

रेलवे सुरक्षा बल (रेल मंत्रालय) के लिए
प्रधानमंत्री छात्रवृत्ति योजना
PRIME MINISTER'S SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME
for RPF (Ministry of Railways)

ऑनलाइन आवेदन भरने के लिए विस्तृत दिशा-निर्देश
(2022-23 और आगामी वर्षों के लिए)
Detailed Guidelines to Fill up On-line Applications
(2022-23 and onwards)



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Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme for the wards of RPF/RPSF

(Revised guidelines for submission of applications online for the academic year 2022-23 and onwards)

1. INTRODUCTION

Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme (PMSS) under the aegis of the National Defence Fund, was announced by the then Hon'ble Prime Ministers of India in his address to the nation from the historical Red Fort on 15th August, 2005. Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme was introduced from the Academic year 2008-09 for RPF. It was introduced to encourage higher technical and professional education for the dependent wards of Ex/Serving RPF/RPSF personnel and widows (below the Rank of Gazetted officer)

2. SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

A total number of 150 students (from academic session 2015-16) have been earmarked to RPF for an academic session. Half of the scholarships are reserved for female candidates i.e. 75. *Shortfall in fresh cases shall not be adjusted from girls/boys, if applicants (boys/girls) are available less than 75.* It is also mentioned that un-allocated quota in any gender may not be utilized for other category (boys/girls). Distribution of scholarship among Zonal Railways and RPSF will be as under:-

Zone/Organization	Quota
CR+KRCL	10
ECoR	06
ECR	08
ER	16
NCR+CORE	06
NER	06
NFR	08
NR+JR RPF Academy + RDSO	16
NWR+ Construction	04
SCR	06
SECR	04
SER	10
SR+ICF	10
SWR	04
WCR	04
WR	10
RPSF	22
Total	150

3. COURSES ELIGIBLE FOR THE PMSS

Professional Degree Courses like BE, B.Tech, BDS, MBBS, BEd, BBS, BCA, MCA B. Pharma, etc. duly recognized by the respective Government Regulatory Bodies, such as All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Medical Council of India(MCI), University Grants Commission (UGC), National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) etc. (**Master Degree Courses are not eligible for PMSS except MBA, MCA**). Detailed list of courses is enclosed as **Annexure-I**. Students studying abroad are not eligible for this scheme. No distance learning course is permitted under this scheme. PMSS can be availed for one course only.

1. STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP

Students who have taken regular admission in 2022-23 are only eligible for PMSS 2022-23. Students should have secured 60% and above in Minimum Entry Qualification (MEQ) i.e. 12th Std., Diploma/Graduation.

The scholarship is admissible for only two wards per family and should be ensured by the beneficiaries as well as by the concerned zonal Railways/RPSF.

Colleges/institutes/universities eligible: Only the institutes/universities/colleges having AISHE regulation will be permissible.

5. AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

(a) The amount of scholarship would be as follows:

- (i) ₹2500/- per month for male students
- (ii) ₹3000/- per month for female students

(b) The payment of scholarship will be granted after approval of the DG/RPF as per order of merit in each year.

6. LETTER FROM HON'BLE PRIME MINISTER – All applicants selected under new category will be given personal letter from Hon'ble Prime Minister in appropriate language.

7. DURATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP : Two to five years as per duration of course.

8. ORDER OF PREFERENCE

If the number of applications exceeds the number of available scholarships, the order of preference for allotment of scholarship will be as under-

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| Category (I): | Wards/widows of ex-RPF/RPSF personnel who died in harness due to causes attributed to encounter with terrorist or with criminals while protecting Railway Property, Passengers and Passenger Area or those who die during election work. |
| Category (II): | Wards/Widows of ex-RPF/RPSF personnel who died while in service. |
| Category (III): | Wards of ex-RPF/RPSF (retired) personnel. |
| Category (IV): | Wards of serving RPF/RPSF personnel. |

