

# INFORMATION BULLETIN

## Presidency University Bachelor Degree Entrance Test-2023 (PUBDET-2023)

Common Entrance Test for UG Courses in Presidency University

**Date of Examination**  
**20.05.2023 (Saturday) and**  
**21.05.2023 (Sunday)**

(Tentative and may be changed in extraordinary circumstances)



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Information Bulletin carefully before  
applying for the examination**

<b>IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR ONLINE APPLICATION</b>	
<p>Once an application is received, it will be construed that the candidate agrees to all terms and conditions, rules and regulations stipulated in the Information Bulletin and in the relevant notice(s) published by the Board for the said purpose.</p> <p><b>Any application not in compliance with the conditions specified in the Information Bulletin is liable to be rejected</b></p>	
<b>1.</b>	Application for the examination must be done online only. No printed application form is available
<b>2.</b>	Ensure filling genuine application form available online only at <a href="http://www.wbjeeb.nic.in">www.wbjeeb.nic.in</a>
<b>3.</b>	Do not attempt to make any duplicate application
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>It is essential to have a valid mobile number and a unique valid email ID.</b></p> <p>All future communications by the Board will be sent to the registered mobile number and email ID. WBJEEB will not be held responsible for non-receipt of any communication due to wrong/non-existing/non-functional/changed mobile number/email ID or due to network interruption.</p>
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<b>6.</b>	Do not share your application number, password, security question/answer with anyone. The Board will not be held responsible if any candidate commits the mistake which may result in negative consequences.
<b>7.</b>	Upload <b>scanned</b> copy of photograph and signature as per the instructions provided in the Information Bulletin. If any candidate receives any SMS/email regarding discrepancy in photograph/ signature, he/she must take corrective action immediately <b>within one day</b> . Admit cards will not be issued if these images are illegible and thus not acceptable.
<b>8.</b>	If any information <b>other than</b> name, father's name, mother's name, gender, domicile and date of birth given in the application needs to be corrected, the rectification may be done by the candidate only within the notified ' <b>Correction Period</b> '. The Board will not make or allow any correction thereafter.
<b>9.</b>	<p>The Application Fees can be paid by Net Banking/ Debit Card/ Credit Card/ UPI only.</p> <p>Application fees for PUBDET-2023 is <b>₹500 (Rupees five hundred only) for one paper and ₹250 for each additional paper, plus the Bank's Service Charges, if applicable.</b></p>

	<b>The fee once paid is not refundable under any circumstance. Do not wait for the last day to pay registration fees to avoid payment failure by Bank or EPG</b>
<b>10.</b>	Keep copies of <b>Confirmation page and the Admit card</b> in safe custody.
<b>11.</b>	Candidates are requested to go through the Board's website ( <a href="http://www.wbjeeb.nic.in/wbjeeb.in">www.wbjeeb.nic.in/wbjeeb.in</a> ) regularly to update themselves for the latest information.
<b>12.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Appearing for the examination and even obtaining a rank do not guarantee admission.</li><li>• Applicable rules at the time of counselling will determine allotment and admission criteria.</li><li>• Candidates must make themselves aware of the latest rules and criteria for admission into Presidency University and other specific criteria issued by the Government/Regulatory bodies from time to time.</li><li>• Board will not be responsible by any way, if any candidate fails to aware himself/herself regularly on any updated information.</li></ul>
<b>13.</b>	For any query regarding the examination, contact:  <b>The Controller of Examinations</b> <b>West Bengal Joint Entrance Examinations</b> <b>Board DB-118, Sector -I, Salt Lake City,</b> <b>Kolkata-700064</b>  <b>Examination Helpdesk: -1800-1023-781</b> <b>1800-123-4782 (Ext. No.-2)</b>  <b>Email: <a href="mailto:info@wbjeeb.in">info@wbjeeb.in</a></b>

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**1.0****Introduction:****The West Bengal Joint Entrance Examinations Board**

The West Bengal Joint Entrance Examinations Board (WBJEEB) was established in 1962 by Government of West Bengal in exercise of the powers conferred under article 162 of the Constitution of India in pursuant to No. 828-Edn(T), dated 02.03.1962.

Subsequently in 2014, the Government of West Bengal enacted the West Bengal Act XIV of 2014 to form **The West Bengal Joint Entrance Examinations Board** (hereinafter called '**Board**') and empowered it to conduct Common Entrance Examinations for selection of candidates for admission to undergraduate and postgraduate Professional, Vocational and General Degree Courses in the State of West Bengal and to conduct on-line counselling process or otherwise adopting a single-window approach.

WBJEEB has been instrumental in the admission process based on online application and allotment through e-Counselling since 2012. It advocates fairness and transparency, ensures no-error, and adopts state-of-the-art technology.

**2.0****PUBDET-2023****2.1****Courses**

For the academic session of 2023-24, the Board (WBJEEB) is going to conduct the Entrance Test (PUBDET-2023) for admission to fulltime Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) courses (Major/Honours) in the **Presidency University**. List of available Subjects are given below:

<b>Science subjects</b>	<b>Humanities &amp; Social Science subjects</b>
Physics	Bengali
Chemistry	English
Mathematics	Hindi
Geology	History
Economics	Political Science
Statistics	Philosophy
Geography	Sociology
Life Sciences	Performing Arts

## 2.2 Choice of Papers & Syllabus

a) Any candidate can apply for a maximum of 3 (three) papers given below from the following table:

Paper	For Admission into	Syllabus	Version of question paper
I	Geography	Geography (100 marks)	English and Bengali
II	English	English (100 marks)	English
III	Economics Statistics Mathematics	Mathematics and English (80+20 = 100 marks)*	English and Bengali
IV	Political Science	Political Science (100 marks)	English and Bengali
V	Bengali	Bengali (100 marks)	Bengali
VI	Hindi	Hindi (100 marks)	Hindi
VII	Chemistry Physics Geology	Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry (40+30+30 = 100 marks)*	English and Bengali
VIII	History	History (100 marks)	English and Bengali
IX	Life Sciences	Biology (100 marks)	English and Bengali
X	Philosophy/ Sociology/ Performing Arts	Basic English, Logical reasoning and General Knowledge (50+30+20 = 100 marks)*	English

\*Distribution of marks are given within parenthesis.

b) Applicants must consult the schedule of test/time table given in section 2.3 before choosing the paper(s).

c) **Syllabus of Test:** The tests will be based on the syllabi of 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> standard of recognised boards/councils.

