

National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme  
Ministry of Human Resource and Development  
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001

Ministry of Human Resource and Development, Government of India has launched a centrally sponsored National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMS). Under this scheme scholarships will be awarded to 1,00,000 (one lakh) students selected at the end of class VIII. The scholarship will start from Class IX and would continue till Class XII at the rate of Rs 6000/- per annum. The objective of the scheme is to award scholarships to meritorious students belonging to economically weaker sections to arrest their drop out at Class VIII and to encourage them to continue their studies till Class XII.

The students for the award of this scholarship will be selected through the first level National Talent Search Examination (NTSE) conducted by states/ UTs for the class VIII students. As one time exception, for the selection year 2007-08, the written examination will be held in July 2008 for those students who have passed Class VIII examination (in the academic session 2007-08) and have been promoted to class IX (for the academic session 2008-09) ..

1. Scholarships: On the basis of the examination 1,00,000 (one lakh) scholarships will be awarded for the students who have passed Class VIII examination. The awardees will receive a sum of Rs.6000/- per annum. The scholarship will be paid for pursuing studies in classes IX to XII.
2. Reservation: As per State's norms including 3% reservation for Physically Challenged Group of Students .....
3. Selection: There will be one stage selection process for award of scholarship. The selection will be done by States/UTs through a written examination on the pattern of National Talent Search Examination (NTSE) held by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). For the NMMS, there will be no second stage examination.
4. Important Dates: Dates for Submission of Application Form and conduct of examination are given below:

Area	Dates
Last Date for Submission of Application Form to the State/ UT	17 <sup>th</sup> July, 2008
Examination in Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Andaman and Nicobar Islands	***** ,2008 (Saturday)
Examination in All other States and UTs	17 <sup>th</sup> Aug. , 2008 (Sunday)

5. Eligibility to appear in the examination
  - Scored at least 55% marks in Class VIII examination (in the academic session 2007 -08) and have been promoted to class IX (in the academic session 2008-09)
  - Studying in Government, Local body and Private aided Schools only
  - Parental income from all sources should not exceed than Rs. 1,50,000/-
6. Examination: The pattern of written examination will be as follows: The examination will comprise two parts, namely (a) Mental Ability Test (MAT) and (b) Scholastic Ability Test

(SA T) covering social sciences, sciences and mathematics of classes VII and VIII level. Each test will have 90. questions. Each question will carry one mark.

7. State Quota: Each State/Union Territory has been allotted a quota for award of scholarship. The state/UT will further distribute this quota, proportionately on the basis of enrolment in Class VII and Class VIII, to each district.
8. Merit List: Merit list of eligible candidates will be prepared for each district separately. The minimum-qualifying marks in each paper will be 40% for general category and 32% for reserved category students to be eligible for award of scholarship.
9. Application Forms: Application Forms can be collected from the office of the State/ UT's Liaison! Nodal officers of the scheme. All correspondence relating to Application Forms should be addressed to the State Liaison Officers (LOs) whose addresses are given at the end.
10. The completed application form duly signed by Principal of the school should be submitted to the LO before the last date.

**11. Fees: States and Union**  
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12. Announcement of Results: Results of the NMMS examination will be announced by the respective State Governments/ Union Territories.

Scholarship Scheme Ministry of Human Resource  
and Development Government of India Shastri  
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List of NTS Liaison Officers( To be attached separately)

## INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE

1. Make sure that the Admission Card is attached with the Application Form. It will be returned to you after the allotment of roll number. Bring your Admit Card to the Examination Centre positively.
2. Reach the Examination Centre atleast half an hour before the commencement of the examination: and occupy the seat that bears your Roll Number
3. DO NOT take calculator. mathematical & physical table or any other kind of ready reckoner to the examination hall
4. The examination Will be conducted in two sessions on the same day
5. You have to take the examination in TWO PARTS  
(i) Part I Part I is confined to Mental Ability Test (MAT) consisting 90 questions for class VIII  
(ii) Part II . Part II IS confined to Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) consisting 90 for VIII (From SOCKII Science. Basic Science & Mathematics)
6. Time for Part I is 90 minutes and for Part II is 90 minutes
7. Each question carries 1 (one) mark and there Will be no negative marking
8. Write your Roll Number and Centre Code Number as given in the Admit Card. on the Answer Sheet and on the cover page of the Question Booklet In the space provided
9. DO NOT write your name in any part of the Question Booklet or the Answer Sheet
10. All questions in the booklets are objective type. For each question FOUR possible answers are given. but only one is correct. Your task is to find out the correct answer and mark your choice in the Answer Sheet
11. Record your answer using H B. PENCIL only You have to indicate your answer on the answer sheet as advised by the State level
12. During the Examination. follow the Instructions of the invigilator strictly
13. Hand over your Question booklet and Answer Sheet to the Invigilator before you leave the Examination Hall
14. Hand over the Admission Card to the invigilator before leaving the examination hall.
15. All rights are reserved with SCERT. SOLAN in connection with the conduct of State Level Examination
16. No re-evaluation IS allowed because "Answer sheets are evaluated thoroughly twice"

### DISTRIBUTION OF MARKS

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Class VIII</u>
1. Basic Science (Physics, Chemistry, Biology)	35
2. Soc., Science	15
3. Maths	20

There is no prescribed syllabus for the examination Paper Will be based on the curriculum of the respective classes

Any queries related to NMMS Examination may be entertained by Principal, SCERT - RABON, Solan  
Ph.: 01792-228135

NATIONAL MEANS CUM MERIT SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION - 2008

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Date of Examination.

17th August 2008 (Sunday)

Time of Examination:

MAT- 10:00AMto11:30AM SAT-  
12:00Noonto1:30PM

Venue of Examination Centre:

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