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**Central University of Punjab**  
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## **Category D**

### **Detailed Information for Admission to 20 Seats for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) (PwD) Category Applicants (Batch 2025-26)**

With reference to Advertisement No. CUPB/25-26/009 dated 21/11/2025 with regard to admission of eligible candidates from Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) (PwD) Category for the Batch 2025-26 under “Free Coaching Scheme for Students with Disabilities” based on “Scheme of Scholarships for Students with Disabilities” by Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.

**Note: Only online applications will be accepted.**

#### **1. Courses Details**

- a. The coaching will be provided for Civil Services Examination conducted under Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)  
and
- b. Various examinations conducted under State Public Service Commission of Punjab and other States

2. **Number of Seats Available:** Total Twenty seats (20) further divided into following categories:

| <b>S. No.</b> | <b>Category*</b>         | <b>Number of Seats</b> |
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| 1.            | Blindness and low Vision | 4                      |

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| 2. | Deaf, Hard of hearing and speech and language disability  | 4 |
| 3. | Locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy  | 4 |
| 4. | Autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability, mental illness and multiple disabilities.  | 4 |
| 5. | Other disabilities such as chronic neurological conditions (multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease) and blood disorder (haemophilia, thalassemia and sickle cell disease) | 4 |

\*Note: In the case of non-availability of eligible applicants in any of the above categories, unutilized slots under the category may rationally be utilized for other categories having more number of applicants.

3. **Duration of the Course:** 12 Months
4. **Course Fees:** Course Fees will be paid by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India as per the scheme guidelines.
5. **Mode & Place of Entrance Examination:** Computer-based entrance test which will be conducted at Central University of Punjab, VPO: Ghudda, Bathinda, Punjab on the decided date and time.
6. **Nature of Question Paper:** The DACE Entrance Examination 2025-26 will be conducted through Computer-based Entrance Test and will consist of 100 Multiple Choice questions based upon the Syllabus of Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination of Union Public Service Commission.
7. **Benefits to the Candidates:**
  - Stipend and Other Allowances to be paid to the candidates:
  - Stipend/ Maintenance allowance : Rs. 4000/- per month
  - Disability Allowances : Rs.2000/- per month

- Book Allowance: Rs. 5000 per course (One Time)

#### **8. Attendance & Continuation Rules for the Course:**

- The candidates enrolled under this scheme shall have to attend all the classes in physical mode. **If any student remains absent (for more than 04 days) without prior permission/acceptable reasons his/her candidature for the scholarship shall be cancelled.**
- **Leaving the coaching midway without prior approval of the competent authority, the expenditure incurred on the candidate will be recovered from the candidate concerned.**

#### **9. Eligibility Criteria for Candidates:**

- (i) The scheme is only for Indian nationals.
- (ii) The scheme is open to students with benchmark disability i.e. 40% or more disability as defined in 'Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and having a valid certificate of disability issued by the competent authority as prescribed under Rules.
- (iii) Aadhar Number or Aadhaar Enrolment number would be mandatory.
- (iv) Unique Disability ID (UDID) number or UDID Enrolment number with disability certificate is mandatory.
- (v) Not more than two children with disabilities of the same parents will be entitled to receive benefits of the scheme. In case the second child is a twin, the benefits under the schemes will be admissible to the twin.
- (vi) The candidate shall be precluded from availing benefits under any other coaching scheme of the centre or state government and will be required to provide a declaration to this effect.

#### **Educational Qualification:**

- The candidate must have Graduation Degree or must be studying in the final year of the Graduation at the time of admission.
- The Graduation final year appearing candidates will be required to submit the proof of his/her continuation of last year of Graduation.

**Social Category Criteria:**

- **The candidate must belong to Persons with Disabilities (PwD) category with benchmark disability i.e. 40% or more disability under above prescribed seat categories.**

**Reservation Criteria:**

- In all categories 30% of the seats will be reserved for female candidates. In case adequate numbers of female candidates are not available or not found eligible as per the terms and conditions of the scheme, the unutilised slots will be utilised by selecting suitable male candidates.

**Benefit Availing Criteria:**

- Benefits under the Scheme (DACE) can be availed by a student not more than once, irrespective of the number of chances he/she may be entitled to take in a particular competitive examination. **The student will be required to submit an undertaking in this regard.**

**Income Criteria:**

- The candidates having total family income of Rs. 08 lakh or less per annum from all sources will be eligible for benefits under the Scheme.
- The candidate must have a latest Income Certificate of self-employed parents/guardian which should be in the form of a certificate issued by a Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar/Naib Tehsildar.
- Employed parents/guardians are required to obtain a latest income certificate from their employer and submit a consolidated certificate from the Revenue Officer including any other additional source of income.

**Selection Criteria:**

- All 20 candidates will be selected based on the merit list finalised after the conduct of the DACE Entrance Examination 2025-26.
- The DACE Entrance Examination 2025-26 will be conducted through Computer-based Entrance Test and will consist of 100 Multiple Choice

questions based upon the Syllabus of Union Public Service Commission's Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination.

- The Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) in the categories of blindness, locomotor disability (both arm affected – BA) and cerebral palsy may be provided the facility of scribe, if desired by the person.

#### **10. Stipend and other allowances Payment Mode:**

- Stipend and other admissible allowances shall be released through DBT mode in the candidate's Aadhaar-enabled bank account on a monthly/quarterly basis after receiving a progress report on a monthly/quarterly basis.
- **The applicant should have a valid Aadhaar number and a bank account seeded therewith, allotted to him/her.** At the time of application, if the student does not have an Aadhar number, he/ she can submit his/her EID number. However, the payment shall be released only after obtaining the Aadhar Number and shall be disbursed to the Aadhar seeded bank account of the student only.

#### **Important Dates/Link:**

- Last date & Time of submission of Online Application: 22 December 2025 (Monday) – 5:00 P.M.
- For complete details, visit website: <http://cup.edu.in/dace> or scan the following QR Code



#### **Documents/Other Requirements for Submission of Online Application:**

1. Personal Email Id of the Applicant.
2. One Passport size photograph (in .jpeg format - less than 100 kb).
3. Signature (in .jpeg format - less than 100 kb).
4. Proof of Age (10th Certificate) (in .jpeg or .pdf format - less than 500 kb).
5. Aadhaar Card is Mandatory (in .jpeg or .pdf format - less than 500 kb size).

6. Intermediate (12th) Marksheet (in .jpeg or .pdf format - less than 500 kb).
7. Graduation Degree (in .jpeg or .pdf format - less than 500 kb).
8. Graduation Marksheet (in .jpeg or .pdf format - less than 500 kb).
9. PwD Certificate (for benchmark disability) (in .jpeg or .pdf format - less than 500 kb) is mandatory.
10. Latest Income Certificate (PwD candidates) - (in .jpeg or .pdf format - less than 500 kb) is mandatory.
11. Unique Disability ID (UDID) number or UDID Enrolment number with disability certificate is mandatory.