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SCHOOL & MASS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION

The 4th June, 2012

Sub: Guidelines for conducting Teacher Eligibility Test (TET).

The National Council of Teacher Education being the Academic Authority has laid down the minimum qualifications for a person to be eligible for appointment as Teacher in Classes I to VIII vide Notification dated the 23rd August, 2010 and Notification dated the 29th July, 2011. As per the said notifications one of the essential qualifications for a person to be eligible for appointment as a teacher in any of the schools referred to clause (n) of section-2 of the RTE Act is that he/she should pass the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) which will be conducted by the appropriate Government in accordance with the guidelines issued by the NCTE. Accordingly, the State Government have framed the following guidelines for conducting TET in the State:—

1. The Teacher Eligibility Test shall be called “Odisha Teacher Eligibility Test” (OTET). OTET shall be conducted once in a year or as decided by Government according to need.

2. The Board of Secondary Education has been designated as the professional body for conducting OTET vide Notification No.8635/SME., dated the 2nd April, 2012. Detailed procedure for conducting OTET and instructions for carrying out the examination shall be issued by the BSE, Odisha. The application form for OTET shall also be prescribed by the Board of Secondary Education, Odisha.

3. Applicability:

OTET is applicable to all candidates who possess requisite academic and training qualifications with requisite percentage of marks and to all candidates pursuing the final year of the teacher training courses before the date of publication of advertisement for conducting OTET who aspire to become teachers for Classes-I to VIII in the schools of the State Government, private aided schools and private unaided schools in the State of Odisha. However, the candidates intending to seek employment as teachers in private un

aided schools shall also have the option of appearing at Central Teacher Eligibility Test(CTET) conducted by Central Government through CBSE, if they so desire. The candidates after being qualified in OTET can also apply for further improvement.

4. Eligibility:

(i) Persons having the following minimum qualifications shall be eligible for appearing in OTET.

(a) Category-A

Higher Secondary (+2 or its equivalent) with at least 50% marks and 2 year Diploma in Elementary Education (CT).

OR

Higher Secondary (+2 or its equivalent) with at least 50% marks and 2 year Diploma in Education (Special Education).

OR

Graduation and 2 year Diploma in Elementary Education/ 2- year Diploma in Special Education.

(b) Category-B

Graduation with at least 50% marks and 1 year Bachelor in Education (B. Ed.).

OR

Graduation with 50% marks and 1 year B.Ed.(Special Education)

OR

Higher Secondary (+2 or its equivalent) with at least 50% marks and 4 year B.A. Ed./ B.Sc.Ed.

Provided that relaxation of 5% in minimum qualifying marks in +2 or graduation level, as the case may be, shall be allowed to the candidates belonging to SC, ST, OBC / SEBC category.

Provided further that candidates having minimum marks in +2 or graduation level, as the case may be, prescribed at the time of admission in teacher education courses shall also eligible to appear in OTET.

(ii) Persons who are pursuing (final year) any of the teacher education courses (recognized by the NCTE or by the RCI, as the case may be) specified above in both the categories.

(iii) Persons declared eligible by the State Govt. / NCTE/ Govt. of India from time to time.

5. Examination Paper:

(i) There shall be two papers of the OTET viz -Paper-I and Paper-II.

Persons having qualification or pursuing (final year) any of the Diploma in Education Courses have to appear in only Paper-I of the Examination.

Persons having qualification or pursuing (final year) any of the Degree in Education Courses have to appear in only Paper-II of the Examination.

Eligibility for appearing in examination papers for persons covered under Para 4(iii) will be notified by the Government after declaration of their eligibility.

(ii) The duration of the test in each paper shall be 1 ½ hours.

(iii) All questions will be Multiple Choice Question (MCQ), each carrying one mark with four alternatives out of which one answer is correct.

(iv) The question papers in non-language subjects shall be bi-lingual i.e. in Odia and English.

(v) Following languages shall be offered in Language –I :—

Odia, Hindi, Telugu, Urdu, Bengali.

The candidate has to choose any one of these languages for Language–I subject.

(vi) Language –II subject shall be English for all candidates.

(vii) There shall be no negative marking.

6. Qualifying marks of OTET Examination:

The minimum pass mark in each paper is 60%. A person securing 60% or more in a paper shall be considered OTET pass. In case of SC,ST, PH, OBC/SEBC candidates, the minimum pass mark shall be 50%.

7. Issue of Certificate:

Successful candidates shall be awarded an OTET Certificate by BSE(O). The Certificate shall contain the name and address of the candidate, date of birth, registration number, year/month of award of certificate and marks obtained in paper(s). The certificate shall be electronically generated with adequate security features.

8. Validity of OTET Certificate:

The validity period of OTET qualifying certificate /mark sheet shall be for a minimum period of 7 years from the date of OTET examination subject to fulfillment of all other eligibility conditions of appointment as may be imposed by the appointing authority from time to time.

9. There shall be no restriction on the number of attempts a person can take for acquiring a OTET Certificate. A person who has qualified OTET may also appear again for improving his/her score.

10. The weightage of OTET scores in the recruitment process shall be as decided by Government from time to time.

11. Qualifying the OTET would not confer a right on any person for recruitment/employment as it is only one of the eligibility criteria for appointment. The eligibility shall finally be verified by the concerned recruiting agency/ appointing authority.

12. Conduct of OTET Examination:

The examination shall be conducted by Board of Secondary Education, Odisha. Detailed guidelines for conduct of examination including selection of Centers of Examination, format of Application Forms, fee structure, valuation of answer sheets, declaration of results, issue of mark sheets and certificate etc. shall be framed by the Board of Secondary Education, Odisha.

All disputes pertaining to the conduct of OTET Examination shall be subject to jurisdiction of BSE (O).

13. The detailed syllabus for both the papers of OTET shall be prepared by the Directorate of T.E & SCERT, Odisha strictly in conformity with the structure and content prescribed by the NCTE in this regard. The syllabus shall be made available on the official website of TE & SCERT, BSE (O) and S&ME, Department.

14. The BSE, Odisha shall accept the syllabus prepared by the T.E & SCERT. The nature and the standard of the questions of OTET shall be as per the guidelines issued by the NCTE in this regard.

15. The Director, TE & SCERT shall be the Nodal Officer for the purpose of OTET.

Ordered that this Resolution will be published in an Extraordinary issue of *Orissa Gazette*.

By Order of the Governor

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Principal Secretary to Government