No:K3/NTS Exam/10/2021-22   Date:03.12.2021

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Sub: Online application submission for NTSE 2021-22 .

Ref:1. NCERT, New Delhi, Letter No : F1-11/2021 ESD/NTS-1 /Dated 10/09/2021.
   2. Virtual Meeting proceedings dated 15-09-2021 for NTS Liaison officers conducted
      by NCERT.
   3. Even Letters no. of this office dated 23-09-2021.
   4. Proceedings of Meeting held on 28-10-2021 , presided by CPI.

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Applications are invited through online for NTSE 2021-22 by KSQAAC as per ref-2 the guidelines of NCERT, New Delhi, the 1st Phase of NTS exam will be conducted on 16-01-2022 for students studying class 10th in Government, Local body schools, Aided & Unaided high schools & for students enrolled for class 10th in distance education mode. Online application is available in NTSE Login of KSEEB website, from 11-11-2021 HM's/ Principals   of schools should submit the application of students compulsorily in online mode.

Brief Summary of NTS Exam:

KSEEB- KSQAAC conducts NTSE for students studying in class 10th Government, Local body schools, Aided and unaided this schools as per the guidelines of NCERT, NEW Delhi . This exam will be conducted in Kannada, English, Marathi and Urdu Medium. Candidates applying for this exam, belonging to General category, OBC, SC, ST and EWSs should have scored 55% and SC and ST should have scored   45% marks in class 9th. NTSE will conducted in two Phase, 2nd Phase the will be conducted by NCERT for these candidates who qualified in 1st Phase at the state level .

First Phase :

1st Phase of NTS Exam will be conducted at state level by inviting applications. Out of the candidates applied for and attended the exam, candidates belongs to different social categories will be selected in accordance with reservation rules of the Central Government. Candidates selected in 1st Phase are eligible to attend Phase in 2nd Phase of the exam conducted at National level.

Second Phase :

Phase II National level NTS Examination will be conducted by NCERT, New Delhi for the students those qualified in Phase -I NTS examination state level, From 12th standard to higher education students those who are qualified in Phase II examination will get scholarship from NCERT.

Objectives of NTS Examination :

1. To Identify talented students studying in class 10th.
2. To encourage the talent of students.
3. To developed the spirit of competition among students.
4. Providing financial support to continuing the education of students.

Nature of Phase-1 NTS Exam :

Paper-1: Mental Ability Test (MAT)

This paper consists of 100 Multiple Choice questions. Each questions carries one mark with total 100 marks Question will be on reasoning, analyzing etc.

Paper-2: Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)

This Paper consists of total 100 Multiple choice question for 100 marks. Which can be subdivided into 40 questions from General science (Physics, Chemistry and Biology), 40 questions from Social Science (History, Geography, Civics, Economics, Sociology, Political Science and Business studies) and 20 questions on Mathematics (Questions are selected from 10th standard text book).

Nature of the Question Paper for NTSE-2021-22

Examination	Total Marks	Timings	Section wise marks allocation
Paper-I Mental Ability Test (MAT)	100	120 Minutes (30 Minutes compensatory time for candidates with benchmark disabilities)	Total 100 marks with each questions carries one mark,
Paper -2 Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)	100	120 Minutes (30 Minutes compensatory time for candidates with benchmark disabilities)	Science 40 Marks, Social Science 40 marks, Mathematics 20 Marks. One mark for each questions total 100

Time table for NTSE -2021-22

Question Papers	Exam Date	Detailed of time
Paper-1 Mental Ability Test- MAT	16.01.2022 Sunday	**From 10.00 am to 12.00 noon** (Total 120 Minutes) (30 Minutes extra time will be given to disability students)
Scholastic Aptitude Test- SAT	16.01.2022 Sunday	**From 02.00 pm to 04.00 noon** (Total 120 Minutes) (30 Minutes extra time will be given to disability students)

Details of Qualified marks and seat allotment for NTS Exam:-

Students belongs to General category, OBC & EWSs should score 40% as qualifying marks and those belongs to SC & ST should score 32% as qualifying marks. Candidates will be selected based on the reservation rules of the Central Government

Scholarship :-

NCERT , New Delhi will conducts 2nd Phase NTSE at National level, for those students who qualified in stage-1 at state level. Candidates selected finally are awarded with a scholarship of Rs. 1250/- per month in 1st and 2nd PUC level and Rs. 2000/- in degree & post graduation level and scholarship as per UGC norms at higher education level

Fee structure for NTS Exam-2021-22 :-

Institutions	Examination Fee	
Government/ Aided & Local body schools	General , Other Backward Class and EWSs	Rs. 75/-
	SC/ST Students.	Rs. 20/-
Unaided Schools	General , Other Backward Class and EWSs	Rs. 200/-
	SC/ST Students.	Rs. 50/-

Important points to be noted by Head Masters while submitting application through online for NTSE:

NTSE applications are invited from 11.11.2021 through online. This application is available in NTSE login at home page of KSEEB website. School HM's/Principals are informed to fill in online application for students of their respective schools. User manual & Flow Chart are made available in KSEEB website. The last date for submission of application is 30-11-2021.

