



Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education, Dharamshala-176213

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NOTIFICATION

In supersession to the provisions and facilities being offered to the Children with Special Need (CwSN) vide Rule 4.13 of Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education Examination Regulations and on the recommendations of the committee constituted vide office order No. HB(1)Estt.GF-211(Vol-V)/2021-12231-12240 dated 07.01.2022 to review the provisions and facilities offered by the Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education in accordance with **The Rights of Persons with Disability Act 2016**, the Chairman, Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education in exercise of the power vested to him under section 19(3) of the Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education Act, 1968 is pleased to approve the revised provisions and facilities to the Children with Special Need (CWSN) in Rule 4.13 as under:-

4.13 SPECIFIC EXEMPTIONS/RELAXATIONS TO PERSONS WITH BENCHMARK DISABILITIES FOR BOARD EXAMINATIONS

Notwithstanding anything contained in any other regulation, the Board shall have power, in the case of a Person with benchmark disabilities to allow specific exemptions/relaxations to:

4.13(A) Admission to Examination of person with Benchmark Disability, Physical Disability-LOCOMOTOR:-

- I. Admit him/her to the Matriculation, Senior Secondary (Commerce or Humanities Group) as a Regular/SOS candidate.
- II. The Physical Disability-LOCOMOTOR examinees have the option to study one language out of English, Hindi and any one of the languages out of (i) Sanskrit (ii) Urdu (iii) Tamil, (iv) Telugu and (v) Punjabi.
- III. The Physical Disability-LOCOMOTOR examinees have the option to study two electives – Music Vocal and Music Instrumental in place of two languages and the marks obtained in these subjects are shown against the two languages not offered by the examinee.
- IV. The Physical Disability-LOCOMOTOR examinees are exempted from appearing in Mathematics and in lieu thereof they have to study one elective subject.
- V. Provide services of a competent amanuensis free of cost for writing out the answers at the examination;
- VI. Permit the answers to be typewritten by himself/herself if the examinee so desires;
- VII. Lay down any other method for assessing the examinee's academic ability and declare his/her result.
- VIII. For Categories of disabilities for which relaxation in Physical Disability is permissible, please refer to **Annexure-A**.
- IX. Full Examination fee exempted.

Provided that in each case, the examinee shall produce such evidence to the satisfaction of the Board as he may consider necessary, in proof of the statement that his/her benchmark disability is such that he/she deserves to be considered for the above facilities.



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4.13(A)1 Physical Disability-Visual Impairment (Blind or low vision).

- I. The Visual Impairment examinees have the option to study one language out of English, Hindi and anyone of the languages out of (i) Sanskrit (ii) Urdu (iii) Tamil, (iv) Telugu and (v) Punjabi.
- II. The Visual Impairment examinees have the option to study two electives – Music Vocal and Music Instrumental in place of two languages and the marks obtained in these subjects are shown against the two languages not offered by the examinee.
- III. The Visual Impairment examinees are exempted from appearing in Mathematics and in lieu thereof they have to study one elective subject.
- IV. The blind examinees using the services of scribes are permitted one hour extra time for taking examination.
- V. The Visual Impairment Person with low vision examinees have been exempted from taking practical except in Music. However, as an alternative to Science practical, viva-voce in the examination pattern will be included for Blind, Low vision and Spastic candidates.
- VI. The Visual Impairment disability examinees are allowed the facility of a writer for writing out the answer scripts. Any amanuensis must be of a lower grade than the candidate and may be from the same institution to which the candidate belongs. Such candidate shall be allowed to change the amanuensis once in case of emergency with the consent of Head of the institutions concerned.
- VII. The visual Impairment(Blind or low vision) examinees will be provided separate “E” series of question papers specially designed for them in the subjects of Mathematics, Science and Social Science for Matriculation as well as History and Geography for Plus two Examinations.**
- VIII. The Visual Impairment Examinees shall be allowed to use the assistive device like Braille slate, Abacus, Geometry Kit and Braille measuring type etc. if desired.
- IX. The Visual Impairment examinees are completely exempted from paying examination fee.