9. MINIMUM MARKS IN MEQ

At least 60% marks/equivalent grade in MEQ for entry to various Professional Courses for the initial sanction of scholarship. MEQ for various courses are as under-

S.No.	Professional Course/Technical Course	MEQ
1	MBBS and equivalent Medical courses	12 th Standard
2	B.E., B.Tech	10+2/Diploma (Diploma in case of lateral entry)
3	BBA, BCA, B.Sc.(Ag) etc.	12 th Standard
4	MBA, B.Ed., MCA	Graduation
5	BA LLB/BBA LLB/BSc LLB/B.Com LLB (5 year Integrated course only)	12 th Standard

10. HOW TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIP.

From the academic year 2017-18 onwards, the PMSS for RPF (Ministry of Railways) is being implemented through National Scholarship Portal (NSP2.0). For this, all the eligible applicants need to apply online on the website www.scholarship.gov.in for the academic year 2022-23 and onwards. Final compiled list of eligible candidates will be prepared by Security Directorate, Railway Board for onward submission to PMO.

Mobile number is mandatory to register on National Scholarships Portal on which One Time Password (OTP) will be received for further process. A maximum of two registrations may be made with a mobile number. Students will ensure that the college/institute/university etc. has registered with AISHE and been allocated the AISHE Code/Regulation.

10.1: DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

Following documents in the respective category are mandatorily required to be submitted/uploaded by the applicant for applying under PMSS:

For Fresh Applicant:

- Service Certificate issued by respective offices of the serving personnel for category IV. (As per **Annexure II**).
- A copy of PPO/Discharge certificate/book for Categories I, II and III.
- Applicants are required to upload scanned copy of the mark-sheet/Grade card of MEQ i.e. 10+2/ Diploma/Graduation (as the case may be).

For Renewal Applicant:

- Latest Service Certificate issued by respective offices of the serving personnel for category IV. (As per **Annexure II**).
- Applicants are required to upload scanned copy of the previous class mark-sheet/Grade card/Proof of up gradation to next class issued by competent authority. (as the case may be).

Detailed guidelines and documents/prescribed proforma shall be available on the website:

- National Scholarship Portal (www.scholarships.gov.in)

- Railway Board website (<http://www.indianrailways.gov.in/railwayboard>)

10.2: Verification of application form:

First level of verification (L-1) of the application is Institute Nodal Officer (INO). INO should be permanent or regular employee of the Institute.

Second level of verification (L-2) of the application is Zonal Nodal officer (ZNO):

10.3 : RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIP

The renewal of scholarship can be done by the applicant on the National Scholarship Portal using his application ID generated at the time of registration. Documents may be uploaded by the candidate which including a certificate from the College/Institute indicating the result of previous class/semester as well as indicating that the student is pursuing the course.

11. DISQUALIFICATION

If a student granted scholarship on the basis of statement made in the application is at any subsequent date found to have made false information in any respect, all the remaining scholarship will forfeit and no application from the ex/serving RPF/window would be entertained in future. The amount paid would also have to be refunded. In addition to this, if student does not pass the current class in the same Academic Year or discontinues the course, he/she will become disqualify for further renewal of scholarship.

12. DISBURSAL OF SCHOLARSHIP

Zonal Railways will verify the applications on scholarship portal, after due verification at their end. Only verified applications will be considered for grant of scholarship if found eligible as per extant provisions.

