

Reservation Policy

15%, 7.5% & 27% seats in all programmes are reserved respectively for candidates belonging to Schedule Caste, Schedule Tribe and Other Backward Class by birth (not by marriage or adoption).

- **Note** : Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribe persons who have migrated from their state of origin to another state for the purpose of seeking education, employment etc., will be deemed to be Scheduled Caste / Tribe of state of their origin and will be entitled to derive benefits from the state of origin and not from the state to which they have migrated. (Vide Govt. India Letter No. BC/160 14.1.82 SC & BCD / dated 22nd Feb., 1985). Thus, SC/ST candidates from Odisha who are staying outside the state have to produce SC/ST certificate from the competent authority of Odisha State during counselling.
- OBC candidates are only eligible for mark relaxation.
- Candidates applying for SC/ST/OBC reserved category shall furnish SC/ST/OBC certificate from the Tehsildar of the place of birth **at the time of counselling** in the format given in the website along with original caste certificate.
- 3% seats are reserved for "DIVYANG" (PH) candidates for admission to different courses and candidates are eligible to be considered under "DIVYANG" (PH) Category for admission to these courses with 40% disabilities in consonance with section-39 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal opportunities, Protection of Rights and full participation) Act, 1995. Candidates applying for "DIVYANG" (PH) reserved category shall have to furnish a medical certificate from a medical board. The board should certify that they are eligible to be categorized as "DIVYANG" (PH) candidates with capable of undergoing each part of the requirements for above mentioned studies.
- Seats available under general category in any course are those available after deduction of the number of seats pertaining to the reserved categories from the total number of seats available for that particular course.
- For admission into a programme a candidate belonging to reserved categories can also compete under general category provided he/she satisfies all conditions of eligibility for the same. At the time of counselling for admission, a candidate figuring in the merit list for both



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reserved and general categories may first exercise his/her option for the institute and discipline for admission under reserved category. A candidate who forgoes his / her option under reserved categories is entitled to exercise his/her option subsequently for the institute and discipline for admission according to his/her merit position under general category.

- If a candidate does not report during scheduled date / hour of counselling, he/she will be treated as an absentee and no seat will be kept reserved for him/her. A candidate failing to report for counselling will not be permitted to participate in the counselling subsequently under any circumstances.
- If all the seats belonging to ST reserved category are not filled up due to non-availability of candidates belonging to ST category, such vacant seats may be filled up by candidates belonging to SC category. If all the seats belonging to SC reserved category are not filled up due to non-availability of candidates belonging to SC category, such vacant seats may be filled up by general category. If all the seats belonging to PH reserved category are not filled up due to non-availability of candidates belonging to PH category, such vacant seats may be filled up by candidates belonging to general category.
- **No reservation norms are applicable for lateral entry admissions.**
- **Note:** In case of any change in the percentage of reservation of seats/reservation criteria mentioned in the clause above on the basis of guidelines from MHRD it will be intimated through the counselling brochure to all the merit listed candidates. It will also be published in our website and in the notice board at the counselling venue.

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