



CHILDREN EDUCATION ALLOWANCE and HOSTEL SUBSIDY

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A. Date of Effect

These instructions are applicable with effect from **1st July, 2017**.

B. Eligibility of Children

Only for **2** eldest surviving children.

Exception:

1. The second child birth results in twins / multiple birth.
2. First instance of failure of sterilization operation after second child.

C. Amount of Reimbursement

Children Education allowance (CEA)

1. The amount for reimbursement of Children Education allowance is **fixed irrespective of the actual expenses**.
2. **Rs. 2250/- per month (FIXED) per child**.
3. for Divyaang children, CEA is double of normal rate i.e. **Rs. 4500/- per month (FIXED) per child**.

Hostel Subsidy

1. The amount of ceiling of hostel subsidy is **Rs.6750/-** per month.
2. The expenditure on boarding and lodging or the ceiling of Rs.6750/- as mentioned above, **whichever is lower**.

NOTE: The above rates / ceiling would be automatically raised by 25% every time the DA goes up by 50%.

D. Classes allowed and Type of Schools

1. Reimbursement of CEA and Hostel Subsidy shall be applicable for children from class **nursery to twelfth**.
2. CEA is allowed in case of children studying through **“Correspondence or Distance Learning”**.
3. In respect of schools at nursery, primary and middle level **not affiliated** to any Board of education, the reimbursement under the Scheme may be allowed for the children’ studying in a **recognized school**.
4. In case of a **Divyaang child** studying in an institution i.e. aided or approved by the Central / State Govt. or UT Administration or whose fees are approved by any of these authorities, the CEA shall be reimbursed irrespective of whether the institution is **‘recognized’ or not**.

E. Age Limit of Child

1. The upper age limit for **Divyaang children is 22 years.**
2. In the case of other children the age limit will be **20 years** or till the time of **passing 12th class whichever is earlier.**
3. There shall be **no minimum age.**

F. Supporting Documents for CEA Reimbursement

1. **A certificate issued by the Head of the Institution** for the period/year for which claim has been preferred. The certificate should confirm that the child studied in the school during the previous academic year.
2. **Self attested copy of the report card.**
3. **Self attested fee receipts (including e-receipts)** indicating that the fee deposited for the entire academic year.

G. Supporting Documents for Hostel Subsidy

1. **A certificate issued by the Head of the Institution** confirming that the child studied in the school. **The certificate should mention the amount of expenditure towards lodging and boarding** in the residential complex.
2. **Self attested copy of the report card and original fee receipts (e-receipts)** which should indicate the amount of expenditure towards lodging and boarding in the residential complex.

H. Main features & Conditions

1. The Hostel Subsidy and Children Education Allowance **can be claimed concurrently.**
2. In case **both the spouses are Government servants, only one of them can avail** reimbursement under Children Education Allowance and Hostel Subsidy.
3. The reimbursement of CEA and Hostel Subsidy will be done just **once in a financial year after completion of the financial year.**
4. Hostel subsidy is applicable only in respect of the child studying in a residential educational institution located **at least 50 kilometers from the residence** of the Government servant.
5. The reimbursement of CEA and Hostel Subsidy shall have **no nexus with the performance of the child** in his class. In other words, **even if a child fails** in a particular class, the reimbursement of **CEA / Hostel Subsidy shall not be stopped.**
6. However, **if the child is admitted in the same class in another school, although the child has passed out of the same class in previous school** or in the mid-session, **CEA shall not be reimbursable.**
7. The CEA is payable for the children of all Central Govt. employees **including citizens of Nepal and Bhutan**, who are employees of Government of India, and whose **children are studying in the native place.**

8. CEA or Hostel subsidy shall **be admissible** to a Govt. servant while he / she is **under suspension** or is **on leave** (including extra ordinary leave).
9. During '**Dies-Non**' period, the Govt. servant **shall not be eligible** for the CEA / Hostel subsidy for that period.

I. If a Government servant dies while in service

1. **The CEA or Hostel Subsidy shall be admissible.**

Provided that the wife / husband of the deceased is not employed in service of the Central Govt., State Govt., Autonomous body, PSU, Semi Govt. Organization such as Municipality, Port Trust Authority or any other organization partly or fully funded by the Central Govt./State Governments.

2. In such cases the CEA / Hostel Subsidy shall be payable to the children **till such time the employee would have actually received the same.** The payment shall be made by the office in which the Government servant was working prior to his death.

J. In case of retirement or removal from service

CEA / Hostel Subsidy shall **be admissible till the end of the academic year** in which the Government servant ceases to be in service.