4.13(A)2 Physical Disability Hearing Impairment(Mute, Speech and Language).

- I. Deaf & Mute examinees have the option to study one language out of English, Hindi and anyone of the languages out of (i) Sanskrit (ii) Urdu (iii) Tamil, (iv) Telugu and (v) Punjabi.
- II. The Deaf & Mute examinees have the option to study two elective subjects in lieu of the two exempted languages and the marks obtained in these electives are shown against the languages where exemption has been given.
- III. The Deaf & Mute examinees are exempted from appearing in Mathematics and in lieu thereof they have to study one Elective subject.
- IV. The Hearing impaired examinees will be provided separate “E” series of question papers specially designed for them in the subjects of Mathematics, Science and Social Science for Matriculation as well as History and Geography for Plus two Examinations.**
- V. Deaf & Mute examinees are completely exempted from paying examination fee for Board examinations.



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4.13(A)3 Intellectual Disability-Mental Retardness:

Mentally retarded(Mental Behaviour) persons shall be facilitated with the following provisions;

- I. No maximum age limit.
- II. The candidates with minimum of 40% mild retardness and taking formal education in schools will be considered by the Board for its Public Examinations of Matriculation classes.
- III. In order to qualify the Matriculation Examination, these candidates shall be required to obtain at least 25% marks separately in theory and practical /project work, in order to qualify that subject, as the case may be.
- IV. They shall have concession to qualify five subjects in Matriculation Examinations. In respect of Matriculation Examination, they shall have to qualify in four subjects of compulsory group from amongst English, Hindi, Mathematics, Science and Social Science and one of the remaining two subjects i.e. (a) Regional Language and (b) Elective subjects.
- V. Full Examination fee exempted.

4.13(A)4 Multiple Disabilities - Disability caused due to Chronic neurological conditions & Blood disorder:

- I. The Intellectual Disability, Multiple Disabilities & Disability caused due to Chronic neurological conditions & Blood disorder examinees have the option to study one language out of English, Hindi and anyone of the languages out of (i) Sanskrit (ii) Urdu (iii) Tamil, (iv) Telugu and (v) Panjabi.
- II. The examinees have the option to study two electives – Music Vocal and Music Instrumental in place of two languages and the marks obtained in these subjects are shown against the two languages not offered by the examinee.
- III. The examinees are exempted from appearing in Mathematics and in lieu thereof they have to study one elective subject.
- IV. The examinees using the services of scribes are permitted one hour extra time for taking examination.
- V. The examinees are allowed the facility of a writer for writing out the answer scripts. Any amanuensis must be of a lower grade than the candidate and may be from the same institution to which the candidate belongs. Such candidate shall be allowed to change the amanuensis once in case of emergency with the consent of Head of the institutions concerned.
- VI. **The examinees will be provided separate “E” series of question papers specially designed for them in the subjects of Mathematics, Science and Social Science for Matriculation as well as History and Geography for Plus two Examinations.**
- VII. For Categories of disabilities for which relaxation in Intellectual Disability, Multiple Disabilities & Disability caused due to Chronic neurological conditions & Blood disorder Disability is permissible please refer to **Annexure-A**.
- VIII. The examinees are completely exempted from paying examination fee.



