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SCHOOL & MASS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION

The 17th September, 2016

SUB.: Guidelines for conducting Odisha Secondary School Teacher Eligibility Test (OSSTET).

The State Government has prescribed guidelines for conducting Teacher Eligibility Test for appointment of teachers in the elementary schools in the State for ensuring engagement of quality teacher and quality Education at Elementary stage. Similarly, for ensuring quality education at Secondary Stage, it becomes imperative for appointment of quality teachers. After careful consideration, Government has decided that, to be eligible for appointment as a teacher in any of the secondary Schools of the State, One should pass teacher eligibility test and accordingly, framed the following guidelines for conducting a Teacher Eligibility Test called OSSTET in the State:—

1. The Teacher Eligibility Test shall be called “Odisha Secondary School Teacher Eligibility Test” (OSSTET).

2. OSSTET shall be conducted once in a year or as decided by Government as per need.

3. The Board of Secondary Education, Odisha is designated as the professional body for conducting OSSTET. Detailed procedure for conducting OSSTET and instructions for carrying out the examination shall be issued by the Board of Secondary Education, (BSE) Odisha. The application form for OSSTET shall also be prescribed by the Board of Secondary Education, Odisha and submission of application form shall be in **online mode**.

4. **Applicability:**

OSSTET is applicable to all candidates who possess requisite academic and training qualifications with requisite percentage of marks as prescribed in this resolution or are in the process of acquiring the requisite training qualification (are in the final year of Training Course **or** are appearing /have appeared in the Training Examination but results not published) as on the date of publication of the Advertisement for the OSSTET and aspire to become teachers in Secondary Schools i.e. Govt. / Aided / Recognised unaided Secondary Schools in the State of Odisha.

5. **Eligibility:**

General Eligibility

(a) He or she must be a citizen of India.

(b) **Ability to Read and Write Odia**

The candidate must be able to read and write Odia. Any one of the following qualifications will be taken into consideration to ascertain this ability of the candidate.

(i) He/she must have passed HSC Exam. conducted by Board of Secondary Education, Odisha or an equivalent Examination conducted by any other State Board or Central Board (like CBSE, ICSE) with Odia as a Language Subject i.e. First/Second or Third Language.

(ii) He/ She must have passed +2 /Higher Secondary Examination conducted by Council of Higher Secondary Education, Odisha with Odia as an examinable subject.

(iii) He must have passed Odia Examination of HSC /Tenth standard conducted by BSE , Odisha.

In case of candidates desirous for Language Teacher posts like Hindi Teacher, Classical Teachers (Sanskrit, Telgu, Urdu), passing Odia Examination of ME standard conducted by BSE, Odisha may be allowed.

(c) **Requisite Academic and Professional Qualification**

The Examination will be conducted in two different parts for the Prospective Teachers in Two different categories such as:

Category I: Education Teachers (Trained Graduate Teachers), in Science & Arts, Hindi/Sanskrit /Urdu/Telugu Teacher.

Category II: Physical Education Teacher.

The requisite academic and professional qualifications for admission to the OSSTET for these two categories are mentioned in the schedule/Table below:—

