

NATIONAL MEANS – CUM – MERIT SCHOLARSHIP(NMMS)

The National Means – cum- Merit Scholarship Examination (NMMS) is conducted every year by Science Branch of Directorate of Education, Delhi usually in the month of November for the students studying in class VIII of Govt./Aided schools. It is a centrally sponsored scheme of Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) Govt. of India.

Eligibility:- The student studying in class VIII and must have secured 55% marks (for general category) or 50% marks (for reserve category i.e. SC/ST/PH) in class VII. The annual income of the parents of the student appearing in the examination should not exceed Rs. 1,50,000/- (Rs one lac fifty thousand only) from all sources.

No. of scholarships: - The Delhi State has a quota of 1576 scholarships.

Examination fee: - No examination fee is charged for appearing in this examination.

Type of Examination: - The examination consists of two papers

1. Mental Ability Test (MAT)
2. Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT):- This consists of 8 subjects – Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Biology, History, Geography, Civics, and Economics.

The detail of the two papers is as under:-

Sr. No.	Sub.	No. of Questions	Marks	Time Taken
I	MAT	90	90	90 min.
II	SAT	90	90	90 min.

For any clarification in the matter, please contact 011- 26280413.

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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Secondary Education & Literacy

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
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To

The Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries (In-charge of Secondary Education)
States/ UTs (As per list attached)

Subject: School Education - Direct Benefits Transfer (DBT) - National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) - regarding.

Sir/ Madam,

This has reference to Centrally Sponsored Scheme "National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS)" of the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development.

2. The Direct Benefits Transfer (DBT) System had been launched by the Government of India in 43 pilot districts of 16 States/UTs w.e.f 01.01.2013. As already intimated, the NMMSS has been covered under the DBT system.
3. DBT system envisages direct payment to beneficiaries based on Aadhaar number through Aadhaar Payment Bridge (APB). As per Planning Commissions' OM No. I-11011/40/2012-DCT dated 08.01.2013, the Payment advice would contain the Aadhaar number and Bank Account Number for the Payments to be made under the DBT till 31.03.2013, after which a review would be undertaken to examine the need for inclusion of the bank account number in the Payment advice. Once, Aadhaar coverage is complete, the Payment advice should issue with only the Aadhaar number and , bank account details shall not be included in the Payment Advice, thereafter.
4. Accordingly, it was decided to introduce a new system/process for sanction/disbursement of scholarships for the scheme and detailed guidelines were issued vide letter of even number dated 13th March, 2013(copy enclosed). These instructions are also available on the Ministry of HRD's website www.mhrd.gov.in in DBT Section.
5. The Government of India have now decided to rollout the second phase of DBT from 1st July, 2013. Instructions for this Rollout were issued through letter no.8-10/2013-SS dated 22nd April, 2013 from the Department of School Education & Literacy, Government of India to all State Governments. These instructions are also available on the Ministry of HRD's website

www.mhrd.gov.in in DBT Section. In this phase, 78 more districts will be covered in addition to the 43 districts already covered under DBT. These districts include UIDAI as well as NPR districts. It has also been decided that the DBT programme will be rolled out in all the districts in phases. It has therefore been agreed that irrespective of the rollout of DBT, the process of digitization of databases should begin in all districts as this is a critical activity which need not await the DBT rollout in rest of the districts. It is therefore requested to take necessary follow up action immediately for opening of bank accounts, digitisation of database, obtaining Aadhaar numbers and seeding of bank accounts with Aadhaar numbers etc. with regard to the above scheme so as to start rollout in these districts in an effective manner. The digitised list of beneficiaries in respect of each new pilot district covered under DBT is being sent separately to concerned State Education Secretaries and District Collectors for necessary rollout activities.

6. The Planning Commission has issued guidelines on DBT scheme/system through OM No. # 1 to 7 between 26.12.2012 to 12.4.2013 which are available on Planning Commission's website at DBT Home page. The detailed guidelines for the use of Central Plan Scheme Monitoring System (CPSMS) and NIC software <http://dbtapp.gov.in> to facilitate implementation of DBT are available in Planning Commission's OM No. # 6 (F.No.I-11011/40/2013 dated 12.4.2013). A copy of the same is enclosed.

7. In continuation of the guidelines issued vide letter of even number dated 13.3.2013 and in pursuance of the guidelines issued by the Planning Commission vide OM No. # 4 and 6 referred to above, the detailed system/procedure to be followed, is given hereunder :

- i. The concerned Nodal Department in the State is required to use NIC portal at <http://dbtapp.gov.in> and designate a State Scheme Administrator who will register with the State NIC unit. The concerned Department/Agency should also register on CPSMS portal of Controller General of Accounts (CGA).
- ii. The Nodal Department in State shall nominate an official to approach NIC State unit to get user-id/password and apply for Digital Signature Certificate(DSC).
- iii. The State Scheme Administrator shall view aggregated spreadsheet, finalize and freeze the format in <http://dbtapp.gov.in> so that the format can be downloaded within the State by field level functionaries of the scheme.
- iv. The concerned Nodal Department in the State shall nominate an official in each district to approach NIC District Centre to get user-id/password to perform the role of District Scheme administrator.
- v. District Scheme Administrator shall create accounts of district Scheme Verifier and contributors.