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- 4.13(A)5 **Exemption from qualifying Middle Standard Examination.**
Visually Impaired (Blind or low vision), Hearing Impairment (Mute, Speech and Language), mentally retarded (Mental Behaviour) and Multiple Disabilities(Chronic neurological conditions & Blood disorder) persons shall be exempted from qualifying Middle Standard Examination of the Board and also exempted from appearing in Mathematic in Matriculation Examination of the Board. Such candidates may offer an elective subject in place of Mathematics and marks obtained in the elective subject shall be counted proportionally against the subject of Mathematics.
- 4.13(A)6 **Exemption to those Candidate who are partially or completely unable to write**
(i) Candidate who are partially or completely unable to write shall be provided a helper to write answers on answer books at the examination centre on producing a medical certificate regarding disability to write and on such term and conditions as prescribed by the Board from time to time .
- 4.13(B) **GENERAL EXEMPTIONS/RELAXATIONS TO PERSONS WITH BENCHMARK DISABILITIES FOR BOARD EXAMINATIONS**
- 4.13(B)1 **The medical certificate issued by the following agencies/organizations will be considered for granting concessions Disabled candidates.**
- I. Disability Certificate(s) issued by Government hospitals controlled by either the Central or State Governments from the Chief Medical Officer/Civil Surgeon/Medical Superintendent.
 - II. Disability Certificate(s) issued by recognized institutes of national level viz National Association for the Blind, Spastic Society of India etc; and
 - III. Disability Certificate(s) issued by Non-government Organizations/practitioners registered with Rehabilitation Council of India/Central Government/State Government of the Respective State.
 - IV. The disability certificate issued by the competent authority at any place shall be accepted.
- 4.13(B)2 **Facility of writer and compensational /Extra time.**
- I. Candidates with disabilities as defined in The Rights of Persons With Disabilities Act,2016 are permitted to use a writer or allowed Extra time as given below both;

For paper of 3 hours duration	60 minutes
For paper of 2½hours duration	50 minutes
For paper of 2 hours duration	40 minutes
For paper of 1½ hours duration	30 minutes
 - II. For Categories of disabilities for which writer is permissible please refer to the **Annexure-A**
- 4.13(B)3 **Appointment of writer and related instructions**
- I. The candidate shall have the discretion of opting for his own writer/reader or request the examination centre for the same.
 - II. In case writer/reader is provided by Examination Centre, the qualification of writer should not be more than the minimum Qualification criteria of the examination, however, the qualification should always be matriculation or above.



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- III. In case the candidate is allowed to bring his own writer, the qualification of the writer should be one step below the qualification of the candidate taking examination.
- IV. Candidate will be allowed to change the writer once in case of emergency with the consent of Co-ordinator/Supdt. of examination centre for the same.
- V. Suitable room shall be arranged for the candidate or whom a writer is allowed and a separate supervisor shall be appointed by the Centre Superintendent to supervise his/her examination.
- VI. Services of writer shall be provided free of cost.

4.13(B)4 **Other General instructions/facilities**

- I. Teachers from schools for visually impaired are appointed as invigilators at the examination centres for visually handicapped. However, precaution is taken to appoint different subject teachers on different days.
- II. A separate column is provided on the title page of the answer book for indicating the category of disability.
- III. Answer books of Candidates with Benchmark Disabilities are sent separately by the Centre Supdt. to the Board headquarter Dharamshala.
- IV. Use of calculator is not permitted in any of the examinations conducted by the Board.
- V. Magnifying glass/Portable video magnifier is also allowed to Visually Impaired candidate.
- VI. For Categories of disabilities for which Computer is permissible please refer to the **Annexure-A**
- VII. Computer will be allowed as per the actual need and skills of the students with disabilities duly supported by certificate issued by registered medical practitioners/qualified psychological consultants recommending use of Computer facility for writing the examination citing the ground on which recommendation for use of computer has been made. Such permission shall be subject to the followings:-
 - (a) Use of computer shall be limited to only for typing answers. If such facilities not available in the examination centre then concerned candidate shall bring his/her own computer or laptop duly formatted and the centre supdt. shall allow such candidate after an inspection by the Computer teacher and the same teacher may do the monitoring of the use of the Computer.
 - (b) The Computer/laptop brought by the candidate will not have any internet connection so as to maintain the sanctity of the examination.
 - (c) Such requests along with specific recommendation by the competent medical authority/qualified psychological consultants shall be sent to the Board well before the starting of examination.
 - (d) Responsibility for use of computer shall be on the candidate and Board shall not be liable for any consequences arising out of any mis-happening on account of use of computer.
- VIII. Provision of Reader to read the question paper in case student with disability does not want writer facility will be allowed but the role of such person will be limited to reading of question paper. Request for such permission should be made by the candidate through Principal with specific recommendation by the registered medical practitioners/authorized psychologist the Co-ordinator/Supdt. of examination centre for the same.
- IX. Such candidates will not be allowed to use writer facility.