**2.3 Schedule of PUBDET-2023**

Date	Paper		Schedule
<b>20.05.23</b> <b>(Saturday)</b>	(Paper - I)		10:00 am – 11:30 am
	(Paper - II)		12:30 pm – 02:00 pm
	(Paper - III)	(Paper - IV)	03:00 pm – 04:30 pm
<b>21.05.23</b> <b>(Sunday)</b>	(Paper - V)	(Paper - VI)	10:00 am – 11:30 am
	(Paper - VII)	(Paper - VIII)	12:30 pm – 02:00 pm
	(Paper - IX)	(Paper - X)	03:00 pm – 04:30 pm

No further Test shall be conducted under any circumstances for those who are unable to appear on the date and time of PUBDET-2023 mentioned above.

**2.4 Pattern of Question Papers**

In every paper, all questions will be of **Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ)** type, with four answer options. There will be **50 (fifty)** questions in each paper with full marks **100** and the duration of test will be **90** minutes.

**2.5 Mode of answering in the examination**

- Questions are to be answered on specially designed optical machine-readable response (**OMR**) sheet, which will be evaluated by Optical Mark Recognition method. Thus, it is very important to follow the correct method of marking.
- Candidates will indicate response to the questions by **darkening the appropriate circle/bubble completely with blue/black ink ball point pen.**
- Any other kind of marking e.g., filling the circle/bubble incompletely, filling with pencil, cross mark, tick mark, dot mark, circular mark, over writing, scratching, erasing, white ink, marking outside the circle/bubble etc. may lead to wrong/partial/ambiguous reading of the response. **WBJEEB will be, in no way, responsible for such eventuality and this may lead to cancellation of OMR sheet.**
- Response marking cannot be edited/changed/erased/modified. Hence it is advised that candidate should be sure about the answer before marking and should not put any stray mark on which he/she does not want to attempt.

**2.6 Scoring Methodology**

- All questions will have four answer options.
- Only one option is correct.
- Correct response will yield 2 (two) marks.
- Incorrect response will yield -1/2 (25% negative) marks.



	<p>e) For any combination of response with more than one option, the said answer will be treated as incorrect and will yield -1/2 (25% negative) marks</p> <p>f) No response will yield zero mark.</p>
2.7	<p><b>Ranking Methodology and Rank Cards</b></p> <p>WBJEEB will prepare merit ranks based on the candidates' <b>score in the entrance tests</b>. Individual candidates will be able to view and download his/her Rank Card, which will contain score and rank. <b>WBJEEB does not publish any general rank/score list.</b></p> <p>a) The rank shall be in the name and style of '<b>GMR</b>' (General Merit Rank).</p> <p>b) Ranking shall be done in the descending order of marks scored in the entrance test.</p> <p>c) However, there may be ties and the tie-breaking rule given in section 2.8 below shall be applicable for determining the merit rank.</p> <p>d) Separate reserved category merit position will also be indicated for respective category of students e.g. SC Rank, ST Rank, OBC-A Rank, OBC-B Rank, PWD Rank as applicable.</p> <p>e) <b>Counselling/allotment of seat/admission will be done based on GMR only</b> (not on category ranks). Category ranks are only for information to candidates.</p> <p>f) Category ranks are generated based on information given by the candidates during online application. If during verification, any candidate's claim is found invalid, his/her category rank will be cancelled and the candidate will be considered in General category only with his/her GMR. <b>Category ranks of other candidates will not be revised.</b></p>
2.8	<p><b>Tie-breaking Methodology</b></p> <p>a) In case of tie, the candidate obtaining less negative score will have higher rank and will get higher position in merit list.</p> <p>b) If tie exists still thereafter, all such candidates will be awarded the same rank and will be considered for counselling and admission with bunching effect.</p>
2.9	<p><b>Rules of the Test (PUBDET-2023):</b> Rules to be followed during the test is given in APPENDIX-4</p>

3.0	<b>Eligibility and academic qualification criteria</b>																			
3.1	<p><b>Eligibility criteria for application</b></p> <p>Applicant must be a passed out from schools in India affiliated to International Board in compliance with Sec. 3.2 (c)/National or State level examination Board or Council.</p>																			
3.2	<p><b>Eligibility criteria for admission:</b></p> <p>a) Candidates must have passed (not before 2022) OR appeared (in 2023) in the Higher Secondary Examination (10+2 system) conducted by the West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education or any equivalent examination.</p> <p>b) Candidate must pass any of the aforementioned examinations, with at least <b>five</b> recognized subjects (full marks not less than 100) of which English will be one subject and excluding Compulsory Environmental Science. The aggregate is to be calculated considering score in best four recognized subjects excluding Compulsory Environmental Science.</p> <p>c) Candidates with International 'A' level or International Baccalaureate qualifications must have at least three subjects at the IGCSE level and three subjects at the 'A' level, with English in either of the two levels. Aggregate is to be calculated considering the best four subjects considering both the levels.</p> <p>d) The candidate must fulfil the <b>minimum eligibility criteria as per the following table in his/her qualifying examination in 12<sup>th</sup> standard. SC/ST, OBC-A/OBC-B and PwD candidates will get 25%, 10% and 5% relaxation in required minimum aggregate score in 12<sup>th</sup> standard respectively.</b></p>																			
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Mathematics	70%	Minimum 80% marks in Mathematics in both class 10 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> standard.
Statistics	70%	Minimum 80% marks in Mathematics (Business Mathematics will not be considered) in 12 <sup>th</sup> standard.
Economics	80%	Minimum 75% marks in Mathematics (Business Mathematics will not be considered) in 12 <sup>th</sup> standard.
Bengali	60%	Nil
Hindi	60%	Nil
English	65%	Nil
Geography	70%	Minimum 75% marks in Mathematics in 10 <sup>th</sup> standard.
Philosophy	60%	Nil
Sociology	60%	Nil
Performing Arts	60%	Nil
Political Science	65%	Nil
Geology	70%	Nil

