

Guidelines for supply free Laptops to Visually Impaired Students pursuing Under Graduate and Post Graduate Courses.

Visually Impaired students pursuing higher education including technical/professional courses find it hard to continue such courses without special aids like computers with compatible software. Access to laptops will not only enable such students to meet their learning requirements, but also prepare them to meet the challenges of rapidly changing society.

In order to fulfil the mandate under Section-42(iii) of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, 1995, State Government have been pleased to include the provision of laptops to the visually impaired students for pursuing professional courses after +2, under Graduate and Post Graduate courses as special appliances in the existing scheme.

- The new provision of providing laptops to the visually impaired students forms part of the existing scheme "Special Appliances".
- The applicant must be a resident of Odisha State.
- The applicant must have Disability Certificate with 40% and above disability issued by competent authority.
- The applicant must be pursuing 1st year and above of the professional courses after +2, Under Graduate or Post Graduate course including M.Phil, Phd, Law, Management, Medicine and other Technical courses.
- The applicant must not have received free laptop earlier.
- The applicant shall apply to the concerned Collector in the prescribed format enclosing a copy of the Disability Certificate and recommendation of the Principal or Head of the Institution in which the students has been enrolled.
- Collector will recommend the proposal on the basis of academic year of the student based on certificate given by the Principal of the College/Head on the Institution. All such proposals shall be sent to the Director, SSEPD by 31st July every year.
- The Director, SSEPD after scrutiny of the applicant shall procure the required no. of branded Laptops of reputed company. The JAWS Software for visually impaired students will be installed in the laptops.
- The Director, SSEPD shall distribute the laptops to the students on proper identification in camps organized in different regions of the State in presences of public representatives and Government Officers.

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