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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
CHIEF SECRETARIAT
(HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION)

(G.O. Ms. No. 25, Puducherry, dated 26th September 2025)

NOTIFICATION

In supersession of the G.O. Ms. No. 57, dated 01-10-2013 of the Chief Secretariat (Education), Puducherry, save as respect things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Lieutenant-Governor of Puducherry is pleased to extend and order the following Rules and Regulations/Guidelines afresh for the award of Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Financial Assistance to students admitted to Unaided Private

Professional Educational Institutions in the Union territory of Puducherry through CENTAC and studying Medical, Engineering, Para-Medical, Dental Sciences, Veterinary Sciences, Agriculture, Law Courses, *etc.*, and Reimbursement of full fees for students admitted under the 10% Government School Students Quota in NEET based UG Courses (MBBS/BDS/BAMS), in Government/Private Self-Financing Medical Colleges in the Union territory of Puducherry as follows:

RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. *General.*— In order that no meritorious student is prevented on grounds of financial constraint to carry or continue his or her academic career in the field of Education, the Government of Puducherry has decided to award Financial Assistance under "Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Financial Assistance Scheme" to the eligible students admitted in the Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions in the Union territory of Puducherry through CENTAC and studying Medical/Engineering/Para-Medical/Dental Sciences/Veterinary Sciences/Agriculture/Law Courses, *etc.*, and reimbursement of full tuition fees to the students admitted under 10% Government School Students Quota in NEET based UG Courses (MBBS/BDS/BAMS) in Government/Private Self-Financing Medical Colleges in the Union territory of Puducherry.

II. *Allocation of Financial Assistance.*— Financial Assistance will be awarded to all students admitted to unaided private professional Educational Institutions in the Union territory of Puducherry through CENTAC and studying Medical, Engineering, Para-Medical, Dental Sciences, Veterinary Sciences, Agriculture, Law Courses, *etc.*, Additionally, full tuition fees will be reimbursed to students admitted under the 10% Government School Students Quota in NEET based UG Courses (MBBS, BDS, BAMS) at Government/Private Self-Financing Medical Colleges in the Union territory of Puducherry. This applies to Indian Citizens and residents of the Union Territory. The Adi Dravidar Welfare and Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department, Puducherry, will provide financial assistance to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes students.

III. *Coverage and eligibility.*— (1) Only those eligible candidates admitted to the Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions in the Union territory of Puducherry through CENTAC and studying Medical,

Engineering, Para-Medical, Dental Sciences, Veterinary Sciences, Agriculture, Law Courses, *etc.*, and under the 10% Government School Students Quota in NEET based UG Courses (MBBS/BDS/BAMS), who are Indian Citizens and residents of the Union territory of Puducherry – 'Resident' being as defined for the purpose of admission in Educational Institutions by this Administration from time to time – and who have passed the qualifying examination in the first attempt, will be eligible for consideration for the award of this Financial Assistance, subject to the fulfillment of other conditions of the Scheme.

(2) The candidates who have passed the qualifying examination and are studying in the first year of their respective courses during the year of the award of financial assistance will be eligible for consideration; provided that candidates admitted to the second year through lateral entry in Engineering Courses will be eligible for consideration from the second year onwards.

(3) A candidate who is in full-time employment will not be eligible for the award of financial assistance. However, if he/she gives up employment or takes leave without pay for the entire duration of the course and thereafter starts his/her studies as a full-time student, he/she will be eligible for the award under the Scheme.

(4) A recipient of financial assistance shall not receive any other regular scholarships or stipends.

(5) Financial assistance will not be provided during the internship period for medical students or other similar courses.

(6) A recipient of financial assistance under the above Scheme may receive a fee concession provided by the Institution in which they are studying, or by any other relevant authority.

(7) Candidates studying as part-time students or privately or in an unrecognized Institution or through correspondence courses will not be eligible.

IV. *Selection procedure.*—(1) The Directorate of Higher and Technical Education will invite applications from eligible students enrolled in the first year of Medical, Engineering, Para-Medical, Dental Sciences, Veterinary Sciences, Agriculture, Law Courses, *etc.*, as well

as second-year students in lateral entry Engineering and students admitted under the 10% Government School Students Quota in NEET based UG Courses (MBBS, BDS, BAMS), through the Institutions in which they are studying.

(2) The Government/Private Professional Educational Institutions must submit the students' particulars/data and the corresponding renewal mark sheets through the online portal developed by the Directorate of Higher and Technical Education, using their login credentials.

V. *Tenability*.— (1) Financial assistance will be available for the first year in Medical, Engineering, Para-Medical, Dental Sciences, Veterinary Sciences, Agriculture, Law Courses, *etc.*, and for the second year of engineering courses only in the case of the Lateral Entry Scheme.