- vi. The district Scheme Verifier shall apply for Digital Signature Certificates (DSC) with the technical guidance of NIC officials.
- vii. Contributor will have the facility to download spreadsheet based format, enter the data, upload, validate and transmit the data file using the system.
- viii. The district scheme Verifier shall verify and digitally sign the list of beneficiaries, uploaded by the contributor, using the software so that the list becomes available to State Scheme Administrator.
- ix. The State Scheme Administrator shall endorse the beneficiary list being sent to Central Ministry using DSC. For this purpose, the State Scheme Administrator has to obtain DSC with the technical guidance of NIC officials.
- x. The Programme Division (PD) shall register as 'User' on CPSMS.
- xi. The programme division in the Ministry shall process the beneficiary list using CPSMS for payment.
- xii. CPSMS will send the response back to <http://dbtapp.gov.in> which becomes visible to all concerned stakeholders.
- xiii. NIC is required to conduct training Programme on software for officials identified by the State Government for using the system.

8. In view of the new system as given above, the following actions are required on the part of States/UTs:

- i. The State Nodal Department are required to designate the Officials at State and District level who will be authorised to work on <http://dbtapp.gov.in> and also intimate the names of the official at State level to the Department of School Education & Literacy.
- ii. The State nodal Department will ensure that officials who are designated as Verifiers at District level as well as State Scheme Administrator apply for Digital Signatures Certificate (DSC) to respective NIC units and contact local NIC officials for training on <http://dbtapp.gov.in>.

9. In addition, the following guidelines may be kept in view:

- (i) The State Nodal Department would need to ensure that aadhaar numbers are seeded to the digitised list of beneficiaries and that the bank accounts of beneficiaries are also seeded with the aadhaar numbers. The detailed instructions are available in all

relevant guidelines quoted in this reference and also on the website of the Ministry of HRD, Department of School Education & Literacy and Planning Commission's website in DBT Section. For other districts which are not covered under DBT at present, States may indicate Aadhaar number if available.

- (ii) For sanction of new scholarships for class IX of the academic year, the authorised official in State Department is required to send the digitally signed consolidated list of all districts in the State by the first week of June on <http://dbtapp.gov.in>.
- (iii) Similarly, for renewal of scholarships for classes X, XI and XII, a list of eligible students, after excluding the ineligible student s(exception reports) is required to be sent in prescribed spreadsheet for the academic year by first week of June in the manner as mentioned above. For continuation of scholarships in class X and XII, the students should get promotion from class IX to class X with 55% marks (relaxable by 5% for SC/ST students) and from class XI to class XII in the first attempt with 55% marks (relaxable by 5% for SC/ST students). The students must obtain a minimum of 60% marks in class X (relaxable by 5 % for SC/ST students) examination for continuation of the scholarship at higher secondary stage. The other students becoming ineligible on account of not getting requisite marks will fall in the category of exception reports. The details of these students is also required to be uploaded in the prescribed format given in the <http://dbtapp.gov.in> in the same manner.
- (iv) The files are to be sent academic year-wise and class-wise.
- (v) The Ministry will process for release of funds after obtaining due approvals. The Programme Division (PD) will verify the authenticity of the digital signatories received from the State nodal Department and countersign the same. For this purpose, PD shall designate an authorised officer. Thereafter, PD shall upload the State-wise digitally countersigned list of beneficiaries on the CPSMS. The e-sanction will be available to DDO, Department of School Education and Literacy, Government of India who will use it to prepare the e-bill, sign it digitally and submit it on the system for further processing.
- (vi) Pay and Accounts Officer (PAO), Department of School Education and Literacy will perform necessary checks and approve the e-bill for payment using CPSMS. PAO will generate digitally signed payment advice on CPSMS portal. The payment advice shall indicate the details viz name, Aadhar number, Bank's Name, IFSC of Bank branch, Bank Account Number, Amount.

- (vii) The accredited bank for the Ministry/Department will get the payment advice from CPSMS and distinguish between the payment advices for Aadhar and non-Aadhaar enabled accounts for processing payments. The credit shall be passed into beneficiaries accounts on the basis of Aadhaar number/bank account number. Accordingly, payments will be credited directly into the accounts of the beneficiaries. Bank will send the success/ failure report to the CPSMS portal.
- (viii) For failed transactions, the remedial measure will be taken by State Department/agency and repeat the process of uploading file, if any, for further action.
- (ix) In the event of a student becoming ineligible on account of drop out, leaving the school to join a private school or in the unfortunate event of death etc., a digitally signed file in the spreadsheet prescribed for ineligible students (exception report) is to be sent by the authorised official in State Department with digital signature so that the payment can be discontinued immediately.

10. It is, therefore, requested to take necessary action as mentioned above and forward the proposals/lists for new scholarships as well as renewal of scholarships in the manner as given above. The spreadsheets are being uploaded shortly on [http:// dbtapp.gov.in](http://dbtapp.gov.in) A timely action in the matter will avoid delay in sanction/disbursement of scholarships to the students.

Yours faithfully,

Encls: as above

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- iii. Pay & Account Officer, MHRD
- iv. Section Officer,(Grant-in-Aid), D/o SE & L (MHRD)
- v. Section Officer, Cash Section, D/o SE & L (MHRD)

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- ii. Joint Secretary (SE-II), D/o SE & L
- iii. All Bureau Heads, D/o SE & L
- iv. All concerned Directors/DSs, D/o SE & L

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