

# DIRECTORATE OF TEACHER EDUCATION AND SCERT : ODISHA : BHUBANESWAR



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## **STATE LEVEL NATIONAL TALENT SEARCH EXAMINATION (NTSE), 2019-20**

Applications are invited for State Level National Talent Search Examination (NTSE), 2019-20 **to select 259 candidates** for National Level Talent Search Examination, 2020 from eligible students **studying in Class X in recognized schools** located in the state of Odisha. State Level National Talent Search Examination, 2019-20 **shall be held on 03.11.2019 (Sunday)** as per the details given below.

**Examination** : National Talent Search Examination, 2019-20 shall be conducted **in two stages.**

**Stage - I** : State Level National Talent Search Examination shall be conducted **on 03.11.2019 (Sunday)** for selection of candidates to National Talent Search Examination.

**Stage - II** : National Level Talent Search Examination shall be conducted by NCERT for candidates selected through Stage - I. The National Level written examination shall be conducted **on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, i.e., 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2020.**

**Examination Fees** : The candidates **are not required to pay** any examination fee. However, they shall have to bear their own expenses for coming and going to Examination Centre to appear at the examination.

**Eligibility** : Students **studying in Class X during 2019-20 in any recognized schools of Odisha are eligible** to appear National Talent Search Examination. They must have passed Class IX Annual Examination securing **at least 60% of marks or equivalent for General, OBC and Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and 55% for reserved categories (SC, ST, and PH).** There shall be no domicile restriction.

**For ODL students:** All students of Class X studying in recognized schools are eligible to appear for the Stage - I examination, conducted by the States/UTs, in which the schools are located.

Students registered under Open Distance Learning (ODL) will also be eligible for scholarship, provided the student is below the age of 18 years (as on 1<sup>st</sup> July of the particular year), the student is not employed and s/he is appearing in class X examination for the first time.

**State Quota for Odisha** : **259** candidates shall be selected for National Level Talent Search Examination. Within this quota, there shall be **27%** reservation for **OBC, 15%** reservation for **SC, 7.5%** for **ST, 10%** for **Economically Weaker Section (EWS)** and **4%** for physically challenged candidates.

**Examination Subjects** : The State Level NTSE, 2019-20 consists of Mental Ability Test (MAT) and Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). The distribution of No of items, marks and duration (time) shall be as follows :

Test Type	Total Marks	No. of Items	Duration (in minutes)
Mental Ability Test	100	100	120
Scholastic Aptitude Test	100	100	120

1. **Mental Ability Test (MAT)** consists of **100 multiple choice items** on reasoning and critical thinking to be answered **in 120 minutes**. The questions may be **on analogy, classification, numerical series, pattern perception, hidden figures etc.**
2. **Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)** consists of **100 multiple choice** items from **Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics, History, Geography, Political Science and Economics** to be answered **in 120 minutes**.

**Syllabus** : There is **no syllabus** for State Level NTS Examination. However, questions shall be asked based on syllabi for Classes IX and X.

**Selection Procedure** : To sit in Stage-II examination of NTS, the qualifying marks is **40% in each individual paper, i.e. MAT and SAT**. For **reserved category**, i.e. SC/ST/PH category the qualifying mark is **32% in each paper**. The **Merit List** shall be **prepared** on the basis of the **total marks secured** in MAT and SAT.

**Stage II** : The Stage II NTS Examination conducted by NCERT, New Delhi

**Scholarship** : There are 2000 scholarships for the entire country. Awardees of NTS Examination shall receive scholarship **up to Ph.D. level in Basic Sciences, Social Sciences and Commerce, and Post Graduation level in Engineering, Medicine, Management and Law** subject to satisfactory academic progress. The rate of scholarship is indicated below :

- a) Scholarship of Rs.1250.00 per month for Class XI and XII
- b) Scholarship of Rs.2000.00 per month for under graduates and post- graduates
- c) Amount of scholarship for Ph.D. in accordance with the UGC norms.

**Centre for State Level NTS Examination** : **Government Colleges and Government High Schools located at the district headquarters.**

**How to Apply** : The candidate can fill up the Online Application Form by logging **www.scertodisha.nic.in**. **After filling up** of the Application Form online, he / she is **required to take the printout of the same and submit it in the concerned School / Institution. The head of the institution shall forward it to the concerned District Education Officer.** The District Education Officer shall allot the Examination Centre, scrutinize and verify all the documents and put the auto-generated Eleven digit roll number and validate the Online Application Form. **The Admit Card shall be prepared at TE and SCERT level which can be downloaded by the Candidate / Institution for appearing the Examination.**

**Time Schedule :**

Online filling up of Application Forms by candidates and submission of hard copies in schools by students	<b>01.08.2019 to 25.08.2019</b>
Submission of countersigned hard copies of Application Forms by the Headmasters / Headmistress to the DEOs.	<b>26.08.2019 to 05.09.2019</b>
Validation of Application Forms by District Education Office	<b>06.09.2019 to 25.09.2019</b>
Download of Admit Cards by the Candidates	<b>20.10.2019 to 03.11.2019</b>
<b>Date of Examination</b>	<b>03.11.2019 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday)</b>

**Documents to be submitted along with the hard copy of the Online Application Form :**

- **Caste Certificate**, as applicable, for **OBC / SC / ST** candidate issued by the concerned Tahsildar / Additional Tahsildar.
- **Economically Weaker Section (EWS)** candidate shall submit the same certificate issued by Revenue Officer/ Tahsildar/ Additional Tahsildar.
- **Disability Certificate for Physically Handicapped candidates** issued by the concerned District Medical Board.

**Filled-in hard copies of Online Application Forms received after 25.08.2019 / not countersigned by the concerned Head of School shall not be accepted & it should be reached by 05.09.2019 to the DEO office.**

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