



**BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION, ODISHA, CUTTACK**

**GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCT OF**

**ODISHA SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHER ELIGIBILITY TEST**

**(OSSTET)**

The Govt. of Odisha vide Resolution No.-18618/ SME, Bhubaneswar Dtd.-17/09/2016 have prescribed guidelines for conducting Odisha Secondary School Teacher Eligibility Test (OSSTET). After careful consideration, the Govt. have decided that, to be eligible for appointment as a teacher in any of the secondary schools of the state, one should pass teacher eligibility test and accordingly, the following guidelines have been framed for conduct of the Teacher Eligibility Test called OSSTET in the State.

1. The Teacher Eligibility Test shall be called "**ODISHA SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHER ELIGIBILITY TEST**" (OSSTET).
2. OSSTET shall be conducted once in a year or as decided by the Government as per need.
3. The Board of Secondary Education, Odisha has been designated as the professional body for conducting OSSTET. Detailed procedure for conducting OSSTET and instruction for carrying out the examination shall be issued by the Board of Secondary Education (BSE), Odisha. The application form for OSSTET shall also be prescribed by the Board of Secondary Education, Odisha and submission of application form shall be in **online mode**.

4. **Applicability**

OSSTET shall be applicable to all candidates who possess requisite academic and training qualifications with requisite percentage of marks as prescribed in the Resolution No.- 18618/ SME, Bhubaneswar Dtd.-17/09/2016 of the Govt. of Odisha in Department of School & Mass Education, or are in the process of acquiring the requisite training qualification (in the final year of Training Course or appearing / have appeared in the training examination but results awaited) as on the date of publication of the advertisement for the OSSTET and desire to become teachers in Secondary Schools i.e Govt./ Aided/ Recognised Unaided Secondary Schools in the State of Odisha.

5. **Eligibility**

A. **General Eligibility**

He or she must be a citizen of India.

B. **Ability to Read and Write Odia.**

The candidate must be able to read and write in Odia. Any one of the following qualification will be taken into consideration to ascertain this ability of the candidate.

- (a) He/ she must have passed HSC Examination conducted by Board of Secondary Education, Odisha or an equivalent examination conducted by any other State Board or Central Board (like CBSE, ICSE) with Odia as a language subject i.e. First/ Second or Third Language.
- (b) He/ She must have passed +2/ Higher Secondary Examination conducted by Council of Higher Secondary Education, Odisha with Odia as an examination subject.
- (c) He must have passed Odia Examination of HSC/ 10<sup>th</sup> Standard Single Subject Examination conduct by the B.S.E., Odisha.

In case the candidate desire to be language teacher like Hindi/ Classical Teachers (Sanskrit/ Telgu/ Urdu), passing Odia Examination of 07<sup>th</sup> Standard conducted by B.S.E., Odisha shall be allowed.

C. **Requisite Academic and Professional Qualification**

The examination will be conducted in two different parts for the prospective teachers in two different categories such as :-

**Category I** :- Education Teachers (Trained Graduate Teachers in Science/ Arts, Hindi/ Classical Teacher (Sanskrit/ Urdu/ Telgu).

**Category II** :- Physical Education Teacher.

The requisite academic and professional qualification for admission to the OSSTET for these two categories are mentioned in the schedule/ table below :-