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- X. For Categories of disabilities for which relaxation in attendance is permissible please refer to **Annexure-A**. Relaxation in attendance upto 50% may be considered for candidates with disability who are unable to attend the school for prescribed days.

4.13(B)5

Fee:

- I. Registration and Examination fee will not be charged from persons with benchmark disabilities candidates as referred to in **Annexure-A**


Secretary

Endst.No. As above

Copy of above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action.

1. Principal Secretary (Education) to the Govt. of H.P Shimla-2.
2. Director of Higher Education Shimla-1.
3. Director of Elementary Education Shimla-1.
4. State Project Director (ISSE) H.P. Shimla-1.
5. All Deputy Director Higher/Elementary Education in H.P.
6. PS to Chairman/Secretary, HPBOSE Dharamshala.
7. Joint Secretary/All Deputy/Assistant Secretaries of H.P. Board of School Education.
8. Section Officer IT Cell to upload the notification on the Board website.
9. All Section Officer H.P. Board of School Education.
10. Section Officer Matric and Plus Two and SOS Branches with the direction to insert column for CwSN with type of disability in the Registration and Admission Forms of respective classes.
11. Section Officer (General Branch), with the direction to place the matter before the forthcoming meeting of the board for ratification.
12. PRO H.P. Board of School Education.


Secretary

TABULAR SUMMARY OF EXEMPTIONS**1. (A) PHYSICAL DISABILITY-LOCOMOTOR DISABILITY**

S. No		DISABILITY CODE		Disability-wise Exemptions to Disabled students in Board's Examinations									
	H	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
1 A (a)	HL	Leprosy cured persons	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	--	Yes	Yes	
1 A (b)	HC	Cerebral palsy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	--	Yes	Yes	
1 A (c)	HD	Dwarfism	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	--	Yes	Yes	
1 A (d)	HM	Muscular Dystrophy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	--	Yes	Yes	
1 A (e)	HA	Acid Attack Victims	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	--	Yes	Yes	

1 (B) PHYSICAL DISABILITY - VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

S. No	DISABILITY CODE		Disability-wise Exemptions to Disabled students in Board's Examinations
	B	1	
1 B (a)	BB	Blindness	
1 B (b)	BL	Low Vision	
	Yes	2	Flexibility in choosing subjects
	Yes	3	Relaxation of attendance (on request)
	Yes	4	Exemption in studying second language
	Yes	5	Examination through computers
	Yes	6	Scribe and compensatory time
	Yes	7	Examination room on ground floor
	Yes	8	In the subjects where practical are involved, theory paper of the same marks can be provided as happens in case of visual impairment.
	Yes	9	Permitting assistive devices during exam (with doctor's advice)
	Yes	10	Options of skill based subjects
	Yes	11	Waiving off registration/examination fees for IX/X & XI/XII Examinations

1 (C) PHYSICAL DISABILITY - HEARING IMPAIRMENT

S. No	DISABILITY CODE	Disability-wise Exemptions to Disabled students In Board's Examinations	Flexibility in choosing subjects	Relaxation of attendance (on request)	Exemption in studying second language	Examination through computers	Compensatory time	Examination room on ground floor	In the subjects where practical are involved, theory paper of the same marks can be provided as happens in case of visual impairment.	Permitting assistive devices during exam (with doctor's advice)	Options of skill based subjects	Waiving off registration/examination fees for IX/X & XI/XII Examinations
	D	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1 C (a)	DD	Deaf	Yes	Yes	Yes	--	Yes	Yes	Yes	--	Yes	Yes
1 C (b)	DH	Hard of hearing	Yes	Yes	Yes	--	Yes	Yes	Yes	--	Yes	Yes

