



Dr. Ambedkar Centre of Excellence
Central University of Punjab
Bathinda, Punjab
(Established by Dr. Ambedkar Foundation,
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment,
Government of India)



Category A

Detailed Information for Admission (Batch 2025-26) to 100 Seats For SC & OBC Category Applicants

With reference to Advertisement No. CUPB/25-26/009 dated 21/11/2025 with regard to admission of eligible candidates under 'Free Coaching Scheme for SC and OBC Students' for the Batch 2025-26.

Note: Only online applications will be accepted.

- **Courses Details**

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

- **Number of Seats Available:** Hundred (100)
- **Duration of the Course:** 12 Months (1 Year)
- **Course Fees:** The course fees will be paid by the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, as per the DACE scheme guidelines.

- **Mode & Place of Entrance Examination:** A computer-based entrance test will be conducted at the Central University of Punjab, VPO Ghudda, Bathinda, Punjab, on the specified date and time.
- **Nature of Question Paper:** The DACE Entrance Examination 2025-26 will be conducted through a Computer-based Entrance Test and will consist of 100 Multiple Choice questions based upon the Syllabus of the Civil Services Examination (Preliminary) of the Union Public Service Commission.
- **Benefits to the Candidates:**
 - **Monthly Stipend:** A stipend of Rs. 4000/- (Rupee four thousand) per month will be provided to all candidates enrolled in the centre who belong to the SC & OBC category through Direct Benefit Transfer by the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, subject to the fulfilment of the DACE scheme guidelines.
 - **Incentive:** An incentive of Rs 15,000/ (Fifteen thousand) shall be provided to all the successful students to prepare for the interview after being successful in the mains stage of Central Civil Services / State Civil Services Exams for Group 1 and Group 2 posts through Direct Benefit Transfer by the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India subject to the fulfilment of the scheme guidelines.
- **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.**
- **Eligibility Criteria for Candidates:**

Educational Qualification:

- A candidate must have minimum 50% or above marks in the 10+2 (Intermediate) Examination.
- 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.

Age Criteria:

- **Minimum Age:** The candidate must have attained the minimum age of 21 years on or before 22.12.2025.
- **Maximum Age:** The candidate must not be more than 36 years of age on 22.12.2025.

Social Category Criteria:

- The candidate must belong to either Scheduled Caste (SC) or Other Backward Classes (OBC) category.
- **SC/OBC candidates belonging to a Minority community will not be eligible for the scheme.**

Benefit Availing Criteria:

- Benefits under the Scheme (DACE) can be availed by a student not more than twice, 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. 8.00 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.

- 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:

- 100 candidates will be selected based on the merit list finalized after the conduct of the DACE Entrance Examination 2025-26.
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Reservation Criteria:

- Reservation Criteria: 70 seats for coaching will be reserved for Scheduled Castes candidates, while 30 seats will be reserved for Other Backward Classes Candidates.
- In both the SC & OBC categories 30% of the seats will be reserved for female candidates.

Course Fee and Payment Mode

- All the admissible payments will be released to the students through Direct Benefit Transfer by the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India subject to the fulfilment of the DACE scheme guidelines in their **Aadhaar Seeded bank accounts**.
- The fee and stipend will be released through Direct Benefit Transfer by the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India subject to the fulfilment of the DACE scheme guidelines in two installments of 50% each of the admissible amount.
- The first installment will be released immediately through Direct Benefit Transfer by the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India subject to the fulfillment of the DACE scheme guidelines at commencement of course.
- The second installment will be released through Direct Benefit Transfer by the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India subject to the fulfilment of the DACE scheme guidelines after completion of more than 75% of the course duration.

- The students will be compulsorily required to remit the portion of fee to the DACE at Central University of Punjab immediately and in any case not exceeding 15 days, for which, an Affidavit must be submitted at the time of admission.
- 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 **Aadhaar 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. Caste Certificate (both for SC and OBC candidates) (in .jpeg or .pdf format - less than 500 kb).
10. Latest Income Certificate (both for SC and OBC candidates) - (in .jpeg or .pdf format - less than 500 kb).