It is mandatory to use school U-DISE code, while submitting NTSE online application. Even those Schools using KSEEB code in previous year should also use U-DISE Code this year.

Default password was provided by the board to the schools and compulsorily password has to be changed at first login.

Example : If U-DISE of a school is 29310300112
The user name : 29310300112
Default password : 29310300112@123

OTP will received to registered mobile number, using that OTP password has to be updated and change. Once again login and submit the application.

- For the submission of application for NTS exams the Candidates belonging to General, OBC, EWSs should have scored 55% and those belonging to SC & ST should have scored 45% marks in 9th standard.
- In meeting held on 28.10.2021, commissioner of public instruction has advised to take needful action to ensure that the students who have got A+ & A grade in previous year i.e in class 9th to be enrolled for NTS exam.
- Candidates registered through open & distance learning mode who are with in 18 years of age as on 01.07.2021 may apply for this exam should have enrolled for SSLC exam for the first time and should not be in any employment, may be apply of NTS exam manually (offline)
- Head of the institution should login at KSEEB website https://sslc.karnataka.gov.in/ and use the link "NTSE Application Form" to fill the application. After login read the instruction compulsorily before filling the application.
- HMs/Principals of the Govt., Aided, Unaided & Local body schools should login to https://sslc.karnataka.gov.in/ using U-DISE code of the school. Click on the "NTSE Application Form" menu. The application will open.
- If there is any change in mobile number, the same may be updated by sending request letter to office e-mail ID ksqaacntsenmms@gmail.com.
- Heads of the institutions should not share user name and password with students. Instead they should collect information from students and fill in online applications at the school level.
- Head Master / Principal should enter SATS number of the applicants based on the entered SATS number, school & student information (Sl. No. 1 to 11) will auto fetch. It is mandatory to enter the pincode of the respected school in the space provided. While filling application, there is provision was not made to edit data fetched through SATS. If there are any corrections, such corrections should be updated in SATS first then such corrected data will be visible by clicking on "synchronize SATS data" tab in NTSE edit form. Updated/corrected data may be verified before submitting the application.
- Information in application, from Sl. No. 12 onwards in the application should be filled by concerned school HM/Principal. After submitting application, it is mandatory to preserve a copy of the application and related certificates in the school. No documents such as application copy, challan or any other certificate shall be sent to this office.
- Candidates belonging to SC, ST, OBC EWSs and underline differently abled students applying to this exam, should have obtained concerned certificates from competent authorities.
- School Head Masters / Principals should collect SC, ST certificates from those students claiming reservation compulsorily enter the RD number printed on certificate while filling the application.
- Selection process pertaining to reservation in NTSE for OBC & EWSs students as mentioned in letter at reference (2) is as under. **The program coordinator discussed the issue of reservation of OBCs and EWS categories. It was informed to states that in NTS Stage-I exam the states may follow their state reservation policy but for Stage-II exam central reservation policy of GoI will be followed. The candidate will be considered under OBC category at Stage-II exam only if his caste falls in central list of OBCs otherwise he will be considered as General category students for Stage-II exam. The state has to submit EWS certificate as per the central Govt. rules, to claim reservation. If there is shortfall of selected candidates in EWS category, then that shortfall may be completed by taking students from General category students.** School HMs/Principals may note this and contact DSERT, Bangalore for more information on selection process.

- It's mandatory that students claiming reservation under OBC to submit caste & income certificate similarly for students seeking reservation in OBC category of other states should also submit the same RD number printed on certificates should be entered in online application and preserve the related documents at the school level.
- If students belong to EWSs (Economically weaker section), it's mandatory to preserve a income & asset certificate obtained from competent authority. It should be verified / ascertained that the certificate is in prescribed format and its validity fill the RD number printed on it
- <u>Differently abled</u> status of the student should be recorded based on the certificate obtained from District Medical Board which is competent authority.
- Students belonging to SC, ST, OBC, and EWS claiming reservation should have obtained certificates from competent authorities prior to submitting application for NTSE and validity of such certificates should be in force. Concerned school HMs/Principals are required to verify and fill the students application. HMs/Principals are made responsible for any discrepancy.
- A copy of the certificates pertaining to reservation, collected from students should be preserved at school level and submitted to department for scrutiny in due course of time.
- Bank account details of the students should be filled (Bank name, account number, IFSC, Branch)
- Before filling the application, student's photo and signature should have been scanned and saved in JPEG format.
- Students photo image (size 60-80 kb) should be uploaded in JPEG format
- Students signature (size 20-50 kb) should be uploaded in JPEG format
- In the box 'number of family members', students father, mother, brother, sister's count only to be filled.
- It's mandatory to mention '0' (zero) if student don't have siblings. Then only application will be submitted.
- All the aspects under certification part may be confirmed/verified, then by clicking on the check box ☑ on the left side and submit the application.
- School HMs/Principals may retain Rs. 5/- per student towards management expenses and balance amount should be remitted to bank through downloaded challan.
- Application should be submitted within the last date stipulated for submitting the application. After the last date for submission of application by clicking on 'Generate Challan' in school login, challan will be generated (for a sum) excluding Rs. 5/- per student towards management expenses should be paid at any Canara Bank Branch across the state within 5 days.
- Fee should be paid in Canara Bank branch only, not in any other Banks.
- Admission ticket (of the exam) will be uploaded before 15 days of the exam date in school login. School HMs/Principal may login and download & distribute to students after verifying the data.
- **Students enrolled in open and distance learning mode for 10th std during the year, can download the application and after filling get countersigned by BEO, submit to KSQAAC, KSEEB, 6th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003 through their learning center's Co-ordinator, by register post within 5 days after the last date along with application, requisite certificates and fee paid original challan copy. Exam fee should be paid through challan attached with application at any Canara Bank branch across the state to SB account no. 0409101202128, IFSC CNRB0000409. Admission ticket will be issued only to those candidates whose applications received in this office.**

