

**Concessions to students with Learning Disability, in the Govt.,
Govt.-aided/Professional and Non-Professional Colleges in Non-Agricultural
Universities/Engineering/Polytechnics and Teachers' Training Colleges**

Govt. of Maharashtra

Higher and Technical Education Dept.

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Ref: 1) Govt. Resolution School Education Department No.SSC1099/151/99 HSC-2

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2) Govt. Resolution, School Education Dept. No. MISC-1021(1501) Primary Education 5 dt. The 13th November 2003

3) Govt. circular, School Education Dept. No. MISC1021/1501- Primary Education 5 dt. The 23rd September 2003

Preamble- Various Concession to Learning Disabled students up to Std. XII have been given vide Govt. Resolutions referred to above. The proposal of giving same concessions to the students having learning disability, studying in Colleges / Engineering (Degree/Diploma) and Teachers' Training Colleges, was under consideration of the Govt.

Govt. Resolution: The Govt. has taken a decision to give following concessions to the students having learning disability in Govt./Govt.-Aided/Professional and Non-Professional /Colleges under Non-Agricultural Universities / Engineering / Polytechnics and Teachers' Training Colleges. Accordingly, all concerned are informed that students having Dyslexia, Dyscalculia, Dysgraphia are included as students with learning disability and are being given following concessions.

Concessions to students with Learning Disability:

- 1) Oral examination of students with Learning Disability should be taken by the Professors concerned at the time of unit tests and semester/term examinations. Marks obtained should be noted/recorded and their annual average be worked out. On the basis of these marks, promotion to the next class will be decided.
- 2) All students with Learning Disability should be provided writers at the time of written examination. They should also be given half an hour extra time than the stipulated time at each examination.
- 3) The students with Learning Disability should be given examination centre near their houses.
- 4) The students should be exempted from drawing figures, maps, charts, graphs etc. in the written examination. They will get the facility of adjusting the marks of these questions and sub questions /supplementary questions.
- 5) These students will be permitted to submit certificates from the concerned recognized /authorized institutions to the effect that they have completed the required work experience/social service and practicals.

- 6) A maximum of 20 marks should be given as grace marks for passing to these LD students who have failed in the examination.
- 7) Students with disabilities like Dyslexia and Dysgraphia should be permitted to select one subject under work-experience in lieu of one language from the total compulsory languages.
- 8) These students will have concession in mistakes in such matters as spellings and arithmetical calculations.
- 9) These students should be given 25 percent more time i.e.(15 minutes)for one-hour paper but maximum 30 minutes more time for two or more hours papers in the Annual Examination.

Action to be taken by the concerned officers for the students with Learning Disability:

- 1) Directors /Joint Directors concerned should hold a meeting of professors and principals of the colleges in their jurisdiction in the beginning of every academic year and give them detailed information /instructions about the facilities extended by the Govt. to the students with Learning Disability. As far as possible, the office bearers of the Maharashtra Dyslexia Association should be invited to this meeting.
- 2) The professors concerned should certify the students as having learning disability on the basis of certificates issued by the Govt. /Govt. recognized Medical Officers.
- 3) Once the medical officers have issued certificates to the students that they have learning disability, the colleges should not demand such certificates again and again.
- 4) It is essential that the concerned principals should furnish the list of the students appearing for examination along with the Learning Disability Certificates to the Universities concerned and to the Director at the beginning of the Academic Year itself.
- 5) The Universities /Examination Boards will make available to the students and their parents the authorized curriculum on the basis of which the examinations would be held.
- 6) All concerned should take precautions that the eligible students are not deprived of the concessions granted by the Govt. to the students with Learning Disability.
- 7) Vice-Chancellors of all Non-Agricultural Universities under the Higher and Technical Education Dept. should take action to implement these orders.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

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