

EWS (ECONOMICALLY WEAKER SECTION)

The **Union Government of India** tabled the Constitution (**One Hundred And Twenty-Fourth Amendment**) Bill, 2019 which provided **10%** additional quota for the EWS students amongst the erstwhile Unreserved category or General category students.

Reference: [Click here](#)

Eligibility Criteria for EWS Candidates

- Persons should not be covered under the scheme of reservation for SCs, STs and OBCs.
- Family gross annual income from all sources i.e. salary, agriculture, business, profession, etc. should be below Rs 8 lac (Rupees eight lac only). Income shall also include income for the financial year prior to the year of application.
- Persons whose family owns or possesses any of the following assets shall be excluded from being identified as EWS, irrespective of the family income:
 - a) 5 acres of agricultural land and above
 - b) Residential at of 1000 sq ft. and above
 - c) Residential plot of 100 sq. yards and above in notified municipalities
 - d) Residential, plot of 200 sq. yards and above in areas other than the notified municipalities.

Note:

- The property held by a "Family" in different locations or different places/cities would be clubbed while applying the land or property holding test to determine EWS status.
- The term "Family" for this purpose will include the person who seeks benefit of reservation, his/her parents and siblings below the age of 18 years as also his/her spouse and children below the age of 18 years.
- A copy of the EWS certificate must be uploaded at the time of the CAT application registration.
- The EWS certificate must be shown and a photocopy should be submitted at the time of interviews.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- Verified Income and Asset certificate issued by competent authority.
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Certificate Proforma:

[EWS Certificate](#)

Competent Authorities to Issue EWS Certificate

Candidates must ensure that the caste certificate has been issued and signed by the competent authorities.

The authorities competent to issue the certificate are:

- District Magistrate.
- Additional District Magistrate.
- Collector.
- Deputy Commissioner.
- Additional Deputy Commissioner.
- Deputy Collector.
- I Class Stipendiary Magistrate.
- City Magistrate - Taluka Magistrate.
- Executive Magistrate –
- Extra Assistant Commissioner.
- Chief Presidency Magistrate .
- Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate .
- President Magistrate .
- Revenue Officers not below the rank of Tahsildar .
- Sub Divisional Officer of the area where the person and his family normally resides .
- Development Officer.

Certifying authority should be one concerned with the locality in which the person applying for a certificate has his permanent place of abode.

Revenue Authorities have been empowered to issue certificates on the basis of a certificate issued by an MP, MLA, Gazetted Officer etc. But they should do so only after having made proper verification and after having satisfied themselves of the correctness of that certificate.

FAQs

Some common FAQs Related to Categories.

1. Under which categories can I apply for CAT?

You can apply under the following categories:

- General
- EWS
- Scheduled Caste (SC)
- Non-creamy Other Backward Class (NC-OBC)
- Scheduled Tribe (ST)

Note1:

Until further communication, all candidates applying under the NC-OBC category shall be inevitably considered under the NC-OBC category, provided they meet the NC-OBC eligibility as explained in question number (Q3) below.

Note2:

No changes in the category will be entertained after the closure of the registration window.

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2. Do I belong to the EWS category?

To know whether you belong to the EWS category, see the following website: <https://dopt.gov.in/sites/default/files/ewsf28ft.PDF>.

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