

DIRECTORATE OF TEACHER EDUCATION AND SCERT : ODISHA : BHUBANESWAR

STATE LEVEL NATIONAL TALENT SEARCH EXAMINATION, 2014-2015

Applications are invited for State Level National Talent Search Examination, 2014-2015 **to select 121 candidates** for National Level Talent Search Examination, 2014 from eligible students **studying in Class X in recognized schools** located in the state of Odisha. State Level National Talent Search Examination, 2014-2015 **will be held on 02.11.2014 (Sunday)** as per details given below.

Examination : National Talent Search Examination, 2014-2015 will be conducted **in two stages**.

Stage – I : State Level National Talent Search Examination will be conducted **on 02.11.2014 (Sunday)** for selection of candidates to National Talent Search Examination.

Stage – II : National Level Talent Search Examination will be conducted by NCERT for candidates selected through Stage – I. The National Level written examination will be conducted **on 2nd Sunday of May, 2015**.

Examination Fees : The candidates **are not required to pay** any examination fee. However, they shall have to bear their own expenses for coming and going to Examination Centre to appear at the examination.

Eligibility : Students **studying in Class X during 2014-2015 in any recognized schools of Odisha are eligible** to appear National Talent Search Examination. They must have passed Class IX Annual Examination securing **at least 60% of marks or equivalent** (*relaxable by 5% for reserved categories*). There will be no domicile restriction.

State Quota for Odisha : **121** candidates will be selected for National Level Talent Search Examination. Within this quota there will be **15% reservation for SC, 7.5% for ST and 3% for physically challenged** candidates.

Examination Subjects : The State Level NTSE, 2014-2015 will consist of Mental Ability Test (MAT), Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and Language Comprehension Test (LCT). The distribution of time and mark will be as follows :

Test Type	Total Marks	No. of Items	Duration (in minutes)
Mental Ability Test	50	50	45
Language Comprehension Test	40	40	45
Scholastic Aptitude Test	90	90	90

1. **Mental Ability Test (MAT)** consists of **50 multiple choice items** on reasoning and critical thinking to be answered **in 45 minutes**. The questions may be **on analogy, classification, numerical series, pattern perception, hidden figures etc.**
2. **Language Comprehension Test (LCT)** consists of **40 multiple choice items** to be answered **in 45 minutes**. This will be conducted in English language and Odia language. The candidates will get a choice to appear in only one of the two languages.
3. **Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)** consists of **90 multiple choice items** from **Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics, History, Geography, Political Science and Economics** to be answered **in 90 minutes**.

Syllabus : There is **no syllabus** for State Level NTS Examination. However, questions will be asked based on syllabi for Classes IX and X.

Selection Procedure : To sit in Stage – II examination of NTS, the qualifying marks is **40% in each individual paper i.e. MAT, SAT and LCT**. For **reserved category**, the qualifying mark is **32% in each paper**. The **Merit List** will be **prepared** on the basis of the **total marks secured** in MAT and SAT but Language will be treated as the qualifying subject. Marks secured in the Language Comprehension Test will not be added for preparation of merit list. There will be no negative marking in Stage I NTS Examination.

Stage II : In Stage II examination conducted by NCERT, there will be negative marking for all papers i.e. Mental Ability Test, Scholastic Aptitude Test and Language Comprehension Test. There will be a deduction of 1/3rd mark for every wrong answer and no mark will be deducted for un-attempted questions.

Scholarship : There are **1000** scholarships for the entire country. Awardees of NTS Examination will receive scholarship **up to Ph.D. level in Basic Sciences, Social Sciences and Commerce and Post Graduation level in Engineering, Medicine, Management and Law** subject to satisfactory academic progress. The rate of scholarship is indicated below :

- a) Scholarship of Rs.1250.00 per month for Class XI and XII
- b) Scholarship of Rs.2000.00 per month for under graduates and post-graduates
- c) Amount of scholarship for Ph.D. in accordance with the UGC norms.

Centre for State Level NTS Examination : Government Colleges and Government High Schools located in district headquarters.

How to Apply : The candidate can fill up the Online Application Form by logging www.scertorissa.org / www.scertodisha.nic.in. **After filling up** of the Application Form online, he / she is **required to take the printout of the same and submit it in the concerned school/ Institution. Head of the institution forward it to the concerned District Education Officer.** The District Education Officer will allot the Examination Centre, scrutinize and verify all the documents and put the auto generated twelve digit roll number and validate the Online Application Form. **The Admit Card will be prepared at TE and SCERT which can be downloaded by the Candidate / Institution for appearing the Examination.**

For detailed instruction for filling up of Online Application Form refer to **USER MANUAL** available in the web-site.

Time Schedule :

Online filling up of Application Forms by the candidates	20.07.2014 to 10.08.2014
Submission of hard copy of Online Application Form to the Headmasters / Headmistress by the candidates.	By 15.08.2014
Submission of countersigned hard copies of Application Forms by the Headmasters / Headmistress to the DEOs.	By 20.08.2014
Validation of Application Forms after scrutiny by District Education Officers	By 30.08.2014
Download of Admit Cards by the Heads of Institution	10.10.2014 to 18.10.2014
Despatch of Roll Sheets to the Centres by TE and SCERT	By 28.10.2014
Date of Examination	02.11.2014 (Sunday)

Documents to be submitted along with the Hard copy of the Online Application Form :

- **Caste Certificate**, as applicable, **for SC / ST** candidate issued by the concerned Tahasildar / Additional Tahasildar.
- **Disability Certificate for Physically Handicapped** candidates issued by the concerned District Medical Board.

Filled in hard copies of Online Application Forms received after 15.08.2014 / not countersigned by the concerned Head of School will not be accepted.

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