

**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
ABSTRACT**

Chief Secretariat -(Education) – Higher and Technical Education – Rules and Regulations / Guidelines for the Award of Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Financial Assistance to the students studying Medical / Engineering Degree Courses i.e. M.B.,B.S., & B.E., / B.Tech., / B.Arch., courses in the Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions in the Union Territory of Puducherry and to those students sponsored under other states quota of Ministry of Human Resource Development (M.B.,B.S., and B.E., / B.Tech., / B.Arch., courses) – Notification – Issued.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT (EDUCATION)

G.O.Ms.No. **57**

Puducherry, dated: **1 OCT 2013**

- Read:-1. G.O.Ms.No.129, dated 17.10.2003 of the Secretariat(Education), Puducherry.
2. G.O.Ms.No.97 dated 27.09.2004 of the Secretariat (Education), Puducherry.
3. G.O.Ms.No.67 dated 08.06.2005 of the Secretariat (Education), Puducherry.
4. G.O.Ms.No.84 dated 08.07.2005 of the Secretariat (Education), Puducherry..
5. G.O.Ms.No.5 dated 13.01.2006 of the Secretariat (Education), Puducherry..
6. G.O.Ms.No.12 dated 23.01.2006 of the Secretariat (Education), Puducherry.
7. G.O.Ms.No.73 dated 22.06.2006 read with G.O.Ms.No.94 dated 02-08-2006 of the Secretariat (Education), Puducherry.
8. G.O.Ms.No.142 dated 07.12.2006 of the Secretariat (Education), Puducherry.
9. G.O.Ms.No.13 dated 14.03.2007 of the Secretariat (Education), Puducherry.
10. G.O.Ms.No.12 dated 21.02.2008 of the Secretariat (Education), Puducherry.
11. G.O.Ms.No.83 dated 03.08.2009 of the Secretariat (Education), Puducherry.
12. G.O.Ms.No.20, dated 28-02-2012 of the Secretariat, (Education) Puducherry.

ORDER :

The following Notification shall be published in the next issue of the Extraordinary Official Gazette namely:

NOTIFICATION

In supercession of the G.O.s read above, save as respect things done or omitted to be done before such supercession, the Lieutenant-Governor of Puducherry, is hereby pleased to order the following Rules and Regulations / Guidelines afresh for the Award of Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Financial Assistance to the students admitted through CENTAC, pursuing Professional Degree Courses viz. (Medical – M.B.,B.S., and Engineering – B.E., / B.Tech., / B.Arch.,) in various Professional Educational Institutions in the Union Territory of Puducherry and to those students sponsored through CENTAC under other states quota seats in various Institutions all over India, which are sponsored by the Ministry Human Resource Development, New Delhi to pursue M.B.,B.S., and B.E., / B.Tech., / B.Arch., courses as notified vide G.O.Ms.No.129, dated 17.10.2003 of the Chief Secretariat (Education) read with the subsequent amendments read above, namely:-

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. General - In order that no meritorious student is prevented on grounds of financial constraint to carry or continue his or her academic career in the field of Medical (M.B.,B.S course) / Engineering (B.E., / B.Tech., / B.Arch., courses), the Government of Puducherry has decided to award Financial Assistance under "Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Financial Assistance Scheme" to the eligible students pursuing Medical (M.B.,B.S.) course and Engineering (B.E., / B.Tech., / B.Arch.,) courses and to the students belonging to this Union Territory, sponsored by the CENTAC to pursue Medical - M.B.,B.S., course and Engineering - B.E., / B.Tech., / B.Arch., courses, under Other States Quota seats in Professional Colleges all over India allocated through the Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi.

II. Allocation of Financial Assistance

(i) Financial assistance will be awarded to a number of 220 students pursuing Medical (M.B.,B.S.) course admitted from the academic year 2011-12 to 2013-14 and to a number of 2045 students for the academic year 2011-12, 2378 students for the academic year 2012-13 and 1851 students for the academic year 2013-14 pursuing Engineering (B.E. / B.Tech., / B.Arch.,) courses, who are Indian citizens and residents of this Union Territory, admitted through CENTAC, in all the Government recognized Unaided Private Professional Colleges functioning in the Union Territory of Puducherry. The Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Puducherry shall provide financial Assistance to the Scheduled Caste Students under Special Component Plan.

(ii) The number of beneficiaries stipulated above is inclusive of the Students sponsored through CENTAC for Medical Course (M.B.B.S.) and Engineering courses (B.E., / B.Tech., / B.Arch.,) under Other States Quota seats in Professional Colleges all over India, allocated through the Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi.