**3.3****Important information regarding eligibility**

WBJEEB do neither verify the information provided by any candidate during on line application nor verify any certificate of date of birth, domicile, income, reservation category, academic qualification etc. for deciding the eligibility of the candidate. Admit cards are issued only on the basis of the information provided by the candidate. Also, normally there is no scope of correction/change of any information after the final submission of online application.

Every admission is provisional subject to verification of documents. Verifications are to be done during counselling and subsequent admission and registration with the university. If at any stage after examination it is found on scrutiny that the applicant is otherwise ineligible, his/her candidature shall be treated as cancelled even if he/she secured a Merit Rank in the PUBDET-2023 and/or a seat has been allotted to the candidate.

Hence, securing a Rank in the PUBDET-2023 does not constitute a right/guarantee in favour of a candidate for his/her claim for admission if he/she fails to comply with the specified norms and standards.

**4.0**

**Seat Matrix:** Course wise and category wise availability of seats is as follows. **PwD seats are included in the total number of seats in respective courses.**

COURSE	GENERAL	SC	ST	OBC-A	OBC-B	TOTAL
Bengali	21	8	2	4	3	<b>38</b>
English	21	8	2	4	3	<b>38</b>
Hindi	16	7	2	3	2	<b>30</b>
History	25	10	3	5	3	<b>46</b>
Philosophy	12	4	1	2	1	<b>20</b>
Political Science	17	7	2	3	2	<b>31</b>
Sociology	18	7	2	3	2	<b>32</b>
Performing Arts	8	3	1	2	1	<b>15</b>
Chemistry	29	12	3	5	4	<b>53</b>
Economics	29	12	3	5	4	<b>53</b>
Geography	15	6	2	3	2	<b>28</b>
Geology	17	7	2	3	2	<b>31</b>
Life Sciences	63	26	7	12	8	<b>116</b>
Mathematics	29	12	3	5	4	<b>53</b>
Physics	29	12	3	5	4	<b>53</b>
Statistics	15	6	2	3	2	<b>28</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>665</b>

**NB: Reservation for PWD candidates will be as per extant Govt. order.**

**5.0****Reservation of Seats for SC/ST/OBC-A/OBC-B/PWD**

The reservation policies of West Bengal State Higher Education Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2013 and West Bengal State Higher Education Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2014 will be followed for admission in reserved seats for SC/ST/OBC-A/OBC-B/PWD along with any extant orders as applicable at the time of admission.

- a) However, availability of such reserve category seats shall be restricted to students domiciled in West Bengal only.
- b) Candidates claiming such seats must submit relevant Certificate issued by the competent Authorities as given in respective sections.
- c) The certificate is to be produced during counselling, admission etc. If the certificate is then found to be invalid, the candidate will lose the opportunity of admission in reserve category and will be treated as General category.

**6.0****Requirements in terms of residential/domicile Criteria**

- a) There is no residential/domicile requirement **to appear** in the examination.
- b) However, the State (West Bengal) residential/domicile requirement is applicable for **admission** in any reserved category of seats.

	<p>c) The candidate needs to download the required proforma as per the detail given in section 6.1 below and keep the certificate ready to be produced during counselling, admission etc.</p> <p>d) If the certificate is then found to be invalid, the candidate will lose the opportunity of admission under reserve category.</p>
<p><b>6.1</b></p>	<p><b>Criteria to be treated as domicile of West Bengal and applicable proforma of certificate</b></p> <p>Only those candidates will be treated as domicile of West Bengal who are either,</p> <p>a) residing in West Bengal continuously at least for last 10 (ten) years as on 31.12.2022.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>b) whose parent(s) is/are permanent resident(s) of West Bengal having permanent address within the State of West Bengal.</p> <p>In case of a) above, a certificate is to be obtained as per proforma 'a1' (Appendix – 1) or proforma 'a2' (Appendix – 2).</p> <p>In case of b) above, a certificate is to be obtained in proforma 'b' (Appendix – 3) or the candidate must produce in original any two of Voter ID card/ Aadhaar card/ Passport/ Ration card belonging to his/her parents. The said documents must justify that the residential address of parent(s) is in West Bengal.</p> <p>During counselling etc. if SC/ST/OBC-A/OBC-B candidates who are domiciled in West Bengal and cannot produce required domicile certificate, they can produce/upload their category certificates (issued by the Govt. of WB) in lieu of domicile certificate. But in that case if the category certificate is found invalid at the time of verification, their domicile status is also considered to be NON-West Bengal.</p>
<p><b>6.2</b></p>	<p><b>Competent authority to issue domicile certificate</b></p> <p>a) <b>Proforma 'a1' or 'b'</b> must be signed and certified by any of the following competent authorities from Central Government or State Government <i>having local jurisdiction over the place of the permanent residence of the concerned candidate or his/her parent(s) viz.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. District Magistrate, Additional District Magistrate, Deputy Magistrate, Deputy Collector, Sub – Divisional Officer, Block Development Officer.</li> <li>ii. Superintendent of Police, Additional Superintendent of Police, Sub Divisional Police Officer, Deputy Superintendent of Police,</li> <li>iii. Commissioner, Additional Commissioner, Joint Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner of Police Commissionerate.</li> <li>iv. Judicial Magistrate of any rank or position in the concerned district or Metropolitan locality or Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta or Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.</li> <li>v. Corporation Area - Commissioner, Additional Commissioner, Joint Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner.</li> <li>vi. Assistant Secretary or above in the Secretariat to the Government of West Bengal (including GTA) or Central Government.</li> </ol>

