

**DIRECTORATE OF TEACHER EDUCATION AND SCERT :  
ODISHA : BHUBANESWAR**

**STATE LEVEL NATIONAL TALENT SEARCH EXAMINATION (NTSE), 2018-2019**

Applications are invited for State Level National Talent Search Examination, 2018-2019 **to select 129 candidates** for National Level Talent Search Examination, 2019 from eligible students **studying in Class X in recognized schools** located in the state of Odisha. State Level National Talent Search Examination, 2018-2019 **shall be held on 04.11.2018 (Sunday)** as per details given below.

**Examination :** National Talent Search Examination, 2018-2019 shall be conducted **in two stages.**

**Stage - I :** State Level National Talent Search Examination shall be conducted **on 04.11.2018 (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., 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2019.**

**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 2018-2019 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 (relaxable by 5% for reserved categories)**. 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. The following conditions apply:

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 :** **129** 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** and **4%** for **physically challenged** candidates.

**Examination Subjects :** The State Level NTSE, 2018-2019 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 **1000** 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 :

- Scholarship of Rs.1250.00 per month for Class XI and XII
- Scholarship of Rs.2000.00 per month for under graduates and post-graduates
- 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](http://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 twelve 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.**

For detailed instruction for filling up of Online Application Form, refer to **USER MANUAL** available in the web-site.

**Time Schedule :**

Online filling up of Application Forms by the candidates	<b><i>From 07.08.2018 to 25.08.2018</i></b>
Submission of hard copy of Online Application Form to the Headmasters / Headmistress by the candidates.	<b><i>By 31.08.2018</i></b>
Submission of countersigned hard copies of Application Forms by the Headmasters / Headmistress to the DEOs.	<b><i>By 07.09.2018</i></b>
Validation of Application Forms after scrutiny by District Education Officers	<b><i>By 17.09.2018</i></b>
Download of Admit Cards by the Heads of Institution	<b><i>After 22.10.2018</i></b>
Despatch of Roll Sheets to the Centres by TE and SCERT	<b><i>By 27.10.2018</i></b>
<b>Date of Examination</b>	<b><i>04.11.2018 (Sunday)</i></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 Tahasildar / Additional Tahasildar.
- **Disability Certificate for Physically Handicapped** candidates issued by the concerned District Medical Board.

**Filled-in hard copies of Online Application Forms received after 31.08.2018 / not countersigned by the concerned Head of School shall not be accepted.**

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