

BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION, ODISHA, CUTTACK

ODISHA TEACHER ELIGIBILITY TEST (OTET) – 2026

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 and Corrigendum No.- SME-EL2-EL2-0063-2018-23082/ SME, Bhubaneswar, dated 22/10/2018, and Addendum No. SME-EL2-EL2 0063-2018- 493/SME, Dtd. 06.01.2026 OTET is applicable to all candidates who possess requisite academic and training qualifications with requisite percentage of marks and to all candidates pursuing the final year of the teacher training courses before the date of publication of advertisement for conducting OTET who aspire to become teachers for Classes-I to VIII in the schools of the State Govt., private aided schools and private unaided schools in the State of Odisha. However, the candidates intending to seek employment as teachers in private un-aided schools shall also have the option of appearing at Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET) conducted by Central Govt. through CBSE, if they so desire. The candidates after being qualified in OTET can also apply for further improvement.

2. ELIGIBILITY-

(I) Persons having the following minimum qualification shall be eligible for appearing in OTET :-

(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 (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 recognized 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 (C.Tor D.El.Ed or by whatever name known).

OR,

Atleast 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 atleast 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 or 2-year B.Ed. (Special Education) from an institution recognized by NCTE/RCI.

OR,

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

Provided that relaxation of 5% marks in minimum qualifying marks in Higher Secondary or graduation level, as the case may be, shall be allowed to the candidates belonging to SC, ST, SEBC & PWD category.

Provided further that 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 OTET.

- (c)
- (I) 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.

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 2½hours.
- (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 anyone 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.