



## CHAPTER 5

### RESERVATIONS

**5.1** Indian nationals belonging to certain categories are admitted under the seats reserved for them in accordance with the rules prescribed by the Government of India. The categories and the extent of reservation are as follows:

- General category belonging to **Economically Weaker Section (GEN- EWS)** – **10%** of seats in every course. The benefit of reservation will be given only to those General category candidates who satisfy the conditions given in the **OM No. 20013/01/2018-BC-II dated 17 January 2019**, issued by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. The criteria for **GEN-EWS** will be as per the prevailing norms and/or notifications of the Government of India.
- Other Backward Classes belonging to the **Non-Creamy Layer (OBC- NCL)** – **27%** of seats in every course.
  - i. OBCs should be listed in the current updated central list of OBCs (<http://www.ncbc.ac.in>).
  - ii. OBCs present in the State list but **not** covered in the central list of OBCs (as per the list in <http://www.ncbc.ac.in>) are **NOT** eligible to claim the reservation.
  - iii. The criteria for OBC-NCL will be as per the notification of the Government of India.
  - iv. Candidates belonging to the creamy layer of OBC are **NOT** entitled to reservation. Such candidates are treated as belonging to the general (GEN), i.e. unreserved category, and they will be eligible only for the OPEN seats – the seats for which all candidates are eligible.
- **Scheduled Caste (SC)** – **15%** of seats in every course.
- **Scheduled Tribe (ST)** – **7.5%** of seats in every course.
- **Persons with Disability (PwD)** – **5%** seats in each of the GENERAL, GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, and ST category seats.
  - i. Candidates with at least 40% impairment irrespective of the type of disability shall be eligible for the benefits of the PwD category.
  - ii. Leprosy-cured candidates who are otherwise fit to pursue the courses are also included in this category.
  - iii. Candidates with less than 40% disability, but difficulty in writing, as prescribed by the Competent authority, are also included in this category.



**5.2 (a) Guidelines for conducting written examination for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities above 40% vide letter dated 29 August 2018 from Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**

**Provisions relating to Persons with Disability (PwD):**

*As per Section 2(t) of the RPwD Act, “Persons with Disability (PwD)” means a person with long-term physical, mental, intellectual, or sensory impairment which, in interaction with barriers, hinders his full and effective participation in society equally with others.*

According to Section 2(r) of the RPwD Act, 2016, “persons with benchmark disabilities” means a person with not less than forty percent (40%) of a specified disability where specified disability has not been defined in measurable terms and includes a person with disability where specified disability has been defined in measurable terms, as certified by the certifying authority.

**Facilities for PwD candidates to appear in the exam**

As per the guidelines issued by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment issued from time to time on the subject: “Written Examination for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities”, for the candidate with one of the benchmark disabilities [as defined in Section 2(r) of RPwD Act, 2016], holding a Disability Certificate in the prescribed format in the Rights of Person with Disabilities Rules, 2017 (link: [https://upload.indiacode.ac.in/showfile?actid=AC\\_CEN\\_25\\_54\\_00002\\_201649\\_15178073\\_28299&type=rule&filename=Rules\\_notified\\_15.06.pdf](https://upload.indiacode.ac.in/showfile?actid=AC_CEN_25_54_00002_201649_15178073_28299&type=rule&filename=Rules_notified_15.06.pdf) ).

- a. *The facility of a Scribe*, in case he/she has a **physical limitation and a scribe is essential to write the examination on his/her behalf**, being so certified in the aforesaid format by a CMO/Civil Surgeon/ Medical Superintendent of a Government Health Care Institution.
- b. *Compensatory time* of **one hour** for examination of **three hours** duration, whether such candidate uses the facility of Scribe or not.