- Edit option is enabled even after submitting the application. If there are any corrections, after submitting the application, data in Sl. No. 1 to 11 in SATS and data from Sl. No. 12 onwards in NTSE application – using "NTSE Edit Form" tab data can be corrected and application can be resubmitted within the stipulated last date. Corrections can be done till last date for submission of application after that no correction can be allowed.

- While applying online if any technical error happen and for any other information, this office can be contacted over helpline telephone no. 080-23341615 and problem may be communicated on email of this office ksqaacntsenmms@gmail.com.

Responsibilities of DDPI (Admin) for NTSE work:

- Share the information related to NTS Exam structure and action to be taken by DDPI (Development) & BEOs by arranging a meeting.
- Issue advertisement / announcement in media and propagate the importance of NTSE and encourage maximum number of students to apply and appear for NTSE and share a copy of advertisement with KSQAAC through e-mail.
- In a meeting headed by Commissioner of Public Instructions, which is held on 28.10.2021, mentioned in ref. no. 4 has instructed to take needful action to ensure that the students who have got A+ & A grade in previous year i.e in class 9 to apply for NTS Exam compulsory.
- Arrange a meeting of high school HMs/Principals and share information on NTSE.
- Visit examination centers during examination day.
- Distribute the responsibilities of BEOs.

Responsibilities of DDPI (Development) for NTSE work:

- DDPI (Development) is responsible to monitor and follow up the process of enrolling for NTS Exam and conducting exam smoothly.
- Issue advertisement / announcement in media and propagate the importance of NTSE and encourage maximum number of students to apply and appear for NTSE and share a copy of advertisement with KSQAAC through e-mail.
- In a meeting headed by Commissioner of Public Instructions, which is held on 28.10.2021, mentioned in ref. no. 4 has instructed to take needful action to ensure that the students who have got A+ & A grade in previous year i.e in class 9 to apply for NTS Exam compulsory.
- Appoint a district nodal officer for organizing the NTS Exam.
- Arrange a meeting of high school HMs/Principals and share information on NTSE.
- Take requisite measures for maximum enrollment of students for NTSE.
- Identify required number of examination centers as per strength and submit the list to state office.
- Ensure nodal officer to attend meetings and follow up as per the instructions of KSQAAC-KSEEB
- Visit examination centers during examination day.
- Expend the amount as per the guidance issued by KSQAAC out of grant released. Maintain accounts and submit UC in stipulated time.

<u>**Responsibilities of BEO's for NTSE work:**</u>

- Arrange a meeting for all high school HMs/Principals at taluk level and share information on NTSE. Take needful measure for maximum number of students to enroll and to attend the exam.
- Issue advertisement / announcement in media and propagate the importance of NTSE and encourage maximum number of students to apply and appear for NTSE and share a copy of advertisement with KSQAAC through e-mail.
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- BEO is responsible for smooth conduction of examination arrangement at taluk level
- Should visit examination centers during examination day.
- Should assign work to BRC, ECO, BRP, CRPs for implementation of pre exam and during exam functionalities and ensure their active participation. Should taken needful measure for enrolment of students in SATS and ensure their online submission of application if in case any schools students not registered in SATS.

Special Note :

School HM's / Principal should till all the aspects/fields in online application and ensure that all the information's is correct before submitting application. After submitting a printed copy of the application (report) & supplementary documents should be preserved in Schools. For any error, incomplete information in application, respective school HM's are responsible.

Executive Director
KSQAAC

To,
1. All DDPI (Admin)& DDPI (Development) in the state.
2. All BEO's in the state.
3. All High school HM's/ Principals (Through their respective BEO's).

Copy submitted to,
1. The Principal Secretary, to the Govt., Primary and secondary Education, Bangalore for informational with warm regards.
2. Commissioner for Public Instruction, Bangalore, for informational with warm regards.
3. State Project Director, Samagra Shikshana - Karnataka, Bangalore. for informational with warm regards.
4. Additional Commissioner for Public Instruction, Dharwad and Kalburgi for informational with warm regards.
5. DPI, DSERT, Bangalore, for informational with warm regards.
6. DPI, Primary Education o/o the CPI Bangalore, for informational with warm regards.
7. DPI, Directorate of Urdu and Other Minority Linguistic Schools, Bangalore, for informational with warm regards.
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