year and will be renewed on his attaining requisite standard in the following annual examination. This concession will not extend beyond one academic year for any particular stage of education.

(4) If a scholar shows unsatisfactory progress during the course of his studies; if he gives up the chosen course of study before its completion; or if he changes the course of study without the prior approval of the Government, the scholarship will be cancelled. Good conduct and regularity in attendance are also the required conditions for the continuance of scholarship. In all these matters, the decision of the Government will be final and binding. A scholarship once cancelled will not be restored no matter what reasons are adduced including better performance at subsequent examinations.

(5) If a scholar fails in the annual examination other than the final University examination and is eligible to take supplementary examination a few months later, his scholarship will be held in abeyance. His marks in the subjects in which he has passed in either of the two examinations will be taken into consideration to find whether he obtains 50% marks in the aggregate, if he does, his scholarship will be renewed.

(6) In the case of the final University examination if the scholar is placed in compartment, his scholarship will not be extended beyond the month of annual examination.

(7) The scholarship will be renewed for each successive year subject to what is stated above on the basis of an Annual Progress Report (APR) to be submitted by the scholar. The Head of the Institution is expected to bring to the notice of the Government any adverse report that may have been necessitated due to habitual irregularity, misbehaviour, participation in strikes, etc. and if necessary, suggest suspension/cancellation of scholarship.

(8) Where the head of the Institution gives adverse comments and specifically recommends in column 14 of the Annual Progress Report that the "Scholarships should not be renewed", the State Government should fully satisfy themselves of the reasons of this adverse remarks and form their own opinion in the case. Before cancelling the scholarship they may also consider whether a warning would not serve the purpose. If the State Government finally decide to cancel the award, they should do so.

(9) It has been provided that an attested copy of the marks sheet of the annual examination should be attached to the A.P.R. This will enable the State Government to decide the eligibility of the scholar regarding the renewal of the Scholarship with reference to documentary evidence. Certain Universities, do not, however, give marks in the marks-sheet but show only Grades by symbols such as Distinction, A, B or C plus etc. The explanation of these symbols is given at the bottom of the mark sheet.

(10) For purpose of renewal, the marks are to be rounded off to 50% if the actual marks obtained by a scholar are 49.5% or more.

(11) Where a scholar has shifted to another course subject to Rule (VI) (4) above instead of continuing in the course in which the scholarship was originally granted e.g. a scholar who was studying in first year of 3 year degree course on passing the 1st year of the course, shifts to an Engineering

course or any other similar course, the scholarship may be renewed for the Engineering course or the other course. The principle to be followed in such cases is as follows:

The scholarship is to be renewed if the scholar shifts over immediately on attaining the minimum educational qualification for admission to the new course. For example, a scholar who shifts over to the Engineering course (5 years) after doing the first year of 3 years degree course, whereas the minimum admission qualification for such a course is Pre-University, will not get the scholarship for one year and his scholarship will be suspended for full one academic year of 12 months. Similarly, if a scholar shifts over to an Engineering course (5 years duration) after doing final B.A./B.Sc. whereas the educational qualification for admission is PUC or pass in 1st year of 3 year degree course, the award will be suspended for the number of years equivalent to the period spent beyond the minimum educational qualification for admission to that course. The basic principle is that admission to a course must be obtained immediately on attaining the minimum admission qualifications:

12. The conditions laid down above will be relaxable in the following circumstances:

- i) If a scholar is unable to appear for the annual examination within a continuous course of studies (but not a final university examination) owing to illness, the scholarship may be renewed for the next year on the recommendation of the head of the institution, which recommendations he will make on the basis of a medical certificate to be submitted by the scholar.
- ii) If a scholar is unable to appear in the final University examination owing to prolonged illness extending over a long period which had resulted in shortage in the required attendance as per university rules, the scholarship will be renewed for another year provided the head of the institution certifies that the scholar would have passed the University examination with atleast 50% had he taken the examination.

MII. PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP.