III :Coverage and eligibility. - (1) Only those eligible candidates who are sponsored through CENTAC to Medical Course (M.B.,B.S.) and Engineering Courses (B.E., / B.Tech., / B.Arch.,) and who are Indian citizens and residents of the Union Territory of Puducherry - ["Resident" means as defined for the purpose of admission in educational institutions by this Administration from time to time] and who have passed the qualifying examination in the first attempt will be eligible for consideration for the award of this financial assistance subject to the fulfillment of other conditions of the Scheme.

(2) The candidates who have passed the qualifying examination and studying only in First year of the Medical (M.B., B.S., Course) and Engineering (B.E., / B.Tech., B.Arch., Courses) during the year of the award of financial assistance (fresh) will be eligible for consideration;

Provided that, the candidates admitted in II year through lateral entry in Engineering (B.E., / B.Tech., B.Arch., Courses) will be eligible for consideration of fresh award from the Second year onwards.

(3) A candidate who is in full time employment will not be eligible for award of financial assistance. If, however, he give up employment or takes leave without pay for the entire duration of the Course and thereafter starts his studies as a full-time student, he will be eligible for the award under the Scheme.

(4) A financial assistance recipient shall not receive any other regular scholarship or stipend.

(5) Financial assistance will not be given during the Internship period for Medical students.

(6) A financial assistance recipient under the above scheme may enjoy fee concession given by the Institution in which he is studying or by any other authority.

(7) Candidates studying as part-time students or studying privately or in an unrecognized Institution or through Correspondence Course will not be eligible.

(8) The Scheme will be applicable only to the Academic years 2011-12 to 2013-14 for both Medical (M.B., B.S., Course) and Engineering (B.E., / B.Tech., B.Arch., Courses).

IV Selection and Procedure. - The applications in the prescribed form as in Annexure - I, will be called for, from the eligible students undergoing I year Medical (M.B., B.S., Course/ Engineering (B.E., / B.Tech., B.Arch., Courses - I year and II year in respect of lateral entry).

V Tenability. - (1) The financial assistance under this Scheme has to be availed of from the academic year 2011-12 to 2013-14 only. The financial assistance will be tenable for the First year in Medical Course (M.B., B.S.,) /Engineering Courses (B.E., / B.Tech., B.Arch.,) and for second year of B.E., / B.Tech., / B.Arch., in case of Lateral Entry Scheme only.

(2) A candidate studying Engineering Courses (B.E., / B.Tech., B.Arch.,), once selected and awarded financial assistance then shifts to Medical Course (M.B., B.S.,) will be awarded the financial assistance at the rate admissible to him / her for that course of study deducting the assistance already awarded for the number of years for which he / she was already in receipt of the financial assistance. The candidate studying Medical Course (M.B., B.S.,) and then shifting to Engineering Courses (B.E., / B.Tech., / B.Arch.,) will not be eligible for assistance for the number of years he had already availed assistance.

VI: Rates of financial assistance. -

The rate of financial assistance shall be as stipulated hereunder :

The financial assistance will be awarded to a number of 220 students in Medical – M.B.B.S., Course admitted from the academic year 2011-12 to 2013-14 and to a number of 2045 students for the academic year 2011-12, 2378 students for the academic year 2012-13 and 1851 students for the academic year 2013-14 in Engineering – (B.E. / B.Tech., / B.Arch., courses) admitted through Centralised Admission Committee (CENTAC), Puducherry, without considering parental annual income from all sources and the number of beneficiaries under the instant Scheme is as specified by the Government from time to time.

Medical (Private colleges)

Tuition Fee subject to maximum of ₹.2,25,000/- per student per annum.

ENGINEERING (Private Colleges)

Tuition Fee subject to maximum of ₹.25,000/- per student per annum.

The quantum of assistance, namely ₹.2,25,000/-, for Medical Course (M.B.,B.S.) and ₹.25,000/- for Engineering Courses (B.E., / B.Tech., B.Arch.,) will be the maximum limit. The financial assistance will be awarded only to the extent of actual Tuition Fees as fixed by the Fee Committee, subject to a maximum of the above stipulated amount.

Rule VII. Duration of financial assistance and its renewal. -

(1) Students who avail 1 year financial assistance (11 year in the case of Lateral entry in Engineering Course [B.E., / B.Tech., B.Arch.,]), will automatically become eligible for award of financial assistance for all the years of duration of their course, subject to promotion to the next class provided the scholar secures 50% or more marks or equivalent Grade Point Average in aggregate for the preceding year. For purpose of renewal, the marks are to be rounded off to 50% if the actual marks obtained by the awardee is 49.5% or more.