Sl. No.	Category	Subject/ Stream	Academic and Professional qualification
1	I	Trained Graduate-Arts	<p>1. Bachelor Degree in Arts/Commerce with two school subjects as Honours /elective/pass/optional (<i>school subjects listed in Para. 7 of this Resolution</i>) from a recognized university having 50% marks in aggregate(45%for SC/ST/PH/SEBC candidates).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and</p> <p>Bachelor in Education(B. Ed) from a NCTE recognized Institution.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>2. Four year Integrated B.A.B.Ed from a NCTE recognized Institution with two school subjects as Honours / elective/pass/optional (<i>school subjects listed in Para. 7 of this Resolution</i>) having 50% marks in aggregate(45% for SC/ST/PH/SEBC candidates).</p>
2	I	Trained Graduate Science (PCM/CBZ)	<p>1. Bachelor Degree in Science with two school subjects as Honours/elective/pass/optional (<i>school subjects listed in Para. 7 of this Resolution</i>) from a recognized university having 50% marks in aggregate(45% for SC/ST/PH/SEBC candidates)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and</p> <p>Bachelor in Education(B. Ed) from a NCTE recognized Institution.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>2. Four year Integrated B.Sc.B.Ed from a NCTE recognized Institution with two school subjects as Honours / elective/pass/optional (<i>school subjects listed in Para. 7 of this Resolution</i>) having 50% marks in aggregate(45%for SC/ST/PH/SEBC candidates).</p>
3	I	Classical Teacher (Sanskrit)	<p>1. Bachelors Degree with Sanskrit as one of the elective/optional/Honours/pass subject from a recognized university with minimum 50% marks in aggregate (45% for SC/ST/PH/SEBC candidates).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and</p> <p>Sikshya Shastri (Sanskrit) a course prescribed by NCTE, from a recognized University/Institution.</p>

			<p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>2. Shastri (Sanskrit) with minimum 50% marks in aggregate (45% for SC/ST/PH/SEBC candidates) from a recognized university</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and</p> <p>Sikshaya Shastri (Sanskrit), a course prescribed by NCTE, from a recognized University institution.</p>
4	I	Hindi Teacher	<p>1. Bachelor's degree from a recognized University with Hindi as one of the elective/Optional/Pass/Honours subject with minimum 50% marks in aggregate (45% for SC/ST/PH/ SEBC candidates)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and</p> <p>one of the following Training qualifications</p> <p>(a) Hindi Sikshyan Parangat from Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra;</p> <p>(b) B.H.Ed , a course prescribed by NCTE, from a recognized University/ Institution;</p> <p>(c) B.Ed in Hindi, a course prescribed by NCTE, from Dakhin Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>2. Bachelor's degree from a recognized University with minimum 50% marks in aggregate (45% for SC/ST/PH / SEBC candidates)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">with</p> <p>one of the following qualifications;</p> <p>(a) Rastrabhasa Ratna from Rastrabhasa Prachar Samiti, Wardha.</p> <p>(b) Shastri(Hindi) from Odisha Rastrabhasa Parishad, Puri;</p> <p>(c) Snataka (Acquired by June-2005, the date up to which the temporary recognition has been granted) from Hindi Sikshaya Samiti, Odisha, Cuttack ,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and</p> <p>one of the following Training qualifications:</p> <p>(a) Hindi Sikshyan Parangat from Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra;</p> <p>(b) B.H.Ed , a course prescribed by NCTE, from a recognized University/ Institution;</p> <p>(c) B.Ed in Hindi, a course prescribed by NCTE, from Dakhin Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras.</p>

5	I	Classical Teacher (Urdu)	1. Alim with B.Ed/Urdu B.Ed from a NCTE recognized University/Institution. Or 2. B.A(Persian) with B.Ed/ Urdu B.Ed from a NCTE recognized University/Institution.
6	I	Classical Teacher (Telugu)	1. Bachelor degree in Arts having Telugu as a subject with minimum 50% marks in aggregate (45% for SC/ST/PH/OBC/SEBC candidates). and Telugu B.Ed from a University/Institutions recognized by NCTE.
7	II	Physical Education Teacher	1. +2 or its equivalent examination from a recognised institution with minimum 50% marks in aggregate and C.P.Ed./B.P.Ed./M.P.Ed from a recognised Board/University.