	<p>vii. Deputy Director or above in the Directorate to the Government of West Bengal or Central Government.</p> <p>viii. Officials issuing domicile certificates MUST provide his/her full name, designation, place of posting with address, land line/mobile number. He/she should also provide his/her identity card number if available.</p> <p><b>b) Note: Domicile certificates issued by any elected people's representative such as municipal commissioner, Councillor of Municipal Corporation/ Municipality, Member of three-tier Panchayat system or GTA, MLA or MP are not acceptable.</b></p> <p>c) Proforma 'a2' must be signed and certified by the Head of the Institution from which the candidate has passed or will appear in 10+2 examination. Such certificate must be issued after verification of the school education record of the candidate.</p>
7.0	<p><b>Competent Authorities for the issuance of SC/ST Certificate for WB domicile candidates claiming under such reserve category of seats</b></p> <p>SC/ST Certificates are to be issued by any of the following authorities:</p> <p>(i) Sub-Divisional Officers for all districts except Kolkata</p> <p>(ii) District Welfare Officer, Kolkata &amp; Ex-Officio Joint Director, B.C.W. Dept. in case of Kolkata Municipal Area [as defined in clause (9) of Section 2 of K.M.C Act, 1980]</p>
8.0	<p><b>Competent Authorities for the issuance of OBC-A (NCL*) / OBC-B (NCL*) Certificate for candidates claiming under such reserve category of seats:</b></p> <p>As per Notification vide No. 374(71)-TW/EC/MR-103/94 dated 27/7/1994, read with Memorandum No. 1204-SBCW/MR-67/10 dated 27/7/2015 issued by Backward Classes Welfare Department. Govt. of W.B., the Sub Divisional Officer of a Sub- Division in a District is the certificate issuing authority. In Kolkata such certificate is issued by such an officer as the State Government by modification authorizes. Accordingly, the District Welfare Officer, Kolkata, and Ex-officio Joint Director, BCW Dept. has been notified to act as the certificate issuing authority in respect of Kolkata covering the jurisdiction of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation.</p> <p>*NCL- Non Creamy Layer</p>
9.0	<p><b>Reservation of seats for PWD candidates</b></p> <p>a) According to Section 2(r) of the RPWD Act, 2016, “<b>persons with benchmark disabilities</b>” means a <b>person with not less than forty percent (40%) of a specified disability</b> where specified disability has not been defined in measurable terms and includes a person with disability where specified disability has been defined in measurable terms, as certified by the certifying authority.</p> <p>b) Accordingly, reservation in PWD seats will be available for the following types of disabilities, percentage of disability being not less than 40%.</p> <p>i. Locomotor disability as specified in the Schedule of RPWD Act, 2016.</p> <p>ii. Visual impairment as specified in the Schedule of RPWD Act, 2016.</p>

- iii. Hearing impairment as specified in the Schedule of RPWD Act, 2016.
  - iv. Speech & language disability as specified in the Schedule of RPWD Act, 2016
  - v. Intellectual disabilities as specified in the Schedule of RPWD Act, 2016
  - vi. Mental illness.
  - vii. Disabilities caused due to chronic neurological conditions and blood disorder.
  - viii. Multiple disabilities including deaf blindness.
- c) The “specified disabilities”, which are included in the Schedule of the RPWD Act, are given in APPENDIX-7.
- d) PWD certificates are to be issued by any of the authorities as given in the Order No. 289-HF/O/PHP/IR-05/2017 dated 29.08.2018 by the Government of West Bengal, Health & Family Welfare Department (PHP Branch).

**9.1****Special facilities to PWD candidates for appearing in the examination**

- a) **Concessional application fees:** PWD candidates are eligible for 40% concession on application fees. To avail the same, the candidate must formally apply in writing (enclosing a copy of his/her confirmation page and PWD certificate) to the Chairman, WBJEEB and send/submit the application to the Board office within the last date of online application.
- b) **Compensatory time:** Twenty minutes per hour compensatory time as per duration of examination (On pro-rata basis) will be allowed to the PWD candidates with benchmark disabilities.
- c) **Scribe/reader:** Facility of own Scribe/Reader will be allowed to a candidate with benchmark disability and has limitation in writing including that of speed if so desired by him/her. (See Appendix – 5 and Appendix – 6)
- d) In order to avail the facility of compensatory time and/or scribe/reader, the candidate must formally apply in writing (enclosing a copy of his/her confirmation page, PWD certificate, a certificate in the format as given in appendix-5 and a letter of undertaking in the format as given in appendix-6) to the Chairman, WBJEEB and send/submit the application to the Board office within the last date of online application. **Special arrangement will be made in the office of the Board in Kolkata for such candidates to sit for the examination. Such facilities are not available in other examination centers.**
- e) The Board's decision in this regard will be final and binding on the candidate.

