

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

OSWAS No.HE-SCH-MISC-0013/2021 33498 /HE., Dated 06.08.22

NOTIFICATION

Since 2016-17, the Green Passage Scheme of Higher Education Department has been providing free higher education to children without biological or adoptive parents. After the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, many children in Odisha lost either both parents or single parent who were/was the bread earner of the family. Therefore, the Green Passage Scheme is hereby revised, as given below, to as well cover the children who lost their both parents or single parent in the COVID-19 pandemic.

1. Beneficiary:

A child without biological/adoptive parents or a child who has lost both or single bread-earning parent or a child residing in Child Care Institution or under foster care or care of a guardian or any fit person/ surviving parent will be eligible to get the benefits of the scheme, subject to the condition that the annual income of guardian/ fit person/ surviving parent does not exceed Rs. 8 Lakhs from all sources.

2. Identification:

- a. If the child is or was an inmate of a Child Care Institution, the District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) will issue the certificate to avail the benefits of Green Passage Scheme.
- b. If the child is under foster care/ care of a guardian, the DCPO will issue the said certificate basing on recommendation of Child Welfare Committee and income certificate from Tahasildar.
- c. In case of children of COVID-19 victims, they have to submit the Specially Cared Child Certificate/ I-Card for identification and income certificate from concerned Tahasildar for consideration.
- d. Following annexures to be used for this purpose,
 - Annexure-I: Application for availing benefits under Green Passage Scheme to be submitted to the DCPO with acknowledgement.
 - Annexure-II: Recommendation by Child Welfare Committee (CWC) for availing benefits under Green Passage Scheme.
 - Annexure-III: Certificate to avail benefits under Green Passage Scheme to be issued by the DCPO.

3. Exemption of Fees:

- a. Under this Scheme, the fees like application fees, admission/readmission fees, tuition fees, examination fees, hostel admission fees, laboratory fees, library




fees, college development fees, etc. will be exempted for the eligible students. The institutions will also provide free accommodation and food to such students.

- b. The scheme would cover the students who pursue their higher education in any Government or Non-Government Higher Education Institutions (i.e., College & University). Here higher education would mean general/professional/ technical education of at least 1 year duration after Class-12.
- c. In case of Government Institutions, fees will be exempted at the time of admission on submission of required documents by the student.
- d. In case of Non-Government Aided Colleges, fees will be exempted at the time of admission and would be reimbursed by Government on submission of required documents/vouchers by the institution to Government in Higher Education Department.
- e. In case of Non-Government Un-aided Institutions, the student will take admission by arranging funds on his/her own and then seek reimbursement from Government on submission of required documents/vouchers to Government in Higher Education Department. Such reimbursement will be limited to Rs. 5 Lakhs maximum for entire duration of the course.

The earlier Resolution No.23836, dtd.29.10.2015 and subsequent orders vide this Department letter No.19226/HE, dtd. 14.07.2016 and letter No. 16049/HE, dtd. 22.06.2017 are hereby superseded .

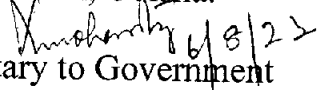
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(Saswat Mishra, IAS) 06.08.2022

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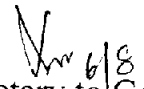
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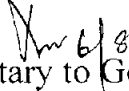
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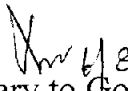
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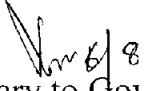
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