

NOTICE FOR APPLICATION TO AVAIL FREE RESIDENTIAL COACHING FOR UPSC CIVIL SERVICES EXAMINATION.



Government of Odisha Higher Education Department

Inviting Applications for Government of Odisha Sponsored UPSC Civil Services Residential Coaching Scheme for the Session 2025-26

Government in the Higher Education Department is providing free UPSC Civil Services Residential Coaching to 200 aspirants who are domiciles of Odisha

1. It will be a residential coaching i.e. food and accommodation will be provided by Government to the selected candidates.
2. There will be a pre-qualifying entrance examination for shortlisting 200 candidates and the date of examination is 8th June, 2025.
3. Coaching will be provided for 11 months for Prelims and Mains examination (General Studies and Optional paper) as per the syllabus of UPSC.
4. The detailed guideline in this regard is available in Higher Education Department website-www.dhe.odisha.gov.in

Interested candidates, having the eligibility as mentioned in the guideline, may apply in SAMS portal of Higher Education Department to appear in the entrance examination.

Application Fee: Rs.100/- is to be deposited through online mode at the time of submission of application.

| Sl. No | Description | Timeline |
|--------|---|---|
| 1 | Availability of Common Application Form (CAF) in the SAMS website | 15.04.2025 (04.00 P.M) |
| 2 | Last date of applying online CAF | 09.05.2025 (11.45 P.M.)) |
| 3 | Submission of applicant's data to SSB by OCAC to conduct Entrance Examination | 14.05.2025 |
| 4 | Date of Entrance Examination | 08.06.2025 |
| 5 | Availability of Admitcard in SSB website (www.ssbodisha.ac.in) | 03.06.2025 |
| 6 | Publication of Selection List | Dates will be notified by Higher Education Department later |
| 7 | Last Date of Admission of Selected Applicants | |
| 8 | Commencement of Coaching Classes | |

For more details please contact:

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SCHEME FOR FREE RESIDENTIAL CIVIL SERVICES (UPSC) COACHING TO THE CANDIDATES WHO ARE DOMICILES OF ODISHA: 2025-26

A. Eligibility Criteria:

1. Domicile

To appear in the entrance examination, a candidate must be a permanent domicile of Odisha.

2. Age Limit

i) The candidate must have attained the age of 21 years and must not have attained the age of 30 years on the **1st day of February, 2025** i.e., the candidate must have been born not earlier than **2nd February, 1995** and not later than **1st February, 2004**.

ii) The upper age-limit prescribed above will be relaxable :

(a) up to a maximum of five years if a candidate belongs to a **Scheduled Caste** or a **Scheduled Tribe**.

(b) up to a maximum of three years in the case of candidates belonging to **Other Backward Classes/ Socially and Economically Backward Classes**.

3. Minimum Educational Qualification

A candidate must have attained the minimum educational qualification, i.e., graduation or any equivalent qualification as on the **1st day of February, 2025**.

B. Selection of candidates:

(i) 200 numbers of aspirants will be selected, through Pre-Qualifying Entrance Examination which will be conducted by State Selection Board, Higher Education Department, for availing coaching at Centurian University of Technology and Management, Jatni.

33% of seats in each category shall be earmarked for women candidates.

(ii) The number may be increased, if required.

C. Plan of Examination:

The Examination will be conducted offline. The Entrance Examination will be consisted of one paper of Objective type (multiple choice questions) and carry a maximum of 200 marks. There will be two sections, Section-A (General studies based), Section-B (Aptitude Test based). The duration of the examination will be 2 (two) hours.

(ii) The Section-B of the Entrance Examination will be a qualifying paper with minimum qualifying marks fixed at 33%.

Note: It is mandatory for the candidate to appear in both the Papers of Civil Services (Prelim Examination for the purpose of evaluation. Therefore, a candidate will be disqualified in case he/she does not appear in both the papers of Civil Services (Prelim) Examination.

D. Syllabus for Entrance Examination: As per the UPSC Civil Services Examination.

Candidates should note that there will be a penalty (negative marking) for each wrong answer (0.5 per wrong mark) marked by a candidate in the Objective Type Question Papers.

Section-'A'

- Current events of national and international importance.
- History of India and Indian National Movement.
- Indian and World Geography-Physical, Social, Economic Geography of India and the World.
- Indian Polity and Governance-Constitution, Political System, Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Rights issues etc.
- Economic and Social Development-Sustainable Development, Poverty, Inclusion, Demographics, Social Sector Initiatives, etc.
- General issues on Environmental ecology, Bio-diversity and Climate Change - that do not require subject specialization.
- General Science.

Section-'B'

- Comprehension;
- Interpersonal skills including communication skills;
- Logical reasoning and analytical ability;
- Decision making and problem solving;
- General mental ability;
- Basic numeracy (numbers and their relations, orders of magnitude, etc.) (Class X level), Data
- Interpretation (charts, graphs, tables, data sufficiency etc. — Class X level)

E. Centre of Examination:

The entrance examination will be conducted in each of the 5(five) Regional Directorates of Education zones of the State, i.e., Berhampur, Bhubaneswar, Balasore, Jeypore and Sambalpur.

F. HOW TO APPLY:

Candidates are required to apply Online by using the website www.dheodisha.gov.in or <https://www.somseodisha.gov.in/>. Detailed instructions for filling up online applications are available on the above-mentioned website.

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G. Duration of coaching:

11 Calendar months (tentatively from July, 2025 to May, 2026).

H. Facilities to be provided to the selected candidates during the coaching programme:

Free coaching, boarding and accommodation in Bhubaneswar.

N.B.: (1) This is purely a residential coaching scheme (Day scholars are not allowed under this scheme)

(2) Minimum 90% attendance in each month is compulsory for all candidates.

(3) The aspirants who have already availed and selected for the coaching under the scheme for 2023-24 and 2024-25 shall not be eligible to apply.

I. FACILITATION COUNTER FOR GUIDANCE OF CANDIDATES:

In case of any guidance/information/clarification regarding their applications, candidature etc. candidates can contact Department Facilitation Counter over Telephone No. 0674-2954600 on working days between 10.00 hrs and 17.30 hrs. or through email: civilserviceesscheme2025@gmail.com.

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