

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**  
**Free Coaching and Allied Scheme for the candidates belonging to minority communities**

**Question 1: Which are the Minority Communities eligible for this Scholarship?**

Ans: Minority Communities notified under section 2(c) of NCM Act, 1992 are eligible for this Scholarship Scheme. They are:- Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis (Zoroastrians).

**Question 2: Who can apply for free Coaching/Training?**

Ans: Students/Candidates belonging to minority communities can apply for free coaching/training in response to the advertisement published by the Coaching Institutes selected under this Scheme.

**Question 3: What are the eligibility criteria?**

Ans; The annual income of the student/parent or guardian of student should not exceed Rs.3.00 lakh from all sources and candidates must have secured the requisite percentage of marks in the qualifying examination prescribed for admission into the desired courses/recruitment examinations.

**Question 4: What are the courses for which free Coaching/Training is provided for?**

Ans: Free Coaching/Training is provided by the Coaching Institutes selected under this Scheme for the following as approved by the Ministry of Minority Affairs:-

- a) Qualifying examinations for admission in technical/ professional courses such as Engineering, Law, Medical, Management, Information Technology etc. and Language/aptitude examinations for seeking admission to Foreign Universities.
  
- b) Competitive examinations for recruitment to Group 'A' , 'B' and 'C' services and other equivalent Posts under the Central and State governments including Public Sector Undertakings, Railways, Banks, Insurance Companies as well as Autonomous Bodies.

- c) Coaching/training for jobs in the Private Sector such as in Airlines, Shipping, Fisheries, Information Technology (IT), Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) and other IT enabled services, Hospitality, Tours and Travels, Maritime, Food processing, Retail, Sales and Marketing, Bio-technology and other job oriented courses as per the emerging trend of employment.

**Question 5. What are the coaching and training courses normally approved under the scheme?**

Ans: The following types of Coaching Courses/Training Programmes are normally approved under the Scheme:-

- i) Coaching for various entrance examinations for admission into Technical and Professional Courses such as Engineering, Medical, B.Ed, Law, MBA, C.A., DIET etc.
- ii) Coaching for Competitive Examinations conducted by UPSC/State Public Service Commission/SSC/State Sub-ordinate Services/Railways etc. for Govt. jobs for Group A, B & C services including Civil Services and PCS.
- iii) Competitive Examinations for Bank/LIC/Other PSUs for jobs in Public Sector.
- iv) Trainings in various fields such as IT/ITES including BPO/various Computer Courses/Sales & Retail Management, Accounting etc. for jobs in Private Sector.
- v) Other specialized trainings which has the potential to fetch a job in Govt. or Private Sector.

**Question 6: How is the Scheme implemented?**

Ans: The Scheme is implemented through the Coaching/Training Institutes run by the following :-

- i) All institutes in the Government Sector, including Universities and Autonomous Bodies, engaged in Coaching/Training activities.

- ii) Universities/Colleges in Private Sector engaged in Coaching/Training activities, including Deemed Universities.
  
- iv) Institutes in the Private Sector engaged in Coaching activities/job oriented Coaching/Training for placement in Private Sectors, which are a Trusts, Companies, Partnership Firms, or Societies Registered under the relevant law, preferably of relevant industry bodies or Institutes identified by them.

**Question 7: What is the rate of coaching fee & stipend?**

Ans: Coaching fee is admissible to the Coaching/Training Institutes keeping in view the rates prevailing in the locality for the particular Coaching/Training Programme subject to the maximum limit as mentioned below. The rate of stipend for local and outstation candidates are also mentioned against each Coaching/Training Programme.

Sl. No.	Type of Coaching/ training/remedial coaching	Coaching/ training fee <b>per candidate</b>	Amount of Stipend per month
1.	Group 'A' Services	As fixed by the institute, subject to a maximum ceiling of Rs. 20,000/-	<b>Rs.3000</b> /- for outstation candidates, <b>Rs. 1500</b> /-for local Candidates
2.	Group 'B' Services	As fixed by the institute, subject to a maximum ceiling of Rs. 20,000/-.	-Do-
3.	Group 'C' Services	As fixed by the institute, subject to a maximum ceiling of <b>Rs. 15,000</b> /-.	-Do-
4.	Entrance examination for technical/professional courses	As fixed by the institute, subject to a maximum ceiling of Rs. 20,000/-	-Do-
5.	Coaching/Training for jobs in Private Sectors	As fixed by the institute, subject to a maximum ceiling of Rs. 20,000/-.	-Do-

**Question 8: What is maximum duration of a coaching programme?**

Ans: The maximum duration of a coaching programme is 9.

**Question 9: How many times can a student avail of the benefit of a particular coaching programme?**

Ans: Benefits of Coaching/Training under the Scheme can be availed by a particular student **once only**, irrespective of the number of chances he/she may be entitled to in a particular Competitive Examination. The Coaching/Training Institution will be required to take an Affidavit from the student that he/she has not taken any benefit under this Scheme earlier. In case, where the Examination is conducted in two stages i.e. Preliminary and Main, the candidates will be allowed to take coaching of the Preliminary as well as the Main Examination, but coaching for the Main Examination will be allowed only to those who have qualified in the Preliminary Examination for the year concerned.

**Question 10. How does a student come to know, whether he has been selected for Coaching/Training Programme by the Coaching/Training Institute?**

Ans: The name of the student selected by the Coaching/Training Institute for a particular Coaching/Training Programme is displayed by the Coaching/Training Institute in its website. The student may also get in touch with the Coaching/Training Institute where he/she has applied for the Coaching/Training course.

**Question 11. How is the stipend distributed among the students/candidates?**

Ans: Stipend is credited to the students accounts by the Coaching/Training Institutes as per the prescribed rates for Local and Outstation candidates on monthly basis for the duration of the Coaching/Training Programme.

**Question 12. Who are the Officers in the States/UTs Concerned for forwarding applications of the Coaching/Training Institutes to Government of India?**

Ans: The notified Officers in the States/UTs under the Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship may be contacted for this purpose. The details are available under FAQ, of the Schemes.