



West Bengal Minorities' Development & Finance Corporation

(A Statutory Corporation of Govt. of West Bengal)

No-363-MDC.

Date-22.1.2022

To
The District Magistrate
All

Subject:- Modifications in eligibility criteria of SVMCM

Sir,

As you are aware, WBMDFC provides five types of scholarships to minority students pursuing their studies from classes 1 to PhD. Swami Vivekananda Merit cum Means (SVMCM) scholarship is one of them where, inter alia, securing 75% or more marks in Madhyamik or Higher Secondary is the pre-requisite. SVMCM is the parent scheme of Higher Education Department while WBMDFC on behalf of MA&ME department implements the scheme for minority students. As such, you will appreciate that the scheme guideline remains same for both the departments.

Govt. of West Bengal in the Higher Education Department (HED) has since modified the basic eligibility criteria of % (percentage) of marks from 75% to 60% in respect of SVMCM Scholarship scheme. It has therefore become imperative to modify the eligibility criteria of SVMCM scheme by lowering the % of minimum marks from 75% to 60% as well as to adopt the other modified guidelines made by HED, especially - inclusion of certain courses namely B Ed/ D El Ed/ M.Ed /BSc-B-Tech ,etc. under the ambit of SVMCM scheme, and - waiving of year gap in certain cases.

In view of the above the following modifications are being given effect in the existing guidelines of SVMCM. Portal of WBMDFC is also being updated to accommodate the alterations as under.

- 1) Switchover to SVMCM:-Since WBMDFC is already in receipt of huge applications under Post Matric (PMS)and Merit-Cum-Means (MCM) categories which under the changed circumstances are required to be shifted to SVMCM, an option "switch over to SVMCM" has been provided at the home page of www.wbmdfcscholarship.in. The portal will allow eligible students in possession of an application ID of 2021 under PMS/MCM to transfer his/her application to SVMCM upon submission of specific information and uploading of mark sheet of last examination, bank pass book, bonafide certificate and annual family income certificate. It may be worthwhile to mention here that income certificate must have been issued by any gazetted officer of Central/State Government. Eligible students have also been informed through SMS.
- 2) Fresh application under new rule:- Those applicants who under the changed guideline are now eligible under SVMCM and have not yet applied in the portal with an application ID of 2021 may apply afresh as per normal procedure. They need not apply under the switchover module. System will enable routing of their application under SVMCM.
- 3) Addition of new courses:-As a part of synchronization with HED portal on SVMCM four additional courses viz. B Ed, D El Ed, M Ed and BSC B Tech are being incorporated in the portal. Those who have already applied and in possession of an application ID of 2021 under PMS/MCM will be routed through the portal to switchover to SVMCM as discussed in point (1), while new applicants need to apply under fresh category only.
- 4) Addition of new boards:- In consonance with the relaxation of HED, class xii pass-outs from CBSE, CISCE, The WB Council of Rabindra Open Training, EDEXCEL, London (UK) and International General Certificate of Secondary Education who are studying their UG courses in institutes located within West Bengal are now also eligible to apply under SVMCM.
- 5) Relaxation of year gap:-The guidelines of SVMCM, inter alia, mandates that the applicant must have passed his/her board/university examination in the current year only. However, petitions have been received from students where the otherwise eligible students could not get



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admissions for any genuine reason in the year of pass out. Students who have changed their courses to professional/ technical courses from general degree courses may be one of the reasons. Such cases will be approved on a case to case basis upon verification of the genuineness of the year gap and upon satisfaction of WBMDFC. This relaxation is being given for a year-lag of one year only provided other conditions are met.

- 6) Verification:- All such switch over applications will be resent to Institute login for re-verification at their end. You are therefore requested to kindly issue suitable instructions to all concerned including the DIs/SIs etc. in the matter so that the entire process is completed flawlessly and quickly.

The whole process of shifting of such huge number of applications from PMS/ MCM to SVMCM scheme, re-verification of those applications again at institute level will require well co-ordinated approaches at all level including Institute, Block/Municipality, District level.


Yours faithfully,

Managing Director

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