(2) When an awardee secures less than 50% marks in the promotional examination, his financial assistance will be suspended for that academic year and will be renewed on his attaining the requisite standard in the following annual Examination. This concession will not be extended beyond one academic year for any particular stage of education.

(3) If an awardee shows unsatisfactory progress during the course of his studies, viz. failure in the promotional examination and being ineligible to take any supplementary examination subsequently or if he changes the course of study without the prior approval of the Union Territory Administration represented by the Director of Higher and Technical Education, the financial assistance will be cancelled. Good conduct and regularity in attendance are also the required conditions for continuance of the financial assistance. The decision of the Government of Puducherry represented by the Director of Higher and Technical Education will be final and binding in all such cases. Financial assistance once cancelled will not be restored under any circumstances.

(4) In the case of Final University examination, if the awardee is placed in compartment, his financial assistance will not be extended beyond the final annual examination of the course.

(5) The financial assistance will be renewed for each successive year subject to what is stated above on the basis of an Annual Progress Report to be submitted by the Head of the Institution where the student is studying. The Head of the Institution will ensure that the Annual Progress Report as in form Annexure - II is furnished to the Directorate of Higher and Technical Education within a period of one month after the results are announced. For this purpose, the institution will maintain a Register indicating the names of financial assistance recipients and their academic progress yearwise. The Annual Progress Report will enable the Directorate of Higher and Technical Education to process the renewal of financial assistance expeditiously. The Head of the Institution is expected to bring to the notice of the sanctioning authority concerned any adverse report that may have been necessitated due to habitual irregularity, misbehaviour, participation in strikes, etc. of financial assistance recipient and if necessary, suggest suspension / cancellation of financial assistance.

(6) Where the Head of the Institution gives adverse comments and specifically recommends in column (13) of the Annual Progress Report that the financial assistance should not be renewed, the sanctioning authority concerned should fully satisfy himself of the reasons for such adverse comments and form his own opinion in the case. If the sanctioning authority concerned finally decide to cancel the award, he should do so with the approval of the Secretary to Government (Education), Puducherry.

(7) It is essential that an attested copy of the Marks sheet of the Annual Examination should be attached to the Annual Progress Report. This will enable the sanctioning authority concerned to decide the eligibility of the awardee regarding the renewal of the financial assistance with reference to documentary evidence. Certain Universities do not, however, give marks in the Marks sheet but show only the grades by symbols such as Distinction, A, B, or C plus etc. and the explanation of these symbols is given at the bottom of the Marks Sheet. In these cases, if there is no way of knowing the exact percentage of marks secured, it would be necessary for the Sanctioning Authority concerned to arrive at the aggregate percentage of marks secured by the awardee by taking the mean of the various grades. For instance if grade 'A' denotes above 60% but below 75%, the awardee should be assumed to have scored 67.5% i.e. the mean of 60% and 75%. The aggregate should thus be arrived on the basis of the mean of all the grades.

(8) A financial assistance under the Scheme is renewable from year to year within the same stage of education till the awardees undergo study and not while they undergo Training / Internship.

(9) (a) The conditions laid down above will be relaxable in the following circumstances :

If an awardee is unable to appear in the Final or Annual University examination owing to prolonged illness extending over a long period which had resulted in shortage in the required attendance as per University Rules, the financial assistance will be renewed for next year provided the Head of the institution certifies that the awardee would have passed the University Examination with at least 50% had he taken the examination and a Registered Medical Practitioner also certifies that the awardee had been ill for a period by which the attendance falls short;

Provided that if an awardee appears for the annual examination within a continuous course of studies (but not a final University examination) and after taking the examination for some papers / practicals he is taken ill and is prevented by such illness from taking examination for the remaining papers / practicals, his financial assistance would be suspended in the first instance subject to the condition that if the awardee obtains 50% or more marks in the aggregate in the papers / practicals in which he could appear before falling ill, and subject further to his producing a Medical Certificate from a Registered Medical Practitioner certifying that owing to illness it was not possible for the awardee to take the examination during the period in which the examination for the remaining papers / practicals was held,

the financial assistance so suspended would be revived for the next higher class in the same continuous course of studies after the awardee has passed the same examination with, as per rules, at least 50% marks in the aggregate, wherever such examination takes place on the next occasion, irrespective of the fact whether it is a Supplementary Examination or another Annual Examination.

(b) In the case of students who are treated to have failed for reasons of illness (Rule VI (9) (a) but are promoted provisionally to next higher class, no suspension of financial assistance is involved.