10.0	<p><b>Legal jurisdiction:</b></p> <p>a) All matters pertaining to conduct of the examination and counselling shall fall within the jurisdiction of Kolkata only.</p> <p>b) The Board will not be a party pertaining to any dispute arising in the process of admission</p> <p>c) WBJEEB is obliged to share with any candidate any information about his/ her own status in common entrance test and counselling, for which any candidate can contact WBJEEB individually and personally. But WBJEEB is unable to share any information about any other candidate.</p>
11.0	<p><b>Procedure for submission of application form, payment of examination fees</b></p>
11.1	<p><b>Registration</b></p> <p>i. The candidate will enter personal details such as, name, father's name, mother's name, date of birth, gender, identification type and number, present and permanent address, mobile number, email ID etc.</p> <p>ii. Candidates must be careful while entering name, father's name, mother's name, date of birth, gender and domicile. These information cannot be changed/edited/modified under any circumstances.</p> <p>iii. Then the candidate has to create password, choose security question/ answer, review and submit the registration.</p> <p>iv. An application number will be generated and will appear on the screen. Also, SMS/email will be sent to the registered Mobile No./ Mail-id of the candidate(s).</p> <p>v. Candidate must remember his/her application number, password etc. If the candidate forgets the password, he/she has to recover it through "Forgot Password" option. There is no other way to recover the password.</p> <p>vi. It is not possible for any person/agency to change/edit/input any information without knowing the password. Hence candidates must not share their password with anybody. The Board will not be responsible for any change resulting from sharing/ divulging of the password.</p>
11.2	<p><b>Application</b></p> <p>a) At this stage, the candidate needs to fill up various other information such as, domicile, category, PWD status, family income status, religion, nationality, academic details etc.</p> <p>b) Thereafter the candidate needs to choose any 2 (two) zones of examinations in order of his/her choice and submit the application.</p>
11.3	<p><b>Uploading of images</b></p> <p>a) The candidate is required to upload JPG/JPEG images of his/her recent color photograph (10 to 200 KB) and signature (4 to 30 KB).</p> <p>b) Photo and Signature of candidate are to be uploaded in one go.</p>



11.4	<p><b>Payment of Examination Fees</b></p> <p>a) The Examination Fees can be paid by Net Banking/ Debit Card/ Credit Card/UPI only.</p> <p>b) Application fees for PUBDET-2023 is <b>₹500 (Rupees five hundred only) for one paper and ₹250 for each additional paper, plus the Bank's Service Charges</b>, if any.</p> <p>c) <b>The fee once paid is not refundable under any circumstances.</b></p>																		
11.5	<p><b>Confirmation Page</b></p> <p>On successful completion of all the above steps, candidate shall be directed to download the 'Confirmation Page' which means that the application is <b>complete</b>. APPLICATION IS <b>NOT COMPLETE</b> UNTIL THE CONFIRMATION PAGE IS GENERATED.</p>																		
11.6	<p><b>Correction of application form</b></p> <p>a) It is not possible to correct any primary registration data i.e., <b>Name, Father's Name, Mother's name, gender, domicile, and Date of birth.</b></p> <p>b) If any candidate intends to correct any other information in his/her application, he/she can do so after logging in during the given <b>correction period</b>. <b>The Board will not entertain any request for any correction under any circumstances beyond the correction period. Also, the Board will not make any correction on behalf of any candidate.</b></p>																		
12.0	<p><b>Admit Card</b></p> <p>a) Admit cards will be generated on the notified date for the student to download and take a print. Candidate must carry a printed hard copy of the admit card to the examination center.</p> <p>b) Candidates must ensure that the admit card is not mutilated/ distorted/ soiled even by accident. Candidates with such mutilated/ distorted/ soiled admit cards will not be allowed to appear in the examination.</p>																		
13.0	<p><b>Allocation of examination centre</b></p> <p>a) During on line application, the candidate has to choose <b>any 2 (two)</b> of the following examination zones.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="395 1655 1385 2009"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2" data-bbox="395 1655 1385 1697"><b>Examination Zones</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="395 1697 906 1736">Bankura (11)</td> <td data-bbox="906 1697 1385 1736">Malda (34)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="395 1736 906 1774">Coochbihar (15)</td> <td data-bbox="906 1736 1385 1774">Berhampore (35)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="395 1774 906 1812">Siliguri (18)</td> <td data-bbox="906 1774 1385 1812">Kalyani (38)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="395 1812 906 1850">Serampore (21)</td> <td data-bbox="906 1812 1385 1850">Asansol (45)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="395 1850 906 1888">Howrah Maidan/ Shibpur (22)</td> <td data-bbox="906 1850 1385 1888">Durgapur (46)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="395 1888 906 1926">Kolkata- Central Kolkata (29)</td> <td data-bbox="906 1888 1385 1926">Kharagpur (48)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="395 1926 906 1964">Kolkata- Salt Lake / Newtown (31)</td> <td data-bbox="906 1926 1385 1964">Burdwan (50)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="395 1964 906 2002">Kolkata-South Kolkata (32)</td> <td data-bbox="906 1964 1385 2002">Tamluk (53)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<b>Examination Zones</b>		Bankura (11)	Malda (34)	Coochbihar (15)	Berhampore (35)	Siliguri (18)	Kalyani (38)	Serampore (21)	Asansol (45)	Howrah Maidan/ Shibpur (22)	Durgapur (46)	Kolkata- Central Kolkata (29)	Kharagpur (48)	Kolkata- Salt Lake / Newtown (31)	Burdwan (50)	Kolkata-South Kolkata (32)	Tamluk (53)
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b) Allocation of examination centre will be based on the choices of zones given by the candidate. However, under unavoidable circumstances, any candidates may be allocated in a zone out of his/her choice. **Discretion of the Board in allocation of examination zone/centre shall be final.** No request for change of allocated centre will be entertained under any circumstances.

c) **Any examination zone may be dropped if adequate numbers of candidates are not available or under any unavoidable circumstance. In such case the candidate will be allocated alternative examination zone.**