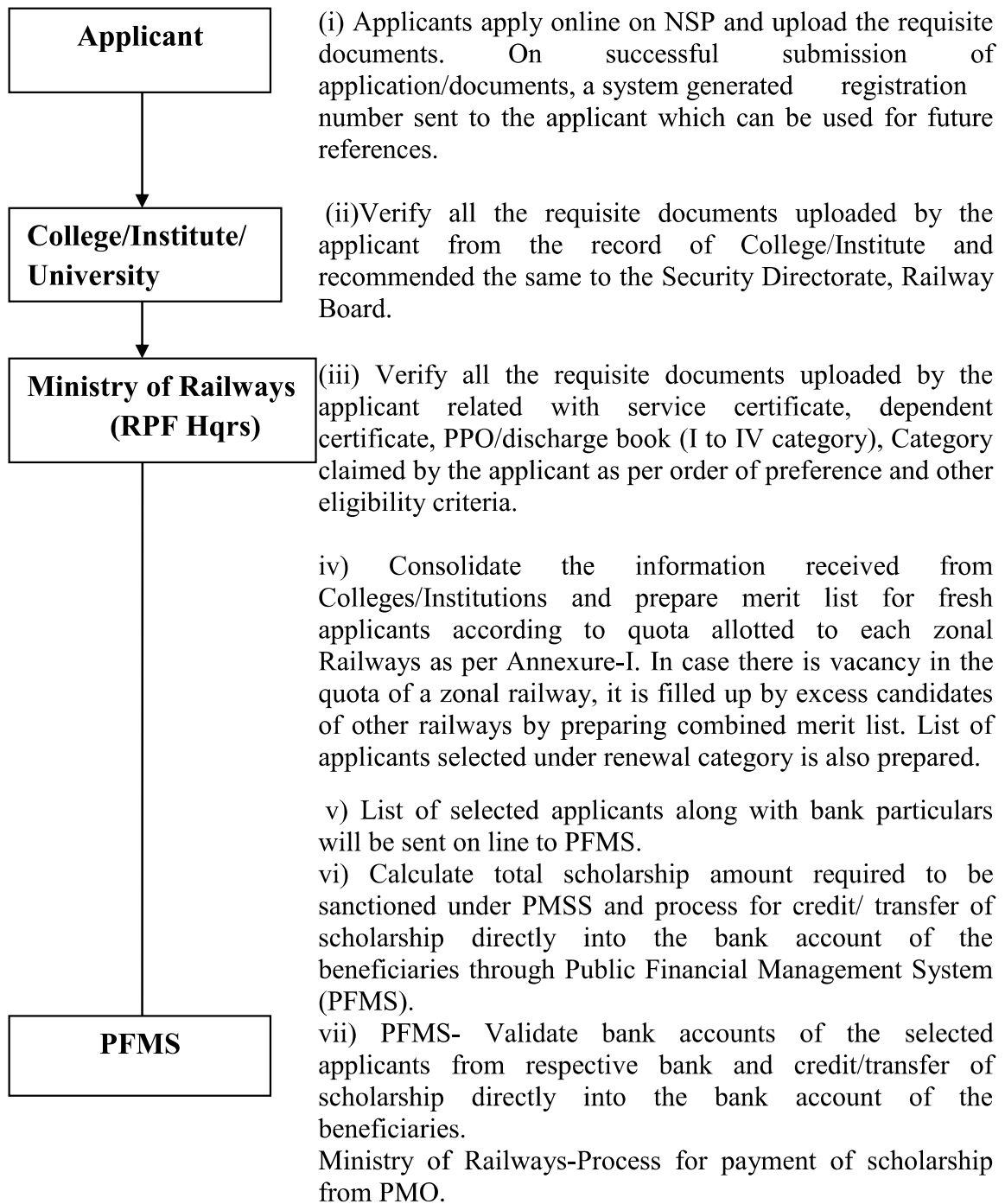
The Scholarship amount under PMSS from the academic year 2017-18 onwards for applicants selected under fresh and renewal categories would be credited/transferred directly into the Bank accounts of the selected applicants through **Public Finance Management System (PFMS)** under the **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)** Mission of the Government.

Submission of bank particulars including account number of nationalized bank by the applicant duly seeded with Aadhaar Number is mandatory.