SI No.	Category	Subject/ Stream	Academic and Professional qualification
1	I	Trained Graduate Arts	<p>1. Bachelor's Degree in Arts/ Commerce OR Shastri(Sanskrit) Degree with two school subjects as Honours/ Elective / Pass/ Optional (list of school subjects at (annexure-I) from a recognised university having 50% marks in aggregate (45% for SC/ ST/ PH/ SEBC candidates) AND Bachelor in Education (B.Ed) from a NCTE Recognised Institution.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>2. Four year integrated B.A.B.Ed from NCTE recognised Institution with two school subjects as Honours/ Elective / Pass/ Optional (list of school subjects at annexure-I) having 50% marks in aggregate (45% for SC/ ST/ PH/ SEBC candidates).</p>
2	I	Trained Graduate Science (PCM/ CBZ)	<p>1. Bachelor's Degree in science / B.Tech/ B.E. Degree with two schools subject as Honours/ Elective / Pass/ Optional (list of school subjects at annexure-I) from a recognised university having 50% marks in aggregate (45% for SC/ ST/ PH/ SEBC candidates). AND Bachelor in Education (B.Ed) from a NCTE Recognised Institution.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>2. Four year integrated B.Sc.B.Ed from a NCTE Recognised Institution with two school subjects as Honours/ Elective / Pass/ Optional (list of school subjects at annexure-I) having 50% marks in aggregate (45% for SC/ ST/ PH/ SEBC candidates).</p>
3	I	Hindi Teacher	<p>1. Bachelor's degree from a recognised University with Hindi as one of the Honours/ Elective/ Optional/ Pass subject with minimum 50% marks in aggregate (45% for SC/ ST/ PH/ SEBC candidates.) AND Any one of the following training qualifications.</p> <p>a) Hindi Sikshyan Parangat from Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra.</p> <p>b) B.H.Ed. a course prescribed by NCTE, from a recognized University/ Institution.</p> <p>c) B.Ed in Hindi, a course prescribed by NCTE , from Dakhin Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>2. Bachelor's Degree from a recognised University with minimum 50% marks in aggregate (45% for SC/ ST/ PH/ SEBC candidates) WITH One of the following qualifications :</p> <p>a) Rastrabhasa Ratna from Rastrabhasa Prachar Samiti, Wardha,</p> <p>b) Shastri (Hindi) from Orissa Rastrabhasa Parisad, Puri.</p> <p>c) Snataka (Acquired by June -2005, the date up to which the temporary recognition has been granted) from Hindi Sikshya Samiti, Odisha, Cuttack.</p> <p>AND One of the following Training qualifications;</p> <p>a) Hindi Sikshyan Parangat from Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra.</p> <p>b) B.H.Ed. a course prescribed by NCTE, from a recognized University/ Institution.</p> <p>c) B.Ed in Hindi, a course prescribed by NCTE, from Dakhin Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras</p>
4	I	Classical Teacher (Sanskrit)	<p>1. Bachelor's Degree with Sanskrit as one of the Honours/ Elective / Optional/ Pass subject from a recognised university with minimum 50% marks in aggregate (45% for SC/ ST/ PH/ SEBC Candidates) AND Sikshya Shastri (Sanskrit), a course prescribed by NCTE, from a Recognised University/ Institution.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>2. Shastri (Sanskrit) Degree with minimum 50% marks in aggregate (45% for SC/ ST/ PH/ SEBC candidates) from a recognized university AND Sikshya Shastri (Sanskrit), a course prescribed by NCTE, from a Recognised University/ Institution.</p>
5	I	Classical Teacher (Urdu)	<p>1. Alim with 50% marks in aggregate (45% for PH candidates). AND B.Ed./ Urdu B.Ed. from a NCTE Recognised University/ Institution.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>2. B.A. (Persian) WITH 50% marks in aggregate (45% PH Candidates) AND B.Ed./ Urdu B.Ed. from a NCTE Recognised University/ Institution.</p>
6.	I	Classical Teacher (Telgu)	<p>1. Bachelor's Degree in Arts having Telgu as subject with minimum 50% marks in aggregate (45% for SC/ ST/ PH/ SEBC) candidates) AND Telgu B. Ed. from a University / Institution recognized by NCTE.</p>
7	II	Physical Education Teacher	<p>1. +2 or its equivalent examination from a recognized institution with minimum 50% marks in aggregate (45% for SC/ ST/ PH/ SEBC) candidates). AND</p> <p>2. C.P.Ed./ B.P.Ed./ M.P.Ed. From a recognized Board/ University.</p>

“Provided that candidates who are in the process of acquiring the requisite training qualification i.e. are in the final year of Training Course **or** are appearing/ have appeared in the Training Examination but results not published, as mentioned in the above Table as on the date of publication of the Advertisement for the OSSTET are also eligible to appear the Test provided they satisfy all other eligibility conditions laid down in this resolution.”

**6. The Examination**

- I. There shall be two papers of the OSSTET viz **Paper-I** and **Paper-II**.
  - a) Persons having requisite academic and training qualifications as per **Category-I** have to appear in **Paper –I** of the Examination.
  - b) Persons having requisite academic and training qualification as per **Category–II** have to appear in **Paper-II** of the examination.
- II. The Duration of the Test in each paper shall be 2 hours and 30 minutes.
- III. All questions will be Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) each carrying one mark with four alternatives out of which one is correct.
- IV. There shall be **Four Sections** in each paper.
- V. In section-I, Language I, Odia shall be compulsory for all categories of posts.
- VI. In section-II, Language II, English shall be compulsory for all categories of posts.
- VII. In section-III, under stream TGT (Arts) and TGT (Science for both PCM & CBZ), the questions shall be in English. The questions in other streams like Classical Teacher (Sanskrit/ Telgu/ Urdu) and Hindi Teacher shall be in respective languages/ scripts.
- VIII. The questions in Section III for Paper-II (Category-II- Physical Education Teacher) shall be from the contents of C.P.Ed. Course and shall be in English.
- IX. In Section-IV the questions in Child Development, Pedagogy, School Management and Evaluation shall be in English and Compulsory for both the categories.
- X. There shall be no negative marking.
7. **Qualifying Marks**