The following procedure will be followed in drawing and disbursing the scholarship amounts:-

- (1) The payment of scholarship will start from the month of the admission is obtained. In the case of renewal of scholarship for the succeeding year, the scholarship will be paid during the previous academic year if the course of study pursued is continuous e.g. I.A. (Pr.) to I.A. II year or B.Sc. I year to II year or M.B.B.S. I year to M.B.B.S. II year etc. otherwise the scholarship will be paid from the month of admission. Thus, wherever a final university examination is taken at the completion of a full course of studies e.g. Pre-University/ I.A./I.Sc the scholarship will be payable upto the month in which the written/practical examination ends. On passing the University examination and on taking admission in the next higher class in

the undergraduate stage i.e. B.A./

B.Sc. or Engineering or Professional courses, whether in the same institution or in some other institution, the payment of scholarship will recommence from the month of admission in such class. There may thus be a period in between the cessation of the payment of Scholarship in one class and its resumption in the next, for which no payment will be made. No requests will be entertained for the relaxation of this rule.

(2) Where a scholarship is suspended as per sub para (VI) 3 above, the payment of the scholarship for the months of the examination including practicals is to be made at the rate applicable in the preceding academic year. The scholarship will be payable for the whole month even if the examination ends on the 1st or the 2nd of a month.

(3) Where a scholarship is renewable on promotion from the first year of the 3 year degree course where the basic rate is Rs. 50/- p.m. to the 2nd year of the 3 year degree course where the basic rate is Rs. 75/- p.m. the lower rate will be payable upto the month of the examination (including practicals) and the higher rate from the month succeeding immediately. For instance, where a scholar's examination of 1st year of 3 year degree course finishes in May (including practicals) the scholarship will be admissible at Rs. 50/- p.m. for May and Rs. 75/- p.m. from June onwards of the year for 2nd year of 3 year Degree course.

(4) The scholarship will, during the year, be drawn upto March of financial year. For the months of examination, the scholarship will be drawn in the succeeding financial year on the receipt of the A.P.R. which will contain the information regarding the month of the examination.

(5) Where a scholar has completed a stage of studies which is the minimum educational qualification for admission to the next course, the scholarship amount is to be paid upto the month of the examination (including practicals) and then from the month of admission in the next course.

(6) If a scholar has been promoted by the institution provisionally to the next higher class, and his scholarship is subsequently renewed, the payment should be made from the month of joining the class. In such cases it is also essential that the scholar should take the next annual examination along with other students of his class i.e. he should not lose any period of the academic year.

(7) If the scholar has not been promoted provisionally, then no payment should be made for the period starting from the month following the month of annual examination till his joining the class after the supplementary examination. The payment in this case, if the scholarship is renewed, will be made from the month of admission to the next class after the supplementary examination.

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VIII. PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP DURING LEAVE:

(1) The scholarship will be admissible as follows:-

If the absence is due to illness supported by Medical Certificate from a Registered Medical Practitioner.

(a) Full scholarship, if the absence does not exceed two months:

(b) Half scholarship, if absence exceeds two months but not four months for the first two months the scholarship will be paid at full rates and only for the period exceeding two months, will the scholarship be paid at half the rates.

(c) No scholarship, if absence exceeds four months. For the first four months, however, the scholarship will be paid as per sub clause (a) & (b).

(2) For married women the scholarship will be admissible at full rates upto three months for absence on grounds of maternity. No scholarship will be paid for a period exceeding three months due to absence on grounds of maternity.

(3) In all the above cases, the scholarship at the rates indicated will be paid only if the head of the institution recommends the application and certifies that the scholar is likely to make the deficiency in lectures and studies during the rest of the period of the course of studies.

(4) The awardees will get the scholarship as long as he/she is on the rolls of an institution subject to sub paras above. If on account of prolonged illness or by other valid reasons the awardee's name is struck off the rolls, he/she will be entitled to the restoration of the scholarship on readmission and on the recommendation of the head of the institution.

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