(2) A candidate studying any professional Degree Course, once selected and awarded financial assistance, who then shifts to another professional Degree Course, will be awarded financial assistance at the rate admissible for the new course, after deducting the assistance already received for the number of years the candidate was previously in receipt of financial assistance.

VI. *Rates of Financial Assistance*.— (1) The financial assistance will be awarded to students admitted through the Centralized Admission Committee (CENTAC), Puducherry, for the courses mentioned below at the following rates for the Academic Years 2022-23 and 2023-24, without considering parental annual income from any source:

Sl. No.	Name of the Course	Quantum of Assistance/ per student/per annum
(1)	(2)	(3)
		₹
1.	MBBS	2,25,000
2.	B.Tech.	25,000
3.	B.Sc. Nursing	8,000

(2) From the Academic Year 2024-25, the financial assistance will be awarded for all the courses as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Course	Quantum of Assistance per student per annum # (₹)
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	MBBS	2,25,000
2.	B.Tech.	25,000
3.	BDS	1,50,000
4.	B.Arch.	25,000
5.	B.Sc. (Hons.)-Agriculture/Horticulture	42,500
6.	B.A. LLB/LLB	12,500
7.	B.Voc.	25,000
8.	Paramedical Degree Courses including B.Sc. Nursing	20,000
9.	Paramedical Diploma Courses	10,000

(3) The following income ceiling slabs are introduced for the Academic Year 2024-25 and 2025-26 for availing PKFAS benefits as detailed below:—

Total annual Parental Income up to ₹ 8 lakhs – 100% PKFAS

Total annual Parental Income from ₹ 8 lakhs and above – 50% PKFAS

(4) The quantum of assistance mentioned *vide* para VI.(2) will be the maximum limit. The financial assistance will be awarded only to the extent of actual Tuition Fees as fixed by the Fee Committee, subject to a maximum of the above stipulated amount.

(5) Rates of financial assistance for the reimbursement of full fees to students admitted under the 10% Government School Students Quota in NEET based UG Courses (MBBS/BDS/BAMS) in Government or Private Self-financing Medical Colleges in the Union territory of Puducherry from the Academic Year 2023-24:

The financial assistance awarded is the actual fee as fixed by the Fee Committee and subject to revision by the Fee Committee from time to time

VII. *Duration of financial assistance and its renewal.*—(1) Students who avail I year financial assistance, II year in the case of Lateral entry in Engineering Course, will automatically become eligible for award of financial assistance for all the years of duration of their course, subject to promotion to the next class provided the student secures 50% or more marks or equivalent Grade Point Average in aggregate for the preceding year. For purpose of renewal, the marks are to be rounded off to 50% if the actual marks obtained by the awardee are 49.5% or more.

(2) When an awardee secures less than 50% marks in the promotional examination, his financial assistance will be suspended for that academic year and will be renewed on his attaining the requisite standard in the following annual Examination. This concession will not be extended beyond one academic year for any particular stage of education.

(3) If an awardee shows unsatisfactory progress during the course of his studies, *viz.*, failure in the promotional examination and being ineligible to take any supplementary examination subsequently or if he changes the course of study without the prior approval of the Union Territory Administration represented by the Director of Higher and Technical Education, the financial assistance will be cancelled. Good conduct and regularity in attendance are also required conditions for continuance of the financial assistance. The decision of the Government of Puducherry represented by the Director of Higher and Technical Education will be final and binding in all such cases. Financial assistance once cancelled will not be restored under any circumstances.

(4) In the case of Final University examination, if the awardee is placed in compartment, his financial assistance will not be extended beyond the final annual examination of the course.

(5) The financial assistance will be renewed for each successive year subject to what is stated above on the basis of an eligibility certificate issued by the Head of Institution at the time of submission of the renewal application submitted through online. The Head of the

Institution is expected to bring to the notice of the sanctioning authority concerned any adverse report that may have been necessitated due to habitual irregularity, misbehavior, participation in strikes, *etc.*, of financial assistance recipient and if necessary, suggest suspension/cancellation of financial assistance.

(6) Where the Head of the Institution gives adverse comments and specifically recommends that the financial assistance should not be renewed, the sanctioning authority concerned should fully satisfy him-self of the reasons for such adverse comments and form his own opinion in the case. If, the sanctioning authority concerned finally decides to cancel the award, he should do so with the approval of the Secretary to Government (Education), Puducherry.

(7) It is essential that Marks Sheet (original) of the Annual Examination should be attached with the renewal application. This will enable the sanctioning authority concerned to decide the eligibility of the awardee regarding the renewal of the financial assistance with reference to documentary evidence. Certain Universities do not, however, give marks in the Marks Sheet but, show only the grades by symbols such as Distinction, A, B or C plus, *etc.*, and the explanation of these symbols is given at the bottom of the Marks Sheet. In these cases, if there is no way of knowing the exact percentage of marks secured, it would be necessary for the Sanctioning Authority concerned to arrive at the aggregate percentage of marks secured by the awardee by taking the mean of the various grades. For instance if grade 'A' denotes above 60% but below 75%, the awardee should be assumed to have scored 67.5%, *i.e.*, the mean of 60% and 75%. The aggregate should thus be arrived on the basis of the mean of all the grades.

