

1. *Short title & commencement.*— i. The scheme shall be called “Fee Waiver Scheme for SC/ST Students pursuing Higher Education”.

ii. The scheme shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

2. *Introduction.*— i. The “Fee Waiver Scheme for SC/ST Students pursuing Higher Education” has been designed with an objective to provide the students from SC/ST community an environment of quality teaching and learning in Higher Educational Institutions.

ii. Due to several reasons, the children belonging to SC and ST category find it difficult to reach to the corridors of the Institutions of Higher Education.

iii. The Scheme aims to provide access to every SC/ST student to all the Government/Government Aided/Self Finance courses in Government/Government Aided Institutes in the State by providing financial assistance.

iv. The Scheme will be operated by the Directorate of Higher Education for the students pursuing the courses of General Education at the Under Graduate and Post Graduate levels.

3. *Objectives and Scope of the Scheme.*— i. To provide access to every SC/ST student to the Institutions of higher learning.

ii. To provide an exposure to the students from SC/ST community to quality teaching and learning in Higher Educational Institutes.

iii. To reduce the financial burden on SC/ST students, who would have been deprived from seeking Higher Education.

iv. The scheme will be operated by the Directorate of Higher Education for the students pursuing the courses of General Education.

4. *Details of the Scheme.*— The beneficiary under the Scheme shall be entitled to receive waiver of the fees (as mentioned in Clause 6, Quantum of Financial Assistance) supposed to have been paid by them in the institutions where they have sought admission. The concerned institution shall process the application of all such beneficiaries and sanction the fee waiver to them right at the time of admission. The institutions will announce this scheme through their prospectus as well as popularize it by adequate means in the concerned institution. The beneficiary shall follow the procedure as laid down in Clause 7 of the scheme.

5. *Eligibility.*— i. Financial assistance under this Scheme shall be available to the SC/ST students of the State who enrol themselves for the First year of their degree course/Government/Government Aided/Self Finance courses/Under Graduate and Post Graduate courses in the Educational Institutions under the purview of Directorate of Higher Education. Similarly, the students are eligible to apply for the subsequent years of study of particular programme.

ii. Any student seeking fee waiver under the scheme should meet the following requirements:

a) He/she should be born in Goa and/or a resident of Goa for at least fifteen years.

b) He/she must have passed his/her qualifying examination without any backlog of paper from any of the institutions located in Goa which are affiliated to the Goa University.

c) He/she should belong to the SC/ST community of Goa.

iii. The Students who are availing the benefit under the scheme shall not be eligible to avail similar benefits under any other scheme/scholarships of Government of Goa/India including concession in fees etc. of the Government of Goa. The student would however, be permitted to exercise their choice of the scheme(s) to avail similar benefits.

6. *Quantum of Financial Assistance.*— i. The beneficiaries under the Scheme shall be entitled for financial assistance in the form of fee waiver subject to a maximum of Rs. 40,000/- per annum, supposed to have been paid by them every year at the time of admission itself.

ii. The amount of fee waiver shall consist of Tuition Fees, Library Fees, Laboratory Fees and Development Fees, if any. All other charges and fees would be borne by the concerned student.

7. *Procedure for Application and Approval.*— i. The institutions shall scrutinize and collect duly completed applications along with the supporting documents (as mentioned in point vi below) from eligible students as in Annexure-A.

ii. The institutions shall waive off the fees of the eligible students at the time of admission itself.

iii. The institutions shall submit their proposal to the Directorate of Higher Education before 30th September towards reimbursement of the waived off fees.

iv. The institutions shall make a consolidated statement giving details of students, amount of fees waived off etc. as in Annexure-B and also the fee structure of the courses duly certified by the Head of Institution.

v. The duly filled Annexure with the supporting documents along with fee receipts should be submitted to the Directorate of Higher Education before 30th September towards reimbursement of the waived off fees.

vi. The following documents are required to be submitted along with the application form (Annexure-A)

(* Birth Certificate Copy

(* Valid 15 yrs Residence Certificate

(* Last Qualifying Passing Certificate from any institute from Goa affiliated to Goa University

(* SC/ST Certificate issued by Competent Authority (belonging to SC/ST community of Goa)

(* Aadhaar Card Copy

(* Fee Receipt: Fees paid by the Student

8. *Framing of Guidelines.*— For better implementation of this Scheme the Government shall frame guidelines from time to time.