**Services of a Scribe**

*As per the office memorandum of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (Reference: F.No. 34-02/2015-DD-III dated August 29, 2018), the PwD candidates who are visually impaired OR have a disability in the upper limbs OR have lost fingers/hands thereby preventing them from properly operating the Computer Based Test platform may avail the services of a scribe (amanuensis).*

*The scribe will help the Candidate in reading the questions and/or keying in the answers as per the directions of the Candidate. A scribe will NEITHER explain the questions NOR suggest any solutions.*



*PwD candidates who desire to avail the services of a scribe need to opt for this during the online registration of JEE (Main) – 2024. **Annexure V***

*It is to be noted that the Scribe will be provided by the **National Testing Agency (NTA)** if requested.*

*If it is found at any stage that a candidate has availed the services of a scribe and/or availed the compensatory time but does not possess the extent of disability that warrants the use of a scribe and/or grant of compensatory time, the candidate will be excluded from the process of evaluation, ranking, counselling, and admission. In case such a candidate has already been admitted to any Institution, the admission of the candidate will be cancelled.*

*The NTA does not guarantee any change in the category or sub-category (PwD status) after the submission of the Online Application Form, and in any case, no change will be entertained by NTA after the declaration of NTA Score for JEE (Main) - 2024. The category/sub-category (PwD status) entered in the JEE (Main) Database by the candidate will be used for the JEE (Advanced). Therefore, the candidates are advised to fill in the category/sub-category column very carefully.*

**Note:**

1. The minimum degree of disability should be **40% (Benchmark Disability)** in order to be eligible for availing reservation for persons with specified disability.
2. The extent of “specified disability” in a person shall be assessed in accordance with the “Guidelines for the purpose of assessing the extent of specified disability in a person included under the **Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016)**” notified in the Gazette of India by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment [Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)] on 4 January 2018.
3. No change in the category will be entertained after the last date specified by NTA for JEE (Main) - 2024 Registration.

*Candidates must note that the benefit of reservation will be given to them subject to verification of documents. If it is discovered at any stage that a candidate has used a false/fake/incorrect document, or has furnished false, incorrect, or incomplete information, in order to avail the benefit of reservation, then such a candidate shall be excluded from all admission processes. In case such a candidate has already been given admission, the admission shall stand cancelled.*

**5.2 (b) Guidelines for conducting written examination for persons with specified disabilities covered under the definition of Section 2(s) of the RPwD Act, 2016 but not covered under the definition of Section 2(r) of the said Act, i.e. persons having less than 40% disability and having difficulty in writing**



- I. These guidelines may be called Guidelines for conducting written examinations for persons with specified disabilities covered under the definition of Section 2(s) of the RPwD Act, 2016 but not covered under the definition of Section 2(r) of the said Act, i.e. persons having less than 40% disability and having difficulty in writing.
- II. The facility of scribe and/or compensatory time shall be granted solely to those having difficulty in writing subject to the production of a certificate to the effect that the person concerned has limitation to write and that scribe is essential to write the examination on his/her behalf from the competent medical authority of a Government healthcare institution as per proforma at **Annexure-IV**.
- III. The medical authority for the purpose of certification as mentioned in point (II) above should be a multi-member authority comprising the following:-
  - i. Chief Medical officer/Civil Surgeon/Chief District Medical Officer.....Chairperson
  - ii. Orthopaedic/PMR specialist
  - iii. Neurologist, if available\*
  - iv. Clinical Psychologist/Rehabilitation Psychologist/ Psychiatrist/Special Educator
  - v. Occupational therapist, if available\*
  - vi. Any other expert based on the condition of the candidate may be nominated by the Chairperson. (\* the Chief Medical Officer/Civil Surgeon/Chief District Medical Officer may make full efforts for inclusion of neurologists, occupational therapists from the nearest District or the Medical College/Institute if the same is not available in the District)"
- IV. Compensatory time of not less than 20 minutes per hour of the examination should be allowed for persons who are eligible for getting a scribe. In case the duration of the examination is less than an hour, then the duration of the compensatory time should be allowed on a pro-rata basis. Compensatory time should not be less than 5 minutes and should be in the multiple of 5.

- Physical Disability certificate (Unique Disability Identification (UDID) issued by the notified medical authority needs to be uploaded in the Online Application Form of JEE (Main) – 2024.

**5.3** In the case of the Institutes run/aided/recognized by State Governments, the reservation policy of the respective State Governments shall be applicable.

**Notes:**

1. The benefit of reservation for admission to NITs/IITs and CFTIs shall be given only to those classes/castes/tribes which are in the respective Central List published by the Government of India from time to time.
2. *The benefit of reservation will be given only to those castes and tribes that are mentioned in the respective central list of corresponding states published by the Government of India (websites: <http://socialjustice.nic.in> and <https://ncst.nic.in>).*