

BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION, ODISHA, CUTTACK

ODISHA TEACHER ELIGIBILITY TEST (OTET) – 2017 (1st)

1. APPLICABILITY-

As per Resolution No.14302/SME, Bhubaneswar, dated the 04/06/12 of the Government of Odisha, Department of School and Mass Education, OTET is applicable to all candidates who possess requisite academic and training qualifications with requisite percentage of marks and to all candidates pursuing the final year of the teacher training courses before the date of publication of advertisement for conducting OTET who aspire to become teachers for Classes-I to VIII in the schools of the State Govt., private aided schools and private unaided schools in the State of Odisha. However, the candidates intending to seek employment as teachers in private un-aided schools shall also have the option of appearing at Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET) conducted by Central Govt. through CBSE, if they so desire. The candidates after being qualified in OTET can also apply for further improvement.

2. ELIGIBILITY-

The following conditions of eligibility have been laid down by the Government of Odisha, Department of School and Mass Education vide the Resolution No.14302/SME, Bhubaneswar, dated the 04/06/12

(I) Persons having the following minimum qualifications shall be eligible for appearing in OTET.

(a) Category-A (Paper- I)

Higher Secondary (+2 or its equivalent) with at least 50% marks and 2-year Diploma in Elementary Education(CT).

OR

Higher Secondary (+2 or its equivalent) with at least 50% marks and 2-year Diploma in Education(Special Education).

OR

Graduation and 2-year Diploma in Elementary Education/ 2-year Diploma in Special Education.

(b) Category-B (Paper- II)

Graduation with at least 50% marks and 1-year Bachelor in Education (B.Ed.)

OR

Graduation with 50% marks and 1-year B.Ed.(Special Education)

OR

Higher Secondary (+2 or its equivalent) with at least 50% marks and 4-year B.A.Ed./ B.Sc.Ed.

Provided that relaxation of 5% minimum qualifying marks in +2 or graduation level, as the case may be, shall be allowed to the candidates belonging to SC, ST,OBC/ SEBC category.

Provided further that candidates having minimum marks in +2 or graduation level, as the case may be, prescribed at the time of admission in teacher education courses shall also eligible to appear in OTET.

(II) Persons who are pursuing (final year) any of the teacher education courses (recognized by the NCTE or by the RCI, as the case may be) specified above in both the categories.

(III) Persons declared eligible by the State Govt./ NCTE/ Govt. of India from time to time.

UNTRAINED CANDIDATES

(a) As per Government of Odisha, School and Mass Education Department Letter No.23860/SME dated 21/10/2013, the

untrained candidates, belonging to SC,ST & PH Category having required percentage of marks (5% relaxation in minimum qualifying marks in +2 or Graduation Level as the case may be, for the candidates belonging to SC & ST categories) shall be eligible. THIS IS ONLY TO PROVIDE TO BETTER OPPORTUNITY TO SC,ST & PH CANDIDATES AND THIS DOES NOT GIVE THEM ANY ENTITLEMENT FOR ENGAGEMENT.

- (b) As per ADDENDUM No.SME-EL2-EL2-0060-2015 1646/ SME dt.21/01/2016 of the Government of Odisha, School and Mass Education Department, the following guide lines shall be added to the Para-4 of the Resolution issued from the Government, Department of School and Mass Education Vide No.14302/SME dtd-04/06/2012 regarding eligibility of minimum qualification for appearing OTET Examination.

Para-4- Relaxation of 5% in minimum qualifying marks in +2 or graduation level, as the case may be, shall be allowed to the candidates belonging to PWD category

- (IV) Candidates eligible to apply under category –‘B’ (Paper-II) of the State’s guidelines (Resolution No. 14302/SME/ Dt 04/06/2012), shall not be eligible to apply under category- ‘A’ (Paper- I).
- (V) Passing OTET would not confer a right of any person for recruitment / employment as it is only one of eligibility criteria for appointment.