

## **FEE WAIVER FOR STUDENTS FROM ECONOMICALLY WEAK BACKGROUND (JUL - DEC 2019 SEMESTER)**

Dear SPOCs,

Requesting SPOCs to read through the changes in both applying for and in the criteria for fee waiver for the Jul-Dec 2019 semester.

### **Application procedure**

SPOC has to login & select students from your [npTEL.ac.in/LocalChapter](http://npTEL.ac.in/LocalChapter) SPOC login.

The list of exam registered students will be given in your SPOC login.

You have to select the students for fee waiver based on the criteria given below.

### **Fee waiver criteria**

Fee waiver criteria for the Jul-Dec 2019 semester will be as given below.

This criteria has been based on:

- Availability of CSR funds
- Number of Local Chapters who apply for fee waivers and the increase in number of students to be supported

1. Colleges from Tier-1 cities will be **excluded**

(cities - Bombay, Delhi, Kolkata, Madras, Bangalore, Hyderabad)

A list of pincodes are also provided here. Colleges coming under this list will also be excluded.

**List of pincodes :** <https://bit.ly/2YmH0Pt>

If the SPOC from a Tier-1 city college or from the pincode list feels that some students from these colleges absolutely deserve fee waiver, as a special case the fee waiver may be approved for them. The SPOC then has to provide us some strong justification (letter from Principal) as to why the fee waiver has to be extended to such candidates. This will be only for a handful of the most deserving students.

2. Fee waiver **will NOT** be extended to faculty.

3. Fee waiver will be given **to all courses the student has passed**, based on NPTEL exam pass criteria.

4. SC/ST and PwD candidates will automatically get Fee waiver through the exam form and hence will not need to separately apply here for the same.

5. Candidate has to register for the exam paying the full fees, appear for the exam in person and **has to pass** the exam and become **eligible for certification**, as per the norms of NPTEL.

6. If college is providing 50% waiver to students from management side

OR

If college is getting any other fee waiver such as through TEQIP-III , then NPTEL will NOT provide fee waiver for such students. A declaration from the Principal validating this will be required. Template of letter will be shared with SPOCs.

7. Max fee waivers per college will be capped as shown below, provided all the aforementioned criteria are met. Requesting SPOCs to use their discretion and choose only the most deserving students. This is NOT a merit scholarship; but is a fee waiver for financially weak students.

#### **Fee Waiver - capping criteria**

<b>Total exam registered</b>	<b>Max fee waiver count that can be approved by NPTEL</b>
Up to 1000 students	50% fee waiver recommendations will be approved
1000 and above	Capped at 500 max count of fee waiver students
Below 100	Capped at 50 max count of fee waiver students

#### **Fee Waiver Amount**

<b>Exam fees paid</b>	<b>Fee waiver amount that will be given</b>
Rs. 1500	Rs. 500
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#### **Fee waiver - selection of candidates - deadline**

Fee waiver open	Nov 9, 2019 (Saturday - 11am)
Fee waiver close	Nov 25, 2019 (Monday - 5pm)

#### **Google form to upload fee waiver docs - deadline**

Google Form open	Nov 25, 2019 (Monday - 5pm)
Google Form close	Dec 5, 2019 (Thursday - 5pm)

**Note:**

- We will not be taking requests via email. All fee waivers have to come through SPOC login
- We will be strictly adhering to the given deadlines. These dates will not be extended whatsoever.
- Fee waiver will be refunded to college a/c for those colleges that made bulk fee payment. Cases where students have paid fees directly, fee waiver refund will go to their individual a/c.

If you need any further clarifications, please write to [localchapter@nptel.iitm.ac.in](mailto:localchapter@nptel.iitm.ac.in)