13. Main Features of Online Application and Disbursal of Scholarship under PMSS:-

- (i) To automate, streamline and effectively manage entire scholarship process related to submission of application, verification by respective college/institution/university as well as Zonal Railways/RPSF, processing and preparation of merit list (for fresh applicants), validation of bank accounts of the beneficiaries, sanction and disbursal of scholarship to the applicants.
- (ii) No need of any paper movement.
- (iii) User friendly.
- (iv) Applicant can track the status of applicants and receipt of scholarship through their own user ID (system generated registration number) and password.
- (v) Direct credit/transfer of scholarship amount into the bank account of the beneficiaries.

14. Online Process Flow for Scholarship



- ❖ For this listed college/institute/university, RPF(Ministry of Railways) will be given a login ID & Password for logging on to the online system in order to scrutinize the received application and verify the requisite documents uploaded by the applicants for sanction, payment and tracking of scholarship by all the stake holders under PMSS.

15. Schedule of Activities (For Fresh & Renewal Scholarship) (Tentative)

Sl. No	Activity	Last date
1.	Filling of online application by the applicant on www.scholarship.gov.in	31 October
2.	Scrutiny/verification & confirmation of application by College/Institute/University	15 November
3.	Scrutiny/verification of application by Zonal Railways (State Level)	30 November
4.	Consolidation/preparation of merit list & processing for sanctioning of scholarship by Security Dte./Ministry of Railways.	15 December
4.	Validation of bank account by PFMS	30 December
5.	Processing for sanctioning of scholarship by Security Dte., Ministry of Railways from PMO	15 January
6.	Disbursal of scholarship amount	30 January 2021
7.	Dispatch of personal letters from Hon'ble Prime Minister in appropriate language from Security Dte./Railway Board.	15 February 2021

1. Roles and Responsibilities (In brief) of Stake Holders**❖ Applicants :**

- Online registration
- Submission of dully filled application
- Uploading of scanned copies of the requisite documents.
- Track the status of application
- Received scholarship amount in Bank account.

❖ College/Institute/University :

- Scrutiny/verification of application
- Confirmation/Recommendation

❖ Zonal HQ/RPSF HQ :

- Provide wide publicity for online process of scholarship under PMSS
Scrutiny/verification of application (State Level Verification)

❖ Security Dte./Ministry of Railways:

- Provide wide publicity through Zonal Railways for online process of scholarship under PMSS
- Scrutiny/Consolidation of received applications
- Preparation of merit list for fresh applicants as per 11(iv) above
- Preparation of final list of selected applicants under renewal category
- Calculation of scholarship amount
- Processing for sanctioning of scholarship
- Disbursement of scholarship
- Dispatch of personal letters from Hon'ble Prime Minister in appropriate language for applicants selected under fresh category through Security Dte./Ministry of Railways.

❖ **PFMS :**

- Validation of bank account
- Disbursement of scholarship

❖ **Ministry of Railways/PMO :**

- Processing and sanctioning of scholarship under PMSS

17. Miscellaneous

- Final list in case of fresh applicants will be prepared on the basis of their respective category as per order of preference as well as percentage of marks obtained in MEQ.
- Candidature of a student shall stand automatically rejected if, at any stage, it is found that he/she has secured scholarship fraudulently by submitting false information/documents or suppressed any facts. Such candidate will have to refund the entire amount of scholarship along with interest, followed by appropriate action.
- For any query or help, Wards of deceased/retired/service personnel (applicant) may contact to **Mr. Ajeet Singh, Section Officer/Sec(Spl), Security Dte./Railway Board, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi** on Telephone number **011-23303283, 23041532 & 030-43283 (Rly)** or email to ajeet.singh11@gov.in
- The decision of DG/RPF, with regard to the admissibility of the scholarship for RPF shall be final.
- The Ministry of Railways, Government of India can suitably modify the above mentioned guidelines/instructions from time to time as per requirement/necessity arising in future for successful implementation of the scheme.

The guidelines/instructions as mentioned above are merely illustrative not exhaustive. Suitable amendments may be made on receipt of the views/comments from all the stakeholders.
