

Reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWSs)

The provision of reservation for EWSs is incorporated by the institutes participating in JoSAA 2020 according to the following guidelines issued by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

1. In pursuance of insertion of clauses 15(6) and 16(6) in the Constitution vide the Constitution (One Hundred and Third Amendment) Act, 2019 and in order to enable the Economically Weaker Sections (EWSs) who are not covered under the existing schemes of reservations for the Scheduled Castes, and Scheduled tribes and the Socially and Educationally Backward Classes, to receive the benefits of reservation on a preferential basis in civil posts and services in the Government of India and admission in Educational Institutions, it has been decided by the Government to provide 10% reservation to EWSs in civil posts and services in Government of India and admission in Educational Institutions.
2. Persons who are not covered under the existing scheme of reservations for the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the Socially and Educationally Backward Classes and whose family has gross annual income below Rs. 8.00 lakh are to be identified as EWSs for the benefit of reservation. Family for this purpose will include the person who seeks benefit of reservation, his/her parents and siblings below the age of 18 years as also his/her spouse and children below the age of 18 years. The income shall include income from all sources i.e., salary, agriculture, business, profession etc. and it will be income for the financial year prior to the year of application. Also persons whose family owns or possesses any of the following assets shall be excluded from being identified as EWSs, irrespective of family income:
 - i. 5 acres of Agricultural Land and above;
 - ii. Residential flat of 1000 sq. ft. and above;
 - iii. Residential plot of 100 sq. yards and above in notified municipalities.
 - iv. Residential plot of 200 sq. yards and above in areas other than the notified municipalities.
1. The income and assets of the families as mentioned in para 2 would be required to be certified by an officer not below the rank of Tehsildar in the States/UTs. The officer who issues the certificates would do the same after carefully verifying all relevant documents following due process as prescribed by the respective State/UT.
2. Every Educational Institution shall, with the prior approval of the appropriate authority, increase the number of seats over and above its annual permitted strength in each branch of study or faculty so that the number of seats available, excluding those reserved for the persons belonging to the EWSs, are not less than the total seats available in the academic session immediately preceding the date of the coming into force of the O.M. from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
3. Instructions regarding reservations in employment and admission to educational institutions will be issued by DoPT and Ministry of HRD respectively.