

Children Education Allowance and Hostel Subsidy

1. The reimbursement of Children Education Allowance/Hostel subsidy can be claimed only for the two eldest surviving children with the exception that in case the second child-birth results in twins/multiple birth.
2. In case of failure of sterilization operation, the CEA/Hostel Subsidy would be admissible in respect of children born out of the first instance of such failure beyond the usual two children norm.
3. The amount for reimbursement of Children Education Allowance will be Rs. **2250/- (Now Rs. 2812.50/- from 01.01.2024)** per month (**Fixed**) per Child. The amount of Rs.**2250/- (Now Rs. 2812.50/- from 01.01.2024)** is fixed irrespective of the actual expenses incurred by the Govt. Servant.
4. For the claim reimbursement of CEA, The Govt. servant should produce a certificate issued by the Head of the Institution for the period/year which claim has been preferred. The certificate should confirm that the child studied in the school during the previous academic year.
5. If Certificate is not obtained, the Govt. servant can produce Self -Attested copy of the report card or self-attested receipt(s) including e-receipt (s) confirming/indicating that the fee deposited for the entire academic year can be produced as a supporting document to claim CEA.
6. The period/year means academic year i.e., twelve months of complete academic session.
7. The amount of ceiling of Hostel subsidy is Rs. 6750/- (Now Rs. 8437.50/- from 01.01.2024) per month.
8. The claim of Hostel subsidy for an academic year.
9. A certificate from the Head of Institution confirming that the child studied in the school and also certificate should mention the amount of expenditure incurred by the Govt. servant towards lodging and boarding in the residential Complex.
10. If Certificate is not obtained, the Govt. servant can produce Self -Attested copy of the report card or self-attested original receipt(s)/ e-receipt (s) which should indicate the amount of expenditure incurred by the Govt. Servant towards lodging and boarding in the residential complex can be produced for claiming Hostel Subsidy.
11. The expenditure on boarding and lodging or the ceiling of Rs. 6750/- (Now Rs. 8437.50/- from 01.01.2024) whichever is lower, shall be paid to the employees as Hostel Subsidy.
12. The reimbursement of Children Education Allowance for Divyang Children of Govt. employees shall be payable at double the normal rate of CEA. i.e., Rs. 4500/- (Now Rs. 5625/- from 01.01.2024) per month (Fixed).



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13. The above rate/ceiling would be automatically raised by 25% every time the Dearness allowance on the revised pay structure goes up to 50%.
14. The Hostel Subsidy and Children Education allowance can be claimed concurrently.
15. In case both the spouses are Govt. Servants, only one of them can avail reimbursement under Children Education Allowance and Hostel Subsidy.
16. The reimbursement of CEA and Hostel subsidy will be done just one in a financial year after completion of the financial year.
17. Hostel Subsidy is applicable only in respect of the child studying in a residential education institution located at least 50 KM from residence of the Government servant. It is further clarified that the grant of hostel subsidy is not related to transfer liability of Government servant.
18. The reimbursement of Children Education Allowance and Hostel Subsidy shall have no nexus with the performance of the child in his class. If a child fails in a particular class, the reimbursement of CEA/Hostel Subsidy shall not be stopped.
19. If the child is admitted in the same class in another school, although the child has passed out the same class in previous school or in the mid-session, CEA shall not be reimbursable.
20. If a Govt servant dies while in service, the CEA or Hostel Subsidy shall be admissible in respect of his/her Children subject to observance of other conditions for its grant provided the wife/Husband of the deceased is not employed in service of the Central Govt., State Govt., Autonomous bodies, PSU, Semi Govt. Organization such as Municipality, and other organization funded by Central/State Govt.
21. In such cases the CEA/Hostel Subsidy shall be payable to the children till such time the employee would have received the same, subject to the condition that other terms and conditions are fulfilled.
22. The payment shall be made by the office in which the Govt. Servant was working prior to his death.
23. In case of retirement, discharge, dismissal or removal from service, CEA/Hostel Subsidy shall be admissible till the end of the academic year in which the Govt. Servant ceases to be in service due to retirement, discharge, dismissal or removal from service in the course of an academic year.
24. The payment shall be made by the office in which the Govt. Servant worked prior to retirement, discharge, dismissal, or removal from service.
25. The upper age limit for Divyang children has been set at 22 years. In case of other children, the age limit will be 20 year or till the time of passing 12th class whichever is earlier. There shall be no minimum age.



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26. If a child completes **20/22 years half way through the academic session**, the CEA/ Hostel Subsidy is admissible till the end the academic session.
27. Reimbursement of CEA and Hostel Subsidy shall be applicable for children from class nursery to twelfth, including classes eleventh and twelfth held by junior Colleges or School affiliated to Universities or Boards of Education.
28. CEA is allowed in case of children studying through" **Correspondence or Distance Learning**" subject to conditions laid down herein.
29. The CEA and Hostel subsidy is admissible in respect of Children studying from **three classes before class 1st to 12th Standard (irrespective of class nomenclature as per NEP-2020)** and also for initial two year of a diploma/Certificate course from Polytechnic /ITI /Engineering College, if the child pursues the course after passing 10th standard and the Govt servant has not been granted CEA/Hostel Subsidy in respect of the child for studies in 11th and 12th standards.
30. In respect of Schools/Institutions at nursery, primary and **middle level not affiliated to any board of education**, the reimbursement under the scheme may be allowed for the children studying in a recognized school/institution.
31. **Recognized School/institution in this regard means** a Govt. **School or any education institution whether in receipt of Govt. Aid or not, recognized by the Central or state Govt. or Union Territory Administration** or by university or a recognized educational authority having jurisdiction over the area where the institution/school is situated.
32. In case of a Divyang child studying in an institution i.e., aided or approved by the Central/State Govt. or UT Administration or whose fees are approved by any of these authorities, the children education Allowance paid by the Govt. Servant shall be reimbursed irrespective of whether the institution is 'Recognized' or not. In such cases the benefits will be admissible till the child **attains the age of 22 years**.
33. The CEA is payable for children of all Central Govt. employees including citizens of **Nepal and Bhutan**, who are employees of Govt of India, whose children are studying in the native place. However, **a certificate may be obtained from the concerned Indian Mission** that the school is recognized by educational authority having jurisdiction over the area where the institution is situated.
34. The Children Education Allowance or Hostel Subsidy shall be **admissible to a Govt. Servant while he/she is on duty or is under suspension or is on leave** (Including Extra ordinary leave).
35. Any period which is treated as "**dies non**" the Govt. servant shall not be eligible for the CEA/Hostel Subsidy for that period.
36. These above instructions would come into **effect from 1st July 2017**.



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