The minimum pass mark in each paper is **60%**. A person securing 60% or more in each paper shall be considered to have qualified OSSTET. In case of SC/ ST/ PH/ SEBC candidates the minimum pass mark shall be **50%**.
8. **Issue of Certificate and Mark Sheet**

Successful candidates shall be awarded OSSTET Pass Certificate by the B.S.E., Odisha.
9. **Validity of OSSTET Certificate**

The OSSTET Pass Certificate shall remain valid till the candidate reaches the upper age limit prescribed for recruitment of teachers as per rules or executive instructions prescribed by the Govt. from time to time.
10. **Number of Chances**

There shall be no restriction on the number of attempts a person can take for acquiring OSSTET Pass certificate.
11. **Weightage**

The weightage of OSSTET scores in the recruitment process may be decided by the Government from time to time while prescribing the eligibility conditions for recruitment.
12. **Qualifying OSSTET - Only an eligibility**

Qualifying the OSSTET would not confer a right on any person for recruitment/ employment in any of the Govt. or Govt. Aided schools and it may be treated as one of the essential eligibility criteria for appointment. The eligibility for recruitment shall be determined by the concerned recruiting agency/ appointing authority on the basis of all eligibility conditions prescribed by Govt. from time to time.
13. **Conduct of OSSTET Examination.**

The examination shall be conducted by the Board of Secondary Education, Odisha. Detailed guidelines for conduct of examination including nature and standard of question, selection of examination centres, format of application form, fee structure, valuation of answer sheets,

declaration of results, issue of pass certificates etc shall be framed by the Board of Secondary Education, Odisha.

14. **Syllabus.**

The detail syllabus for subject of both the papers of OSSTET have been prepared by the Director, TE and SCERT, Odisha in consultation with BSE, Odisha and is available in the websites [www.bseodisha.ac.in](http://www.bseodisha.ac.in) of B.S.E., Odisha.

15. **Scheme**

The scheme of examination for OSSTET has been annexed to this guideline at Annexure-II.

16. **Facilities for Physically Challenged Candidates**

The candidates having PH certificate with 40% disability or more shall be treated as PH candidate and can avail the required facilities meant for PH candidate in respect of OSSTET.

- I. The candidates having PH certificate with disability less than 40% shall be treated as general candidate.
- II. The PH candidate not able to read and/ or write will be provided with facility of a scribe (helper writer) as per the following guidelines.
  - (a) These candidates shall have to report before the Centre Superintendent four days prior to date of commencement of examination with original PH certificate, Admit Card and an application requesting for a scribe (helper writer).
  - (b) The Centre Superintendent shall arrange scribes for these candidates whose qualification shall be as follows.

Paper-I- Student reading in +3 Courses in regular mode or below  
Paper-II- Student reading in +2 Courses or below  
No relaxation form the above qualifications shall be allowed.
  - (c) These candidates will be given 50 minutes more time than the usual timing of the examination.
- III. The Centre Superintendent should contact the concerned District Education Officer in this regard for smooth conduct of the examination, so that these candidates are not in any case deprived of appearing at the examination.

17. **Disputes.**

All disputes pertaining to the conduct of OSSTET examination shall be subject to jurisdiction of BSE, Odisha.

### **School Subjects for TGT Arts & TGT Science**

The school subjects as per the list below should have been studied at the Graduation Level either as Honours/ Pass/ Elective/ Optional subject with not less than 200 marks.

<b>Stream</b>	<b>School Subjects</b>
Trained Graduate Arts	One of the subject shall be from : English, Odia, Hindi & Sanskrit
	Another subject shall be from : History, Geography, Economics, Political Science, Indian Economy, Landmarks in Indian History, Indian Geography & Indian Polity
Trained Graduate Science (PCM)	Any two subjects from : Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics
Trained Graduate Science (CBZ)	Any two subjects from : Chemistry, Botany, Zoology and Biology