#### 14.0 Evaluation and declaration of result

- a) **Model Answer Keys** will be available for a brief period at Board's website shortly after the examination. Candidates can log in and view the model answer keys.
- b) Candidates can also challenge any answer key on payment of **₹500 (Rupees Five hundred only) per question** plus the bank's service charges, if any.
- c) The Board will review the challenges and publish Final and Frozen Answer Keys. **The Board's decision in this regard will be final and no further communication will be entertained.**
- d) Images of OMRs and machine read responses will be available for a brief period in Board's web site one week (tentatively) after the examination. Any candidate can view the images of his/her OMRs and machine read responses by logging in with his/her password. Candidates should download and preserve copies of their OMRs. However, the duration of preservation of record (s)/ document (s)/ information has been notified and available in the Board's website.
- e) Any candidate, who is not satisfied with the captured responses may challenge online on payment of **₹500 (Rupees Five hundred only) per question** plus bank's service charges, if any.
- f) The Board will review the challenges and take final decision. **The Board's decision on the challenges will be final and no further communication will be entertained.**
- g) Challenges by email, letter, fax, telephone etc. other than through online mode will not be accepted or entertained.
- h) Result will be published in the form of Rank Card, which will contain all relevant ranks, total score, and component scores in respective papers. Candidates can view and download their rank card by logging in with their password. **The Board never publishes a rank list to ensure confidentiality to each individual candidate.**
- i) Ranks cards with scores will be issued to all candidates, who appears in PUBDET-2023. But all **may not be awarded a rank and hence may not be**

**eligible for counseling**, for which a cut off rank and/or a cut off score will be decided by the Board.

- j) If any candidate has any grievance about his/her score, he/she may raise a query through email (to [info@wbjeeb.in](mailto:info@wbjeeb.in)) within 24 hours of declaration of the result attaching copies of OMRs, rank card, question booklet number and its series code, question wise calculation of score. If the candidate wishes to make a physical representation, it is allowed till 12:00 noon on the next working day of result publication. The Board will not entertain any query/grievance thereafter.
- k) A candidate can calculate his/her score from his/her machine read response and published final answer keys. However, if any candidate needs a calculation sheet from the Board, he/she will have to apply to the Board with a demand draft of Rs. 500/- in favor of 'West Bengal Joint Entrance Examinations Board' payable at Kolkata. But this facility will be available only till 60 days after the declaration of result or till the counselling is over, whichever is later.

#### **15.0 General rules about documents.**

- a) Whenever and wherever a candidate produces documents like confirmation page, admit card, rank card, caste/ category/ domicile/ income certificate etc., he/she must produce it in original. Documents generated by the portal must be printed by using the 'PRINT' link provided for the purpose. **Screen shots, photographs of the screen, images captured/stored by/in mobile phone etc. are not acceptable as any valid document.**
- b) Confirmation page, admit card, rank card etc. contains some personal information as given by the candidate during online application. As such, the Board is in no way responsible for any mistake in it due to incorrect entry given by the candidate.
- c) All verifications are done during by the allotted institute during counselling/Admission. Hence candidates cannot assume that the personal information shown in the confirmation page, admit card, rank card etc., are accepted or approved by the Board.
- d) In case the candidate faces any problem during admission or thereafter due to any mistake committed by him/her in providing such personal information during online application, **the Board is not able to render any help e.g., issuing any letter of correction etc.** The candidate must take necessary actions at his/her end with the University, where he/she takes admission.
- e) Confirmation page and admit card cannot be downloaded after the examination is over. Rank card and OMR images cannot be downloaded after the counselling is over. **Candidates must preserve such documents safely.**
- f) However, if any candidate needs a duplicate copy of Admit Card, Rank Card etc., it can be provided by the Board, but only till the end of counselling or 60 days after the date of declaration of result, whichever is later. **To get a duplicate copy, the candidate must apply to the Board**

and pay a processing fee of Rs. 500/- for each document by a bank draft in the name of "West Bengal Joint Entrance Examinations Board" payable in Kolkata.

**16.0 Counselling/seat allotment and provisional admission**

- a) A separate notification with details of counseling and admission will be published in Board's web site shortly after publication of result.
- b) Course-wise availability of seats which will be provided by the Presidency University will also be published before counseling and allotment.

## APPENDIX -1

**PROFORMA a1****Residential/Domicile Certificate for candidates residing in the State of West Bengal continuously for at least last ten (10) years as on 31.12.2022**

Certified that \_\_\_\_\_

Son / daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ is a resident/permanent resident of West Bengal at Village/House No. \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

Post Office \_\_\_\_\_ Police Station \_\_\_\_\_

In the District of \_\_\_\_\_ under \_\_\_\_\_

Assembly Constituency and has been living in the State of West Bengal continuously / uninterruptedly at least for the last ten (10) years as on 31-12-2022.

Paste 4 cmx3 cm size recent colour photograph in this box. Photo must be attested by the certifying authority

Candidate's signature

**Candidate must sign here in front of the certifying authority**

**(Candidate's photograph)**

Signature of Certifying Authority \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of Certifying Authority (Block letters) \_\_\_\_\_

Designation with Official Seal \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile No: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

ID No: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

*Note: Photograph is to be attested by the certifying authority.**The Certifying Authority should preserve a duplicate copy of this Certificate.*

## APPENDIX -2

**PROFORMA a2****Residential/Domicile Certificate for candidates residing in the State of West Bengal continuously for at least last ten (10) years as on 31.12.2022**

Certified that \_\_\_\_\_ son / daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ has passed the '10+2' Examination in the year \_\_\_\_\_ / will appear in the Final '10+2' Examination in 2023 from this Institution.

It is also certified that the student is a resident/permanent resident of West Bengal at

Village/House No. \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Post Office \_\_\_\_\_

Police Station \_\_\_\_\_ in the District of \_\_\_\_\_

under \_\_\_\_\_ Assembly Constituency and has been living and studying in the State of West Bengal continuously / uninterruptedly at least for the last ten (10) years as on 31-12-2022.

