

BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION, ODISHA, CUTTACK

SPECIAL

ODISHA TEACHER ELIGIBILITY TEST (SOTET) – 2025 FOR INSERVICE TEACHERS

1. APPLICABILITY-

As per Resolution No.14302/SME, Bhubaneswar, dated the 04/06/12 of the Government of Odisha, Department of School and Mass Education, Corrigendum No.- SME-EL2-EL2-0063-2018-23082/ SME, Bhubaneswar, dated 22/10/2018, SME-EL2-EL2-0063-2018-14339/ SME, dated 09/06/2023 and No.- SME-EL2-EL2-0022-2025-11667/SME, dtd 03/04/2025 ,Special OTET, 2025 is applicable to all in-service teacher candidates who possess requisite academic and training qualifications with requisite percentage of marks and to all such in-service teacher candidates pursuing the final year of the teacher training courses before the date of publication of this advertisement for conducting Special OTET, 2025.

2. ELIGIBILITY-

The candidate must be a in-service teacher working in any recognized schools approved by the Govt. of Odisha and having the following minimum qualification shall be eligible for appearing in Special OTET, 2025 :-

The teacher may be serving at Higher Secondary Schools, Secondary Schools, Sanskrit Tols, Upper Primary Schools/ Primary Schools. He/ She has to upload an authenticated certificate from competent authority i.e. concerned District Education Officer/ Block Education Officer.

The school in which the teacher is serving shall have a school code or UDISE Code. Higher Secondary, Secondary & Sanskrit Tols will have a school code provided by the B.S.E., Odisha. Primary & Upper Primary schools will have UDISE Code.

The teacher while providing personal information has to enter all details in online application form.The candidature of the candidate shall be rejected outright in case any fake information entered or any fake certificate uploaded.



(a) Category – A

Higher Secondary (or its equivalent) with at least 50% marks and 2 year Diploma in Elementary Education (CT or D.El.Ed.).

OR,

Higher Secondary (or its equivalent) with at least 45% marks and 2 year Diploma in Elementary Education (by whatever name known), in accordance with the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2002.

OR,

Higher Secondary (or its equivalent) with at least 50% marks and 4 year Bachelor of Elementary Education (B.El.Ed.).

OR,

Higher Secondary (or its equivalent) with at least 50% marks and 2 year Diploma in Education (Special Education).

OR,

Graduation and two year Diploma in Elementary Education (CT or D.El.Ed or by whatever name known).

OR,

Graduation with at least 50% marks and Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.),

OR,

Post-Graduation with a minimum 55% marks or equivalent grade and three year integrated B.Ed. – M.Ed. on the condition that who has acquired the qualification of Bachelor of Education from any NCTE Recognised Institution shall be considered for appointment as a teacher in classes I to V provided the person so appointed as a teacher shall mandatorily undergo a six month Bridge Course in Elementary Education recognized by the NCTE, within two years of such appointment as primary teacher,

(b) Category – B

Graduation and 2 year Diploma in Elementary Education (CT or D.El.Ed or by whatever name known).

OR,

At least 50% marks either in Graduation or in Post-Graduation and B.Ed

OR,

Graduation with at least 45% marks and 1 year Bachelor in Education (B.Ed.) in accordance with the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations issued from time to time in this regard.

OR,

Higher Secondary (or its equivalent) with at least 50% marks and 4 year Bachelor in Elementary Education (B.El.Ed.).

OR,

Higher Secondary (or its equivalent) with at least 50% marks and 4 year B.A./ B.Sc, Ed or B.A. Ed./ B.Sc. Ed.

OR,

Graduation with at least 50% marks and 1 year B.Ed. (Special Education).

OR,

Post-Graduation with a minimum 55% marks or equivalent grade and three-year integrated B.Ed-M.Ed.

Provided that minimum percentage of marks in graduation shall not be applicable to those incumbents who had already taken admission to the Bachelor of Education or Bachelor of Elementary Education or equivalent course prior to the 29th July, 2011.

Provided that relaxation of 5% marks in minimum qualifying marks shall be allowed to the candidates belonging to SC, ST, SEBC & PWD category. Candidates having minimum marks in Higher Secondary or graduation level, as the case may be, prescribed at the time of admission in teacher education courses are also eligible to appear in SOTET.

- (c) Persons having D.Ed. (Special Education) or B.Ed (Special Education) qualification shall undergo, after appointment, an NCTE recognized 6 month Special Programme in Elementary Education.
- (II) Persons having qualification or pursuing final year of any of the teacher education courses (recognized by the NCTE or by the RCI, as the case may be) can appear in the respective category for which he/ she is eligible.
- (III) Persons declared eligible by the State Govt./ NCTE/ Govt. of India from time to time.
- (IV) Eligibility for appearing in examination papers for persons covered under Para- 2 (III) will be notified by the Govt. after declaration of their eligibility.
- (d) The certificate from the concerned District Education Officer/ Block Education Officer has to be uploaded in the online application by all candidates in support of their service in a recognized school prior to the issue of the advertisement in the format available in the website "www.bseodisha.ac.in" or can be downloaded from the online application.

Teachers of Higher Secondary, Secondary & Sanskrit Tols shall upload the certificate issued by District Education Officer and teachers from Primary & Upper Primary schools shall upload the certificate issued by the concerned Block Education Officer.

3. Examination Paper -

- (I) There shall be two papers of the OTET viz- Paper-I and Paper-II.
- (II) Total duration of the test in each paper shall be 2½ hours.
- (III) All questions will be Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ), each carrying one mark with four alternatives out of which one answer is correct.
- (IV) The question papers in non-language subjects shall be bilingual i.e. in Odia and English.
- (V) Following languages shall be offered in Language – I:- Odia, Hindi, Telugu, Urdu, Bengali. The candidate has to choose any one of the above languages for Language-I subject.
- (VI) Language-II subject shall be English for all candidates.
- (VII) There shall be no negative marking.