

GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
PRIVATE SCHOOL BRANCH (PSB)
DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION
OLD SECRETARIAT: DELHI-110054

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Dated: 31/10/25

ORDER

The Directorate of Education, Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi, is entrusted with the responsibility of processing applications submitted by Private Schools for the purposes of recognition and up-gradation, in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 4, read with Rules 50 and 51, of the *Delhi School Education Act and Rules, 1973 (DSEA&R, 1973)*.

2. The process governing the recognition of schools is also regulated under the relevant provisions of *The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 (RTE Act, 2009)* which came into force w.e.f. 01.04.2010, as well as by such orders, notifications, circulars, and guidelines as may be issued by the Directorate of Education from time to time in pursuance of the statutory framework.

3. In terms of Section 18 of the *RTE Act, 2009*, no private school shall be established or permitted to function without obtaining a valid Certificate of Recognition from the Appropriate Authority. Such certificate shall be issued solely to those schools that apparently comply with the prescribed norms and standards as enumerated under Section 19 of the said Act.

4. Over a period of time, it has been observed that a number of Private Schools functioning within the territorial jurisdiction of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) are operating without having valid recognition from the Directorate of Education (DoE).

5. It has also been noticed that certain schools, though granted recognition in the past, have not even submitted applications for extension of recognition upon expiry of the provisional recognition period originally granted.

6. As a one time opportunity, in view of public interest and to ensure the safety and security of students studying in these schools, the following directions are hereby issued for strict, uniform, and time-bound compliance by all concerned Private Unaided Schools:-

(A) Submission and Processing of Applications for Recognition:

(i) Applications are hereby invited from those Private Schools functioning in conforming as well as non-conforming areas seeking grant of recognition. Such applications shall be processed strictly in consonance with the relevant provisions of the *Delhi School Education Act & Rules, 1973*, the *RTE Act, 2009*, and all other extant instructions, orders, and circulars issued by the Directorate of Education from time to time.

(ii) Each applicant school shall submit the requisite documentation in accordance with the 73-Point Proforma prescribed by the Directorate of Education. The said Proforma constitutes a comprehensive, evaluative

instrument designed to ascertain adherence to legal, infrastructural, safety, emergency preparedness, and academic benchmarks.

(iii) Recognition shall be accorded only to those Private Un-recognized schools which, upon detailed inspection and scrutiny, are found to be in full and explicit compliance with all statutory requirements and regulatory stipulations prescribed under the aforesaid Acts, Rules, and Guidelines/Instructions.

(iv) Every applicant school shall ensure that it functions strictly within the statutory ambit of the *RTE Act, 2009* and *DSEAR, 1973* and maintains the prescribed standards, provides a safe, inclusive, equitable, and conducive educational environment for all students.

(B) Extension of Provisional Recognition: -

(i) All Private Unaided Schools whose provisional recognition has expired are hereby directed to complete all procedural formalities and secure extension of provisional recognition at the earliest.

(C) Failure to comply with above directive shall render the concerned School liable for penal action under Section 18 of the *RTE Act, 2009*, which stipulates a fine of Rs. 1,00,000 (Rupees One Lakh) and, in the event of continuing contravention, an additional fine of Rs. 10,000 (Rupees Ten Thousand) for each day during which such contravention persists. Further, punitive action as per the relevant provisions of *RTE Act, 2009* and *DSEAR, 1973* may be initiated.

(D) Reimbursement under EWS/CWSN/DG Categories: -

Reimbursement of expenditure to Private Unaided Schools on account of admissions made under the EWS/CWSN/DG categories shall be considered only in respect of those schools which are holding a valid Recognition Letter issued by the Directorate of Education at the time of submission of the reimbursement claim.

5. Accordingly, all Private Unaided Schools operating within the territorial jurisdiction of the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) are hereby granted a one-time opportunity to apply for fresh recognition or extension of recognition, as the case may be, within a period of 30 (thirty) days from the date of issuance of this order i.e upto November 30th, 2025 to the Directorate of Education (DoE), Govt. of NCT of Delhi.

6. Any deviation, violation, or non-compliance with the above directions shall invite appropriate administrative and statutory action as prescribed under the provisions of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 and the Delhi School Education Act & Rules, 1973, as applicable.



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1. Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, NCT of Delhi.
2. Secretary to the Hon'ble Minister of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
3. Staff Officer to Chief Secretary, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
4. P.S. to Secretary (Education), Old Sectt., GNCT of Delhi.
5. P.P.S. to Director (Education), Old Sectt., GNCT of Delhi.
6. All Regional Directors (Education), GNCT of Delhi
7. All Dy. Director of Education (District), GNCT of Delhi to ensure compliance of the above said directions.
8. All Dy. Director of Education (Zone), GNCT of Delhi to ensure compliance of the above said directions and to serve the copy of this Order to all private unaided recognized/un-recognized schools located in zone concerned.
9. Joint Director(IT) with request to upload the Order on website of DoE in Public Circular/Order.
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