Paste 4 cmx3 cm size recent colour photograph in this box. Photo must be attested by the certifying authority

Candidate's signature

**Candidate must sign here in front of the certifying authority**

**(Candidate's photograph)**

Signature of Certifying Authority \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of Certifying Authority (Block Letter) \_\_\_\_\_

Designation with Official Seal \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile No: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

ID No: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

*Note: Photograph is to be attested by the certifying authority.*

*The Certifying Authority should preserve a duplicate copy of this Certificate.*

## APPENDIX -3

**PROFORMA b**

**Residential/Domicile Certificate for candidates not residing in the State of West Bengal but whose parent(s) is (are) permanent resident(s) of West Bengal having their permanent home address within West Bengal**

Certified that \_\_\_\_\_

Father/ mother of \_\_\_\_\_ (the applicant) is/ are permanent Resident of West Bengal at Village/House No. \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

Post Office \_\_\_\_\_ Police Station \_\_\_\_\_

In the District of \_\_\_\_\_

Under \_\_\_\_\_ Assembly Constituency

Paste 4 cmx3 cm size recent colour photograph of the candidate in this box. Photo must be attested by the certifying authority

Paste 4 cmx3 cm size recent colour photograph of father/ mother of the candidate in this box. Photo must be attested by the certifying authority

Father's/ Mother's Signature

Candidate's Signature

**Candidate must sign here in front of the certifying authority**

**(Candidate's Photograph) (Father's/ Mother's Photograph)**

Signature of Certifying Authority \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of Certifying Authority (Block Letter) \_\_\_\_\_

Designation with Official Seal \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile No: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

ID No: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

*Note: Photographs are to be attested by the certifying authority.*

*The Certifying Authority should preserve a duplicate copy of this Certificate.*

## APPENDIX –4

**Rules of the Examination**

1. Candidates are advised to reach the examination centers at least 30 minutes before commencement of the test.
2. Be sure about the exact location of your examination center and means of commuting to avoid any inconvenience, if any, on the day of examination.
3. No candidate will be allowed to seat for the test in any center other than the one allotted to him/her and as is mentioned in the admit card.
4. Any candidate found to occupy a seat other than the one allotted to him/her will be **reported against** and his/her paper will be cancelled.
5. Carry the following documents to enter the examination center:
  - i) A printed copy of admit card.
  - ii) A copy of color photograph as was uploaded during online application.
  - iii) Any photo identity card in original such as Aadhaar card/ Pan card / Passport/voter card/ 10<sup>th</sup> standard admit card/ School – ID card.
6. Frisking may be carried out while entering the center for checking prohibited objects/articles..
7. Candidates are advised to take their seats at least 15 minutes before commencement of the test.
8. No candidate will be allowed to enter the examination center **beyond the scheduled time of commencement of the test for each half under any circumstances.**
9. **Candidates are not allowed to carry any written or printed material, calculator, pen, log table, wristwatch, any communication device like mobile phones, any blue tooth device etc. inside the examination hall. Any candidate found with such items will be reported against and his/her candidature will be summarily cancelled.**
10. Question booklets will be distributed well before commencement of the test. Take out the OMR sheet and check that your OMR number and question booklet number are same. If not, ask the invigilator to replace the whole set from same series (e.g., A/B/C/D).
11. Put your signature on the top of question booklet.
12. Read the instructions given on OMR and on the cover page of question booklet very carefully.
13. Write question booklet number and roll number at the appropriate places on the OMR. Wrong entry of question booklet number and roll number may lead to rejection of the OMR or wrong scoring, for which the Board will not be held responsible. If any candidate makes any mistake, he/she must **not** overwrite. Request the invigilator to strike it out and rewrite the correct numbers and put his/her (Invigilator) signature.



14. Darken the appropriate circle/bubbles of question booklet number, roll number and question booklet series (e.g., A/B/C/D).
15. Write your name in BLOCK LETTERS, name of the center and put your signature in appropriate places on the OMR. Do not put any stray mark anywhere else; it may lead to rejection of OMR.
16. Check that your roll number, photograph, spelling of your name in the attendance sheet matches with those given in your admit card. If any correction is needed, bring it to the notice of the invigilator.
17. Question booklets can be opened only at the time of commencement of test and as will be announced by the invigilator. Check all the pages of question booklet. If there is any damage or missing page or any difficulties to read the question booklet, ask your invigilator to replace the whole set from the same series (e.g., A/B/C/D).
18. Maintain silence during the test. Any conversation/gesticulation or creation of disturbances will be deemed as misdemeanor. If any candidate is found adopting any unfair means, his/her candidature will be cancelled, and / or he/she will be debarred either permanently or for a period as is deemed fit by the Centre- in-Charge.
19. No discussion will be allowed with the invigilator regarding any question.
20. Candidates may do rough work in the space provided in the question booklet.
21. No candidate will leave his/her seat without permission of the invigilator until the test is over.
22. No candidate will leave the hall till the end of the test and all OMRs are collected and tallied by the invigilator.
23. Candidates are allowed to take his/her question booklet after the test.
24. If any examinee is found impersonating, he/she will be **handed over to the police** and candidature of the original candidate will be cancelled outright.

**APPENDIX-5**

**Certificate regarding physical limitation in a examinee to write**

This is to certify that, I have examined Mr/Ms/Mrs \_\_\_\_\_ (name of the candidate with disability), a person with \_\_\_\_\_ (nature and percentage of disability as mentioned in the certificate of disability), S/o/ D/o \_\_\_\_\_, a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ (Village/District/State) and to state that he/she has physical limitation which hampers his/her writing capabilities owing to his/her disability.