6. The Examination:

- I) There shall be two papers of the OSSTET viz -Paper-I and Paper-II
 - a) Persons having requisite academic and training qualification as per category-I have to appear in Paper-I of the Examination.
 - b) Persons having requisite academic and training qualification as per category-II have to appear in paper-II of the Examination.
- II) The Duration of the Test in each paper shall be 2 ½ hours
- III) All questions will be Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) each carrying one mark with four alternative answers given out of which one answer is correct.
- IV) There shall be four sections in each paper.
- V) In Section-I, Language I, Odia shall be compulsory for all categories of posts.
- VI) In Section-II, Language II, English shall be compulsory for all categories of posts.
- VII) In section-III, the questions in Science subjects (PCM/CBZ) shall be in English. The question in Arts subject (Social Studies) shall be in English. The questions in other subjects like Hindi/Classical (Sanskrit/Telugu/Urdu) / shall be in respective languages.
- VIII) The questions in Section III for Paper-II (Category II-Physical Education Teacher) shall be from the contents of C.P.Ed course and shall be in English.

IX) In Section IV the questions in Child Development, Pedagogy, School Management and Evaluation shall be in English and Compulsory for both the categories.

X) There shall be no negative marking.

The other details of the Examination shall be published by the Board of Secondary Education, Odisha.

7. School Subjects.(For TGT Arts & TGT Science):

The Science graduate candidates should have passed with two school subjects (with not less than 200 marks each) as the following:-

(a) Trained Science Graduate (P.C.M.)-Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics,

(b) Trained Science Graduate (C.B.Z)-Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, Biology.

For the Arts Graduate candidate, one of the subject shall be considered out of English, Odia, Hindi and Sanskrit and another subject shall be considered from the subject studied out of History, Geography, Economics, Political Science, Indian Economy, Landmarks in Indian History, Indian Geography, Indian Polity, (Each subject of the above mentioned list should have been studied at the Graduation level with not less than of 200 marks).

8. Qualifying Marks:

The minimum pass Mark in each paper is 60%. A person securing 60% or more in each paper shall be considered as OSSTET Pass. In case of SC/ST/PH/SEBC candidates the minimum pass mark shall be 50%.

9. Issue of certificate and Mark Sheet:

Successful candidates shall be awarded an OSSTET Pass Certificate and Mark Sheet by BSE (O). The certificate shall contain the name and address of the candidate, his/her 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.

10. Validity of OSSTET Certificate:

The validity period of OSSTET Pass Certificate /mark sheet shall be till the candidate reaches the Upper age limit prescribed for Recruitment of Teachers as per related rules or executive instructions prescribed by Govt. from time to time.

11. Number of chances:

There shall be no restriction on the number of attempts a person can take for acquiring an OSSTET pass certificate.

12. Weightage:

The weightage of OSSTET scores in the recruitment process may be decided by Government from time to time while prescribing the eligibility conditions for recruitment.

13. Qualifying OSSTET -only an eligibility:

Qualifying the OSSTET would not confer a right automatically on any person for recruitment/employment in any of the Govt. or Govt. aided schools and it may be treated as one of the essential eligibility criteria for appointment .The eligibility for recruitment shall be determined by the concerned recruiting agency/appointing authority on the basis of all eligibility conditions prescribed by Govt. from time to time.

14. Conduct of OSSTET Examination:

The examination shall be conducted by the Board of Secondary Education, Odisha Detailed guidelines for conduct of examination including nature and standard of questions, selection of centers of Examination, format of application form, fee structure, valuation of answer sheets, declaration of results, issue of mark sheets , certificate etc. shall be framed by the Board of Secondary Education Odisha.

15. Disputes:

All disputes pertaining to the conduct of OSSTET examination shall be subject to jurisdiction of Board of Secondary Education, Odisha, Cuttack.

16. Syllabus:

The detailed syllabus for subject of both the papers of OSSTET shall be prepared by the Director, TE and SCERT, Odisha in consultation with Board of Secondary Education, Odisha, Cuttack. The Syllabus and scheme of Examination shall be published by Board of Secondary Education, Odisha, Cuttack along with advertisement for the Examination.

This Resolution supersedes all previous resolutions issued relating to OSSTET.

ORDER

Ordered that, this Resolution shall be published in an Extraordinary issue of *Odisha Gazette*.

By Order of the Governor

RANJANA CHOPRA

Commissioner-*cum*-Secretary to Government