

Background:

During the year 2020-21 under mode 2 of the Scheme of Free Coaching Scheme for SC and OBC Students, applications were called online through the portal of this Ministry in the month of Aug 2020 for selection of 2000 slots. After scrutinizing applications considering the merit criteria with complete eligibility documents and based on recommendations of Screening Committee, 2000 candidates were selected provisionally irrespective of online or physical coaching and the list of these candidates (1st list: 1332 candidate and 2nd list: 668 candidates) were uploaded on the portal. Keeping in view the Covid pandemic and uncertainty surrounding prospectus of unabated physical coaching throughout the country during FY 2021-22, it has been decided to implement Mode 2 of the scheme through online mode only.

Following FAQs are only for the purpose to assist the applicants while submitting the required documents on the portal. For details of the Scholarship related issue, applicants needs to refer the guidelines of Free Coaching Scheme available at www.socialjustice.nic.in and coching.dosje.gov.in

Q-1. How will the 2000 provisionally selected candidates under mode 2 of the Scheme of Free Coaching for SC and OBC Students get scholarship?

Consequent upon the prevailing pandemic situation in wake of Covid-19 spread, it has been decided that the Scholarship applications only for online coaching would be considered under mode 2 of the scheme. Therefore, those candidates , who have previously opted for physical mode of coaching, have to select online course through the Institute, which is not mentioned in the list of empanelled or de-empanelled Institute under Mode 1 of the scheme or any of their branches anywhere in India, attached with notification. Further, students previously opted for online coaching through empanelled or de empanelled institutes of mode 1 of the scheme, may also select online coaching through institutes other then these empanelled or de empanelled institutes.

Q.2 What will happen with those applications in which candidates applied for physical coaching?

Such candidates have to select online coaching from the institute of their own choices, which is not mentioned in the list of empanelled or de-empanelled Institute under Mode 1 of the scheme or any of their branches anywhere in India.

Q.3 Whether the candidates who had already exercised in favour of online coaching will also need to re-apply for online coaching?

No, however they need to submit the following details:

- i. details of coaching institute (Full name with complete address, e-mail Id, contact number)
- ii. Name of the course and its fee, duration, date of commencement/conclusion of the course.

(iii) Affidavit Undertaking as per the proforma available in the portal, if not submitted earlier.

Q.4 Can the provisionally selected 2000 candidates change their institute ?

Yes, they are free to choose **institute other than that selected** by them previously.

Q.5 Can the provisionally selected 2000 candidates choose any institute for online coaching under mode 2 ?

Yes, the candidates can choose any institute for online coaching except empanelled and de-empanelled institutes under mode-1 of the scheme and there branches across India (List given in Annexure-I and Annexure-II).

Q.6 Why are the candidates not allowed to select the empanelled and de-empanelled institutes?

Due to administrative reasons, the competent authority in the department has decided that those candidates ,who want to avail scholarship under mode 2 of the scheme, **can not exercise for online coaching from existing empanelled or de empanelled institute under mode 1 of this scheme.**

Q.7. Whether the candidates who previously selected to pursue coaching (online or offline) from any empanelled or de-empanelled institutes have to change their institute?

Yes. If they had choosen any branch of these institutes anywhere in the country, they shall be ineligible for online coaching under mode 2 of the scheme.

Q.8 How much time will be given to change the institute or to re exercise the option for online coaching or to submit the documents ?

The students can exercise such options within **one month** of the reopening of the portal.

Q. 9 Whether the candidates will be provided more chances to change the institute or to **re- exercise the option for online coaching or to submit the documents ?**

No. This option shall be considered final and under no condition, the student shall be allowed in future to change institute, course, fee, duration, or any other information furnished by the student.

Q. 10 How much fee will be reimbursed to the provisionally selected candidates for pursuing online coaching ?

For online course, the fee should not be more than the 75% of fee for physical coaching stipulated in the scheme or actual whichever is less.

Q.11 How much should be the duration of the course?

Duration of the course has been stipulated in the enclosed annexure of Free Coaching Scheme. Accordingly if duration of course is less than the stipulated period, proportionate fee with regard to duration shall be reimbursed. The balance fee, if any, shall be paid by the student.

Q.12 After re excising the option for online coaching and changing the institute, which documents are to be furnished by the provisionally selected 2000 candidates?

The candidates will submit the following documents/information:

- i. details of coaching institute (Full name with complete address, e-mail Id, contact number)
- ii. Name of the course and its fee, duration, date of commencement/conclusion of the course.
- iii. Affidavit Undertaking as per the proforma available in the portal, if not submitted earlier.

Q.13 How can the provisionally selected candidates upload the documents on the portal under mode 2 of the Scheme of Free Coaching for SC and OBC Students?

The candidates can upload the documents via login on the portal, website: coaching.dosje.gov.in A user manual showing step by step procedure for uploading the details is also available in the portal.

Q.14 How to get login on the portal?

The provisionally selected candidates must have their login Id and password. They can simply login on the portal by using ID and password. In case they have forgot their login Id and password, they can retrieve login Id with the help of the email Id and the mobile number which were provided by them at the time of submitting application on the portal.

Q.15 Whether eligible students will get the entire scholarship amount immediately after submission of above documents.

This department will workout the due scholarship to the students after receipt of the requisite documents. 1st installment @50% of due scholarship amount will be released immediately with the approval of competent authority. After getting 1st installments, students are required to get admission and upload the fee receipt in the portal within the 6 month. 2nd installment i.e. balance scholarship will be disbursed after receipt of fee for confirmation of admission.
