



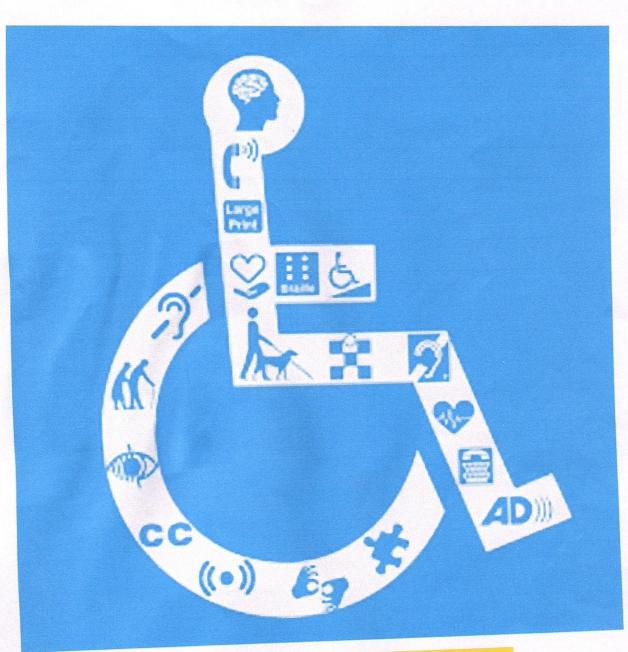
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## 5. Provision for enquiry and information: human assistance, reader, scribe, softcopies of reading materials, screen reading **UGC** Guidelines for Appointment of Scribe





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Subj. - Guidelines for conducting written examination for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities

Sir/Madam.

The undersigned is directed to forward, herewith a copy of the O.M. No.3402/2015-CO-III dated 29.8.2018 of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, New Delhi received through. Ministry of HRD, New Delhi regarding "Guidelines for conducting written examination for Persons with Benchmark Cisabilities' The Central Government (DicEPwO) has laid down the Guidelines for conducting written examination for persons with Benchmark Cisabilities, 2018 in supersession of the earlier Guidelines issued vide OM No.F. 16-110/2003-DO III dated 26.02.2013.

You are requested to take immediate action as per the above guidelines. These guidelines may also be circulated to the constituent and affitated colleges for strict compliance.

Yours sincerely

(Rajnish Jain)

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Encl: As above.



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V. The candidate should have the discretion of opting for his own scribe/reader/lab assistant or request the Examination Body for the same. The examining body may also identify the scribe/reader/lab assistant to make panels at the District/Division/ State level as per the requirements of the examination. In such instances the candidates should be allowed to meet the scribe two days before the examination so that the candidates get a chance to check and verify whether the scribe is suitable or not.

VI. In case the examining body provides the scribe/reader/lab assistant, it shall be ensured that qualification of the scribe should not be more than the minimum qualification criteria of the examination. However, the qualification of the scribe/reader should always be mairiculate or above.

In case the candidate is allowed to bring his own scribe, the qualification of the scribe should be one step below the qualification of the candidate taking examination. The persons with benchmark disabilities opting for own scribe/reader should submit details of the own scribe as per proforms at APPENDIX-II

VII. There should also be affectibility in accommodating any change in scribe/reader/lab assistant in ease of emergency. The candidates should also be allowed to take more than one scribe/reader for writing different papers especially for languages. However, there can be only one scribe per subject.

VIII. Persons with benchmark disabilities should be given, as far as possible, the option of choosing the mode for taking the examinations i.e. in Braille or in the computer or in large print or even by recording the answers as the examining bodies

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IX. In case, the persons with benchmark disabilities are allowed to take examination on computer system, they should be allowed to check the computer system one day in advance so that the problems, if any in the software/system could be rectified. Use of own computer/laptop should not be allowed for taking examination. However, enabling accessories for the computer based examinations such as keyboard, customized mouse etc should be allowed.

X. The procedure of availing the facility of scribe should be simplified and the necessary details should be recorded at the time of filling up of the forms. Thereafter, the examining body should ensure availability of question papers in the format opted by the candidate as well as suitable seating arrangement for giving examination.

XI. The disability certificate issued by the competent medical authority at any place should be accepted across the country.

XII. The word "extra time or additional time" that is being currently used should be changed to "compensatory time" and the same should not be less than 20 minutes per hour of examination for persons who are allowed use of scribe/reader/lab assistant. All the candidates with benchmark disability not availing the facility of scribe may be allowed additional time of minimum of one hour for examination of 3 hours duration. In case the duration of the examination is less than an hour, then the duration of additional time should be allowed on pro-rata basis. Additional time should not be less than 5 minutes and should be in the multiple of 5.

XIII. The candidates should be allowed to use assistive devices like talking calculator (in cases where calculators are allowed for giving exams), tailor frame, Braille slate, abacus, geometry kit, Braille measuring tape and augmentative communication devices like communication chart and electronic devices.

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- 2. It is requested to ensure that the above guidelines are scrupulously followed while conducting examination for persons with benchmark disabilities. All the recruitment agencies, Academics/Examination Bodies etc. under the administrative control of each Ministry/Deapartment may be advised appropriately to ensure compliance of implementing these guidelines. Action taken in this regard may be intimated to this office.
- 3. The above guidelines are issued with the approval of Hon'ble Minister (Social Justice & Empowerment).

Yours faithfully,

(D.K. Pannda)

Under Secretary to the Government of India Tele, No. 24369059

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