1 (D) PHYSICAL DISABILITY – SPEECH AND LANGUAGE DISABILITY

S. No		DISABILITY CODE	
1 D (a)	DS	D	Disability-wise Exemptions to Disabled students in Board's Examinations
		1	Speech and Language Disability
		2	Flexibility in choosing subjects
		3	Relaxation of attendance (on request)
		4	Exemption in studying second language
		5	Examination through computers
		6	Scribe /Reader and compensatory time
		7	Examination room on ground floor
		8	In the subjects where practical are involved, theory paper of the same marks can be provided as happens in case of visual impairment.
		9	Permitting assistive devices during exam (with doctor's advice)
		10	Options of skill based subjects
		11	Waiving off registration /examination fees for IX/X & XI/XII Examinations

2. INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY

S. No	DISABILITY CODE	Disability-wise Exemptions to Disabled students in Board's Examinations
2 (a)	C	1
2 (a)	CS	Specific Learning Disabilities
		-Dyslexia
		-Dysgraphia
		-Dyscalculia
		-Developmental aphasia
2 (b)	CA	Autism spectrum disorder
	Yes	Flexibility in choosing subjects
	Yes	Relaxation of attendance (on request)
	Yes	Exemption in studying second language
	--	Examination through computers
	Yes	Reader/ adult prompter/Scribe and compensatory time
	Yes	Examination room on ground floor
	--	In the subjects where practical are involved, theory paper of the same marks can be provided as happens in case of visual impairment.
	--	Permitting assistive devices during exam (with doctor's advice)
	Yes	Options of skill based subjects
	Yes	Waiving off registration/examination fees for IX/X & XI/XII Examinations

3. MENTAL BEHAVIOUR

S. No		
3 (a)	5	DISABILITY CODE
	1	Disability-wise Exemptions to Disabled students in Board's Examinations
	2	Flexibility in choosing subjects
	3	Relaxation of attendance (on request)
	4	Exemption in studying second language
	--	Examination through computers
	6	Reader/ adult prompter/Scribe and compensatory time
	7	Examination room on ground floor
	8	In the subjects where practical are involved, theory paper of the same marks can be provided as happens in case of visual impairment.
	9	Permitting assistive devices during exam (with doctor's advice)
	10	Options of skill based subjects
	11	Waiving off registration/examination fees for IX/X & XI/XII Examinations

4. DISABILITY CAUSED DUE TO - CHRONIC NEUROLOGICAL CONDITIONS & BLOOD DISORDER

S. No		DISABILITY CODE		Disability-wise Exemptions to Disabled students in Board's Examinations	
	5	1	Chronic neurological condition		
4 (a)	SN	2	Yes	Flexibility in choosing subjects	
		3	Yes	Relaxation of attendance (on request)	
		4	Yes	Exemption in studying second language	
		5	--	Examination through computers	
		6	Yes	Reader/ adult prompter/Scribe and compensatory time	
		7	Yes	Examination room on ground floor	
		8	--	In the subjects where practical are involved, theory paper of the same marks can be provided as happens in case of visual impairment.	
		9	--	Permitting assistive devices during exam (with doctor's advice)	
		10	Yes	Options of skill based subjects	
		11	Yes	Waiving off registration/examination fees for IX/X & XI/XII Examinations	
4 (b)	SB		Blood disorder i) Haemophilia ii) Thalassemia iii) Sickle cell disease	Yes	Yes

5. MULTIPLE DISABILITIES

S. No	DISABILITY CODE	Disability-wise Exemptions to Disabled students in Board's Examinations
5 (a)	SD	Multiple Disabilities
	S	1
	2	Flexibility in choosing subjects
	3	Relaxation of attendance (on request)
	4	Exemption in studying second language
	5	Examination through computers
	6	Writer and compensatory time
	7	Examination room on ground floor
	8	In the subjects where practical are involved, theory paper of the same marks can be provided as happens in case of visual impairment.
	9	Permitting assistive devices during exam (with doctor's advice)
	10	Options of skill based subjects
	11	Waiving off registration/examination fees for IX/X & XI/XII Examinations