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**Department of Higher Education**

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From

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Joint Secretary to Government

To

**The Secretary,**  
**State Selection Board**  
**Higher Education Department**  
**Ashok Nagar, Bhubaneswar-751009**

Sub : Conduct of Pre-Qualifying Entrance Examination for selection of 200 aspirants for the UPSC Free Civil Service Coaching, 2023.

Sir,

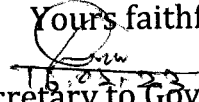
With reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to say that, the Government in the Higher Education Department is going to launch a scheme to provide free coaching for UPSC Civil Services examinations (Prel./ Mains). The enrolment for the said coaching will be through a Pre-Qualifying entrance examination. The OCAC has been requested to develop the online module for registration of the students for the entrance examination.

The State Selection Board, Higher Education Department will conduct Pre-qualifying Entrance Examination for selection of 200 Civil Services aspirants.

In this connection, a draft guideline along with timeline for each event for selection of the aspirants for the UPSC Free Civil Services Coaching is enclosed herewith for your perusal.

You are, therefore, requested to take necessary steps to conduct the Pre-qualifying Entrance Examination on 26<sup>th</sup> of March, 2023.

Yours faithfully

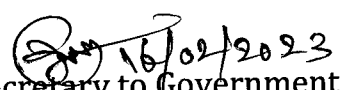
  
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Copy forwarded to P.S. to the Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department for kind information of the Principal Secretary.

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Under Secretary to Government  
Copy forwarded to the General Manager, OCAC, Acharya Vihar, Bhubaneswar/ the Programme Manager, CSM Technology, Acharya Vihar, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.

  
Under Secretary to Government

## **GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION OF ASPIRANTS OF FREE UPSC COACHING**

- 200 numbers of aspirants will be selected through Pre-Qualifying Entrance Examination which will be conducted by State Selection Board, Higher Education Department.
- Reservation Policy of the State will be followed for selection of Civil Services aspirants .

### **Facilities that will be provided to the aspirants during Preparation**

1. Selected aspirants will get free coaching, free food with accommodation facilities in Bhubaneswar.
2. Selected aspirants have to stay in the Accommodation provided by the Department.

### **1. Eligibility Conditions:**

#### **Nationality**

1. To appear in the entrance examination, a candidate must be a domicile of Odisha.

#### **Age Limits:**

1. (1) A candidate must have attained the age of 21 years and must not have attained the age of 30 years on the 1st of August, 2023 i.e., the candidate must have been born not earlier than 2nd August, 1993 and not later than 1st August, 2002 in case of Unreserved category students.  
(2) The upper age-limit prescribed above will be relaxable:  
(a) up to a maximum of five years if a candidate belongs to a Scheduled Caste or a Scheduled Tribe;  
(b) up to a maximum of three years in the case of candidates belonging to Other Backward Classes who are eligible to avail reservation applicable to such candidates;

#### **Minimum Educational Qualification:**

1. A candidate must have attained the minimum educational qualification, as on the 1st of August, 2023, i.e., graduation or any equivalent qualification.

### **2 . Plan of Examination:**

The Examination will be conducted offline. The Entrance Examination will consist of one paper of Objective type (multiple choice questions) and carry a maximum of 200 marks. There will be two sections, Section-A (General studies based), Section-B( Aptitude Test based). The duration of the examination will be two hours.

(ii) The Section-B of the Entrance Examination will be a qualifying paper with minimum qualifying marks fixed at 33%.

**Syllabus for Entrance Examination:** As per the UPSC Civil Services Examination.

Candidates should note that there will be a penalty (negative marking) for each wrong answer (0.5 per wrong mark) marked by a candidate in the Objective Type Question Papers.

**Centre of Examination:**

The entrance examination will be conducted in each of the 5(five) Regional Directorates of Education zones of the State, i.e., Berhampur, Bhubaneswar, Balasore, Jeypore and Sambalpur.

**3. HOW TO APPLY:**

Candidates are required to apply Online by using the website [www.dheodisha.gov.in](http://www.dheodisha.gov.in) or <https://www.samsodisha.gov.in/>. Detailed instructions for filling up online applications are available on the above-mentioned website.

Candidates have to pay Rs.100/- through online towards application fees while submitting the application.

**Timelines of the Scheme**

Sl No.	Items	Timeline
1	Date of advertisement for UPSC Civil Services Coaching (Residential)	18.02.2023
2	Online application open date	18.02.2023
3	Last date of application	04.03.2023
4	Date of download of Admit Card	16.03.2023 onwards
5	Date of Examination	26.03.2023
6	Publication of Selection list	
7	Last date of Admission of Selected Applicants	
8	Commencement of Coaching Classes	

**4. FACILITATION COUNTER FOR GUIDANCE OF CANDIDATES:**

In case of any guidance/information/clarification regarding their applications, candidature etc. candidates can contact Department Facilitation Counter over Telephone No. 0674-2954600 on working days between 10.00 hrs and 17.00 hrs.