

## **PWD (PERSON WITH DISABILITY)**

### **Eligibility Criteria for PWD Candidates**

As per the provisions of The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPwD Act 2016), 5% seats are reserved for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwD).

“Person with Benchmark Disability” means a person with not less than forty percent (40%) of a specified disability where a specified disability has not been defined in measurable terms and includes a person with disability where the specified disability has been defined in measurable terms, as certified by the certifying authority.

“Specified disability” means the disabilities as specified in the Schedule of the RPwD Act 2016.

#### **The categories of disability are:**

- a) Blindness and low vision
- b) Deaf and hard of hearing
- c) Locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy.
- d) Autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness
- e) Multiple disabilities from amongst persons under clauses (a) to (d)
- f) Other ‘specified disabilities’ mentioned in ‘The Schedule’ of the RPwD Act 2016.

### **Required Documents**

- Verified Disability Certificate which should fulfil the below criteria:
  - a) The certificate should have been issued by the competent authority.
  - b) The photo should be available in the certificate (if applicable).
  - c) The certificate should be valid as per the RPwD Act 2016.
  - d) The certificate should be in Hindi/English only.
- If disability is likely to decrease (temporary type) then, the certificate should be valid up to the Date.

- If you will be using a Scribe for the test, you need to arrange the Scribe and fill the Scribe Affidavit form.

**Certificate Proforma:**

- [PWD Certificate - Form V](#): In cases of amputation or complete permanent paralysis of limbs or dwarfism and in case of blindness
- [PWD Certificate - Form VI](#): In cases of multiple disabilities:
- [PWD Certificate - Form VII](#): In cases other than those mentioned in Forms V and VI:
- [Scribe Affidavit](#)

**Competent Authorities to Issue PWD Certificate**

Disability certificate issued by Medical Board of at least three doctors duly constituted by the State or Central government under PWD Act

Reference: [Click here](#)

**FAQs**

Some common FAQs Related to Categories.

**1. What are Testing Assistive devices?**

Testing Assistive devices (TA devices), also known as technical aids, are designed to directly enable candidates with disabilities to perform a particular task successfully

**2. Which are the acceptable testing devices that I can use/bring to the test centre?**

The approved means of testing assistance are:

Testing Assistance	Applicable for	Arranged by
Abacus (without calculator)	Visually Impaired	Candidate
Hearing Aid	Hearing Impairment	Candidate
Wheel Chair	Locomotive Disability/ Cerebral Palsy	Test Centre, on request in

		the Application Form
Magnifying Screen	Visually Impaired	Test Centre on request (System inbuilt feature)
Scribe/Reader	Visually Impaired/Locomotor disability including cerebral palsy and other disabilities.	Candidate

**3. Will the means of testing assistance be provided to me directly at the test centre?**

Based on your request in the Application Form, only a magnifying screen (system-built feature) and a wheel chair will be arranged by the test centre. All other approved means of testing assistance including abacus, hearing aids, wheelchair, scribe/reader need to be arranged by you.

**4. Who will provide a scribe/reader in case required by a PwD candidate?**

The PwD candidate will have to make arrangements for a scribe. He/she will have to carry the Scribe Affidavit available on the CAT website.

**5. Is there an eligibility criterion for a scribe/reader?**

There is no eligibility criterion. On the day of the test, the scribe must bring a valid proof of identity and a passport sized photograph, and sign a declaration about his/her educational qualifications at the test venue.

**6. Will the extra one hour be distributed among 3 sections?**

Yes. For PwD candidates, the extra one hour will be distributed into 20 minutes for each section. That is, PwD candidates will have 80 minutes to attempt each section, while the other candidates will have 60 minutes per section.

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