

Rules for Award for NEC Merit Scholarship
Scheme: "Financial Support to the Students of N.E.R for Higher Professional Courses"
(NEC Merit Scholarship)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Secretary, North Eastern Council (NEC) is pleased to make the following rules to regulate the grant of NEC Merit Scholarship (*hereinafter* "scholarship") to the students of the North East (NE) Region undergoing studies in different disciplines at different levels in Institutions inside as well as outside the North-East but within the country as specified hereinafter. The rules may be called "Rules for award of NEC Merit Scholarship". These rules shall come into force from the Financial year 2020-21 and will supersede the previous rules on the above mentioned scheme.

2. SCOPE

2.1 These scholarships are available for studies in India only and shall be awarded by the North Eastern Council, Ministry of Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, Government of India, Shillong to the eligible candidates of the North Eastern States.

3. ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

3.1 The scholarship is open only to a student who is a permanent resident of any of the North Eastern States.

3.2 For candidates belonging to Academic Year 2020-21 and onwards, the scholarship under this scheme shall be disbursed only through National Scholarship Portal (NSP). However, the students, who already have been receiving scholarship before these rules coming into force, shall continue to receive their scholarships as per the prevailing procedure till end of their scholarships tenure.

3.3 Once selected, the scholarship shall be available to a selected student for the prescribed duration of a course subject to fulfillment of renewal conditions, as specified under Para 6 of these rules. Extension of scholarship beyond the prescribed period of study will not be entertained.

Note 1:- [Student enrolled in integrated course will be entitled to receive the scholarship for the full duration of the course as per the admissible rates at para 7.1.]

Note 2: - [The scholarship for M.Phil. will be available for 2 years and for Ph.D scholarship shall be for 3 years.]

3.4 At the time of availing the scholarship, the student must not be in receipt of any other scholarship/financial assistance from any other source. A sponsored candidate under full employment during the period of study or working/in-service candidates shall not be eligible to receive the scholarship.

3.5 A student shall only be considered for scholarship in the year of commencement of his/her course. For subsequent year of course, only renewal will be allowed.

