

**Government of West Bengal
Department of Higher Education
Technical Branch
Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake,
Kolkata - 700 091**

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Order

In cancellation of all previous orders issued by this Department and/or its subordinate offices regarding awarding of *Half-tuition fee waiver or Half-freeship and Full-tuition fee waiver or Full-freeship* to students belonging to specific income-brackets who become eligible for the same; by virtue of their admission into Government as well as Self-financing Engineering and Technological Institutes besides Engineering Departments of state-aided Universities of the State of West Bengal after featuring in the selected candidates through the counseling conducted by the CSC (E&T); the undersigned has been directed by the order of the Governor to state that Governor has been pleased to implement the *West Bengal Free-ship Scheme (WBFS)* for all AICTE approved Government Engineering & Technology Colleges, Self Financing Engineering & Technology Colleges as well as all Engineering Departments of state-aided Universities of the State from the academic session of 2011 - 2012. This new scheme would run parallel with the AICTE approved Tuition Fee Waiver Scheme ordered by this Department, vide no. 79/Edn (T)/10M - 39/10 dated 23/02/2011 but shall replace Tuition Fee Waiver Schemes in vogue through this Department's Memorandum vide no. 305 - Edn(T) dated 17/05/2007 read with no. 363 - Edn(T) dated 18/06/2007 & 416 - Edn(T) dated 27/07/2004. The new Procedure for implementation of the *West Bengal Free-ship Scheme (WBFS)* is laid down underneath and is in congruence with the guidelines prescribed by the State Government from time to time in this respect and it shall be complied by all concerned for awarding such waiver.

Procedure for implementation of the *West Bengal Free-ship Scheme (WBFS)*, for economically backward meritorious students:

Eligibility: Students domiciled in the State of West Bengal, whose Annual

family income is less than Rs. 2.50 Lakhs from all sources shall only be eligible for seats under this scheme. *The waiver is limited to the Tuition fee for all the Institutions concerned. All other fees except tuition fees will have to be borne by the beneficiary.*

Preconditions for implementation of the *West Bengal Free-ship Scheme*:

1. The Authority for admission shall be the same as for regular admissions and
 - a. 20% of sanctioned intake per course shall be made available for these admissions under Full-fee waiver or Full-freeship and Half-fee waiver or Half-freeship categories respectively, in equal proportion i.e. 10% in each of the above categories; only for such Non Aided Self Financing Engineering & Technology College of the State, only if the said College chooses to admit students under Management Quota (MQ) of 10% of the total intake for that specific academic year;
 - b. 10% of sanctioned intake per course shall be made available for these admissions under ***Full-fee waiver or Full-freeship and Half-fee waiver or Half-freeship*** categories respectively, in equal proportion i.e. 10% in each of the above categories; only for six (6) Government Engineering & Technology Colleges of the State as well as in Engineering Departments of state-aided Universities;
2. The competent authority for implementing this *Scheme* shall be the Registration and Enrolments authority of the concerned University i.e. the ***REGISTRAR*** (*viz. Registrar of the West Bengal University of Technology for the Government and Self-Financing Engineering & Technology Colleges of the State or respective Registrar of the Universities like; Jadavpur University, Bengal Engineering & Sciences University etc. for Engineering Departments of those respective Universities*).
3. The Registrar of the respective University, after finalization of enrolment and registration of all students in aforementioned Engineering & Technology colleges, both Government as well as Self-Financing ones; shall check, verify and approve the *Priority List* prepared by those respective colleges based on the *annual income of all such students taking admission in such colleges*

considering “Means” as the determining Criterion;

4. Similarly the Registrar of the said Universities for the respective Engineering Departments shall check, verify and approve the *Priority List* prepared by those respective Engineering Departments based on the *annual income of all such students taking admission in such Engineering Departments considering “Means” as the determining Criterion;*
5. The selection of students under this category shall be made by the aforementioned *competent authority* once the registration is complete for each of such eligible college / institution after the last date of registration notified by the WBUT and for each of those Engineering Departments of state-aided Universities once their registration is over;
6. Thereafter the *competent authority* shall prepare a list of students thus admitted under this category who stand to become eligible to receive *Full and Half Free-ship* for the respective colleges as well as the Engineering Departments of state-aided Universities and shall send the same to those concerned colleges / institutions as well as the Engineering Departments of state-aided Universities to which they are admitted; for further action including informing concerned students.
7. For the purpose of determining the Annual Income of the parents / guardians of the students, an officer of the State Government in the rank of Block Development Officer or above in the district / their equivalent counterparts (Group – A Officer) elsewhere will be competent to issue Income Certificate to be issued to each of such students.
8. The College as well as each of such Engineering Departments of state-aided Universities shall provide the particulars of each beneficiary including name, rank, annual family income from all sources etc; who have been granted the benefit under the *WBFS*, in a discipline-wise manner to the State Government through the Director of Technical Education, for continuous supervision and monitoring of the *Scheme*. The formats for submission of various reports as enumerated hereinabove shall be notified in due course.
11. The name and details of the students receiving benefits of Free-ship shall be displayed on the Notice Board and Website of the respective institution and each of those Engineering Departments of state-aided Universities.

Sd/
(S. C. Tewary)
Principal Secretary.

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Copy forwarded for information and taking necessary action to:

1. The Vice-Chancellor, West Bengal University of Technology – with request to communicate to all the affiliated institutions;
2. The Vice-Chancellor, Jadavpur University / Bengal Engineering & Sciences University / Kalyani University (for The Kalyani University Science Instrument Centre) / Burdwan University (University Institution of Technology) – with request to communicate to the affiliated institutions;
3. The Director of Technical Education, West Bengal, Bikash Bhavan, 10th Floor, Kolkata – 91 – with request to inform all concerned;
4. The President, Association of Professional Academic Institutions, West Bengal, AE – 4, Sector – I, Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 700 064;
5. P.S. to MIC, Higher Education Department;
6. P.A. to Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department.


Joint Secretary