9. *Pattern of Assistance.*— i. The Students who avail other fee waiver schemes of Government of Goa shall not be eligible for fee waiver under this scheme.

ii. The financial assistance will be maximum as mentioned in Clause 6 of the Scheme.

iii. The institutions shall forward the applications of the eligible students to the Directorate of Higher Education for reimbursement of the waived off fees.

iv. Scrutinized and approved proposals from all the colleges together shall be submitted to the Secretary, Education for Administrative approval and expenditure sanction for disbursement of grants.

v. Upon approval from the Secretary, Education, reimbursement claim will be released to the concerned colleges as per the availability of funds.

vi. The financial assistance will be released as per the availability of funds.

vii. The College/Institution shall submit the Pre-Receipt towards the Reimbursement immediately after receipt of the Order along with the details of the account/cancelled cheque, of the college.

viii. The expenditure shall be debited to the:

Budget Head 2202—General Education; 03—University and Higher Education; 789—Special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes; 01—Scheduled Castes Development Scheme; 00—General; 50—Other Charges in respect of SC students.

and in respect of ST students, waived off fees shall be debited to the Budget Head- 2202—General Education; 03—University and Higher Education; 796—Tribal Area Sub Plan; 02—Scheduled Tribes Development Scheme; 00—General; 50—Other charges under Demand No. 35.

10. *Relaxation.*— The Government shall be empowered to relax any or all clause or conditions of the scheme in genuine cases.

11. *Interpretation.*— If any question arises regarding interpretation of any clause, word, expression of the scheme, the decision about the interpretation shall be with the Government, which shall be final and binding on all concerned.

12. *Redressal of Grievances and Dispute.*— Grievances if any, arising out of the implementation of this scheme, will be heard and decided by Secretary (Education) and the decision in this regard shall be final and binding on all concerned.

In view of above amendment, "Fee Waiver Scheme for SC/ST Students pursuing Higher Education" notified vide notification No. 32/2011-12/Bud/DHE/Plan/Part file/1321 dated 07-06-2012 published on Official Gazette, Series I No. 11, hereby stands withdrawn.

This issues with the concurrence of the Finance (Expenditure) Department vide their U.O No.1400102771/F dated 14-1-2025.

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

Safal K. Shetye, Under Secretary of Higher Education.

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ANNEXURE – A
(To be filled by Students)

**FEE WAIVER SCHEME FOR SC/ST STUDENTS PURSUING
HIGHER EDUCATION**

FORMAT FOR APPLICATION

1. Name of the Applicant.....
2. Address of the Applicant.....
Phone /Mobile No.:
Aadhaar No.....
3. (a) Course for which admission is sought.....
(b) Duration of the Course:
4. Fees waived off to the student :
(Tuition Fees + Library Fees + Laboratory Fees + Development Fees)
(please attach fee receipt)
5. Name of the Parent/ Guardian:
6. Address of the Parent / Guardian:.....
7. No. of years of Residence in Goa :
(attach Residence Certificate)
8. SC/ST Certificate :

DECLARATION

I hereby certify that the information furnished by me above is true to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that in case of false information all the benefits granted to me shall be immediately withdrawn.

I further certify that I have not availed any other fee waiver scheme of Government of Goa.

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Signature of the student

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Countersigned by Parent/Guardian

ANNEXURE B**Details of SC/ST students under the "Fee Waiver Scheme For SC/ST students pursuing Higher Education**

(To be prepared by the institution)

(i) Details of SC Students

Sr. No.	Name of the Student	Students Address	Gender		Semester / Programme	Students Contact No	Aadhaar No.
			M	F			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Fees to be Waived Off				Total Fee Waiver Amount (Rs.)	Expenditure Genderwise	
Library Fees	Laboratory Fees	Tuition Fees	Development Fees		M	F
9	10	11	12	13	14	15

(ii) Details of ST Students

Sr. No.	Name of the Student	Students Address	Gender		Semester / Programme	Students Contact No	Aadhaar No.
			M	F			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Fees to be Waived Off				Total Fee Waiver Amount (Rs.)	Expenditure Genderwise	
Library Fees	Laboratory Fees	Tuition Fees	Development Fees		M	F
9	10	11	12	13	14	15