(8) A financial assistance under the Scheme is renewable from year to year within the same stage of education till the awardees undergo study and not while they undergo Training/Internship.

(9) (a) The conditions laid down above will be relaxable in the following circumstances :

If an awardee is unable to appear in the Final or Annual University examination owing to prolonged illness extending over a long period which had resulted in shortage in the required attendance as per

University Rules, the financial assistance will be renewed for next year provided the Head of the Institution certifies that the awardee would have passed the University Examination with at least 50% had he taken the examination and a Registered Medical Practitioner also certifies that the awardee had been ill for a period by which the attendance falls short;

Provided that if an awardee appears for the annual examination within a continuous course of studies (but not a final University examination) and after taking the examination for some papers/practicals he is taken ill and is prevented by such illness from taking examination for the remaining papers/practicals, his financial assistance would be suspended in the first instance subject to the condition that if the awardee obtains 50% or more marks in the aggregate in the papers/practicals in which he could appear before falling ill, and subject further to his producing a Medical Certificate from a Registered Medical Practitioner certifying that owing to illness it was not possible for the awardee to take the examination during the period in which the examination for the remaining papers/practicals was held, the financial assistance so suspended would be revived for the next higher class in the same continuous course of studies after the awardee has passed the same examination with, as per rules, at least 50% marks in the aggregate, wherever such examination takes place on the next occasion, irrespective of the fact whether it is a Supplementary Examination or another Annual Examination.

(9) (b) In the case of students who are treated to have failed for reasons of illness (Rule VII (9) (a) but, are promoted provisionally to next higher class, no suspension of financial assistance is involved.

VIII. *Payment of financial assistance.*— (1) The Directorate of Higher and Technical Education, Puducherry, shall send proposal to the Government for Block sanction for disbursement of Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Financial Assistance to eligible students.

(2) The Directorate of Higher and Technical Education has to obtain the list of names of eligible students admitted through CENTAC in the Colleges concerned and after thorough scrutinizing of their applications and particulars, shall furnish the list of names of eligible students with the name of the College to which they are admitted so as enable the Director of Accounts and Treasuries, Puducherry to make payment.

(3) Financial assistance for students admitted to Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions in the Union territory of Puducherry through CENTAC, and pursuing courses in Medical, Engineering, Para-Medical, Dental Sciences, Veterinary Sciences, Agriculture, Law Courses, *etc.*, as well as for students admitted under the 10% Government School Students Quota in NEET based UG Courses (MBBS/BDS/BAMS), shall be drawn by the Directorate of Accounts and Treasuries, Puducherry, and paid directly to the respective colleges' accounts from the Academic Year 2022-23.

IX. *Payment of financial assistance during leave.*— (1) The financial assistance during leave will be admissible as follows:

If, the absence is due to illness supported by Medical Certificate from a Registered Medical Practitioner:—

(a) Full financial assistance, if the absence does not exceed two months;

(b) Half financial assistance, if the absence exceeds two months but, not four months. For the first two months, the financial assistance will be paid at full rates and for the period exceeding two months, the financial assistance will be paid at half the rates; and

(c) No financial assistance, if the absence exceeds four months. For the first four months, however, the financial assistance will be paid as per sub-clause (b).

(2) For women the financial assistance will be admissible at full rates up to four and a half months for absence on grounds of maternity. No financial assistance will be paid for a period exceeding four and a half months due to absence on grounds of maternity.

(3) In all the above cases, the financial assistance at the rates indicated will be paid only if, the Head of the Institution recommends the application and certifies that the awardee is likely to make up the deficiency in lectures and studies during the rest of the period of the course of studies.

(4) The awardee will get the financial assistance as long as he/she is on the rolls of an institution subject to sub-paragraphs above. If, on account of prolonged illness or by other valid reasons, the awardee's name is struck off from the rolls, he/she will be entitled to the restoration of the financial assistance only on readmission and on the recommendation of the Head of the Institution.

The number of students admissible for the financial assistance under the PKFA Scheme shall be the total number seats surrendered by Private Professional Colleges under Government Quota in the approved courses mentioned in the regulation at clause VI (2) and filled through Centralized Admission Committee (CENTAC) during the Academic Year 2024-25.

The PKFA Scheme shall continue to be in operation every academic year from the date of the notification on the above guidelines of the regulation unless (or) otherwise any changes/amendments is brought (or) proposed by the Government and such changes/amendments is notified by the Government in the Gazette.

2. If, any doubt arises in the implementation of the guidelines, the decision of the Government is final.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

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Secretary to Government (Education).