Signature

Chief Medical Officer/Medical Superintendent of a Government health care institution

Name & Designation:

Name of Government Hospital/Health Care Centre with Seal:

Place:

Date:

**Note:**

Certificate should be given by a specialist of the relevant stream/disability (e.g. ,Visual impairment - Ophthalmologist, Locomotor disability- Orthopaedic specialist/ PMR)

## APPENDIX-6

**Letter of Undertaking for Using Own Scribe**

I \_\_\_\_\_, a candidate with  
\_\_\_\_\_(name of the  
disability) appearing for the \_\_\_\_\_ (name  
of the examination) bearing Roll No. \_\_\_\_\_ at  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of the centre) in the District \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_(name of the State). My qualification  
is \_\_\_\_\_.

I do hereby state that \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of the scribe) will provide the service of scribe/reader/lab assistant for the  
undersigned for taking the aforesaid examination.

I do hereby undertake that his qualification is  
\_\_\_\_\_. In case, subsequently it is found that his  
qualification is not as declared by the undersigned and is beyond my qualification, I shall  
forfeit my right to the admission and claims relating thereto.

(Signature of the candidate with Disability)

Place:

Date:

**Appendix-7**

THE SCHEDULE  
[See clause (zc) of section 2]  
SPECIFIED DISABILITY

1. Physical disability.—

A. Locomotor disability (a person's inability to execute distinctive activities associated with movement of self and objects resulting from affliction of musculoskeletal or nervous system or both), including—

(a) "leprosy cured person" means a person who has been cured of leprosy but is suffering from—

(i) loss of sensation in hands or feet as well as loss of sensation and paresis in the eye and eye-lid but with no manifest deformity;

(ii) manifest deformity and paresis but having sufficient mobility in their hands and feet to enable them to engage in normal economic activity;

(iii) extreme physical deformity as well as advanced age which prevents him/her from undertaking any gainful occupation, and the expression "leprosy cured" shall construed accordingly;

(b) "cerebral palsy" means a Group of non-progressive neurological condition affecting body movements and muscle coordination, caused by damage to one or more specific areas of the brain, usually occurring before, during or shortly after birth;

(c) "dwarfism" means a medical or genetic condition resulting in an adult height of 4 feet 10 inches (147 centimeters) or less;

(d) "muscular dystrophy" means a group of hereditary genetic muscle disease that weakens the muscles that move the human body and persons with multiple dystrophy have incorrect and missing information in their genes, which prevents them from making the proteins they need for healthy muscles. It is characterised by progressive skeletal muscle weakness, defects in muscle proteins, and the death of muscle cells and tissue;

(e) "acid attack victims" means a person disfigured due to violent assaults by throwing of acid or similar corrosive substance.

B. Visual impairment—

(a) "blindness" means a condition where a person has any of the following conditions, after best correction—

(i) total absence of sight; or

(ii) visual acuity less than 3/60 or less than 10/200 (Snellen) in the better eye with best possible correction; or

(iii) limitation of the field of vision subtending an angle of less than 10 degree.

(b) "low-vision" means a condition where a person has any of the following conditons, namely:—

(i) visual acuity not exceeding 6/18 or less than 20/60 upto 3/60 or upto 10/200 (Snellen) in the better eye with best possible corrections; or

(ii) limitation of the field of vision subtending an angle of less than 40 degree up to 10 degree.

#### C. Hearing impairment—

(a) "deaf" means persons having 70 DB hearing loss in speech frequencies in both ears;

(b) "hard of hearing" means person having 60 DB to 70 DB hearing loss in speech frequencies in both ears;

D. "speech and language disability" means a permanent disability arising out of conditions such as laryngectomy or aphasia affecting one or more components of speech and language due to organic or neurological causes.

2. Intellectual disability, a condition characterised by significant limitation both in intellectual functioning (reasoning, learning, problem solving) and in adaptive behaviour which covers a range of every day, social and practical skills, including—

(a) "specific learning disabilities" means a heterogeneous group of conditions wherein there is a deficit in processing language, spoken or written, that may manifest itself as a difficulty to comprehend, speak, read, write, spell, or to do mathematical calculations and includes such conditions as perceptual disabilities, dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, dyspraxia and developmental aphasia;

(b) "autism spectrum disorder" means a neuro-developmental condition typically appearing in the first three years of life that significantly affects a person's ability to communicate, understand relationships and relate to others, and is frequently associated with unusual or stereotypical rituals or behaviours.

#### 3. Mental behaviour,—

"mental illness" means a substantial disorder of thinking, mood, perception, orientation or memory that grossly impairs judgment, behaviour, capacity to recognise reality or ability to meet the ordinary demands of life, but does not include retardation which is a condition of arrested or incomplete development of mind of a person, specially characterised by subnormality of intelligence.

#### 4. Disability caused due to—

(a) chronic neurological conditions, such as—

(i) "multiple sclerosis" means an inflammatory, nervous system disease in which the myelin sheaths around the axons of nerve cells of the brain and spinal cord are damaged, leading to demyelination and affecting the ability of nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord to communicate with each other;

(ii) "parkinson's disease" means a progressive disease of the nervous system marked by tremor, muscular rigidity, and slow, imprecise movement, chiefly affecting middle-aged and elderly people associated with degeneration of the basal ganglia of the brain and a deficiency of the neurotransmitter dopamine.

(b) Blood disorder—

(i) "haemophilia" means an inheritable disease, usually affecting only male but transmitted by women to their male children, characterised by loss or impairment of the normal clotting ability of blood so that a minor wound may result in fatal bleeding;

(ii) "thalassemia" means a group of inherited disorders characterised by reduced or absent amounts of haemoglobin.

(iii) "sickle cell disease" means a hemolytic disorder characterised by chronic anemia, painful events, and various complications due to associated tissue and organ damage; "hemolytic" refers to the destruction of the cell membrane of red blood cells resulting in the release of hemoglobin.

5. Multiple Disabilities (more than one of the above specified disabilities) including deaf blindness which means a condition in which a person may have combination of hearing and visual impairments causing severe communication, developmental, and educational problems.

6. Any other category as may be notified by the Central Government.