

National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) Scheme

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National Overseas Scholarship Scheme Latest News

The Union Social Justice Ministry is in the process of seeking additional allocation for administering the National Overseas Scholarship scheme for marginalised students.

About National Overseas Scholarship Scheme

- It is a **Central Sector Scheme** to facilitate the **low-income students from marginalized communities, including** the Scheduled Castes (**SC**), **Denotified Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes, Landless Agricultural Labourers, and Traditional Artisans**, to obtain **higher education**, viz., **Master degree or Ph.D courses, by studying abroad.**
- The scheme is administered by the **Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.**
- Under the NOS Scheme, **each selection year, 125 fresh candidates** are **selected**, subject to the availability of funds.
- Out of the 125 candidates who are awarded scholarships, **115 are for SC** candidates, 6 for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes, and 4 are for Landless Agricultural Labourers candidates and Traditional

Artisans.

- **30%** of the scholarships for each year are earmarked **for female candidates**.

National Overseas Scholarship Scheme Eligibility

- The applicant should be **less than 35 years** of age on 1st April of the selection year.
- The applicant must have been admitted to or **received an unconditional offer of admission** for pursuing a master's/Ph.D. **from an institute/university located abroad**.
- The institute/university of the applicant **must be accredited by the Government/authorized body of that country**.
- The applicant must have secured at least **60% marks or equivalent grade in the qualifying examination** (In the case of Ph.D. courses, the qualifying exam is a Master's Degree; In the case of a Master's Degree, the qualifying exam is a Bachelor's Degree)
- The **total income of the family** of the applicant (from all sources) is **less than or equal to ₹ 8 lakh per annum**.

National Overseas Scholarship Scheme Exclusions

- **Bachelors-level courses**, in any discipline, are **not covered** under this scheme.
- **No more than two children of the same parents/guardians** will be **eligible for scholarships**. The second child of the same parents/guardians will be considered only if slots are still available in the last cycle of the year in which the applicant has applied.
- **Candidates already staying or studying** or having completed studies **abroad by utilizing any other scholarship** from the State Government, other agency, or through their own funds are **not eligible** to apply under this scheme.
- The candidate is **not eligible for a scholarship to pursue the same level (Masters/Ph.D.) of course for which he/she has already acquired** the qualification from any University/Institution either in India or abroad.

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