VIII Payment of financial assistance. - (1) The payment will be made by the Director of Higher and Technical Education, Puducherry (DHTE) till the academic year 2011-12 as per the procedures there in vogue and from the academic year 2012-13, the payment will be made by the Director of Accounts and Treasuries, Puducherry. The procedure mentioned below will be followed in drawing and disbursing the financial assistance :-

(i) The DAT shall enter into an Agreement with any one of the Nationalised Banks, as may be notified by the Government to disburse the Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Financial Assistance in timely fashion.

(ii) The Nationalised Bank shall indemnify the DAT against any loss/ fraud and shall undertake to pay the Financial Assistance to eligible students to the extent approved by the Government only and amount paid to the Nationalised Bank by cheque.

(iii) The Director of Higher and Technical Education shall ensure periodic reconciliation with the DAT, Disbursing Bank and the institutions concerned.

(iv) The Director of Accounts and Treasuries, Puducherry shall be authorized to open Bank Account in the Nationalized Bank and make arrangements with the said Bank that the sanctioned amount should be disbursed to the Institutions concerned by way of Electronic Clearance System (ECS) or by Account Payee Cheque as the case may be to suit the convenience of the Institutions concerned.

(v) The Director of Higher and Technical Education, Puducherry, shall send proposal to the Government for Block sanction for disbursement of Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Financial Assistance to eligible students from the financial year 2011-12.

(vi) The Nationalized Bank shall furnish proper Acquittance from each beneficiary within one week from the date of disbursement of the amount and in any case not later than 15 days from the date of receipt of the total amount from the DAT.

(vii) The Directorate of Higher and Technical Education has to obtain the list of names of eligible students admitted through CENTAC in the Colleges concerned and after thorough scrutinizing of their applications, shall furnish the list of names of eligible students with the name of the College to which they are admitted so as enable the Director of Account and Treasuries, Puducherry to make payment.

(a) The financial assistance upto the year 2011-12 shall be drawn by the Directorate of Higher and Technical Education and disbursed directly to the students by way of Electronic Clearance System (ECS) or by Account payee cheque as the case may be through a Nationalized Bank.

(b) 90% of the financial assistance from the year 2012-13 in respect of the students admitted through CENTAC (Medical and Engineering) shall be drawn by the Directorate of Accounts and Treasuries, Puducherry and paid directly to the concerned Institutions based on the students particulars furnished by the Institution after admission and confirmed by the Director of Higher and Technical Education, Puducherry in co-ordination with the records furnished by the Convener, CENTAC, Puducherry.

(c) The remaining 10% will be released to the concerned Institution after the verification / finalization of the applications and required certificates of the students concerned.

Rule IX . Payment of financial assistance during leave. - (1) The financial assistance during leave will be admissible as follows :

if the absence is due to illness supported by Medical Certificate from a Registered Medical Practitioner. -

(a) Full financial assistance, if the absence does not exceed two months;

(b) Half financial assistance, if the absence exceeds two months but not four months. For the first two months, the financial assistance will be paid at full rates and for the period exceeding two months, the financial assistance will be paid at half the rates; and

(c) No financial assistance, if the absence exceeds four months. For the first four months, however, the financial assistance will be paid as per sub-clause (b).

(2) For women the financial assistance will be admissible at full rates up to four and a half months for absence on grounds of maternity. No financial assistance will be paid for a period exceeding four and a half months due to absence on grounds of maternity.

(3) In all the above cases, the financial assistance at the rates indicated will be paid only if the Head of the Institution recommends the application and certifies that the awardee is likely to make up the deficiency in lectures and studies during the rest of the period of the course of studies.

(4) The awardee will get the financial assistance as long as he / she is on the rolls of an institution subject to sub-paragraphs above. If on account of prolonged illness or by other valid reasons, the awardee's name is struck off from the rolls, he / she will be entitled to the restoration of the financial assistance only on readmission and on the recommendation of the Head of the Institution.

2. This Notification shall be applicable only to the students admitted from the Academic year 2011-12 to 2013-14. The students who are already availing the financial assistance in terms of earlier Orders shall be eligible to avail the financial assistance at the rates mentioned in the relevant G.O.s of each academic year subject to fulfillment of all other conditions therein. From the academic year 2014 - 15 onwards a new scheme for financial assistance shall be devised.

/ By the Order of the Lieutenant-Governor /

(G. RAGESH CHANDRA, I.A.S.,)
SECRETARY TO GOVT. (EDN.)

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Encl.: Annexure I and II.

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