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DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION: SCHOOL BRANCH
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CIRCULAR

Sub: Age Criteria for Non-Plan Admissions in Govt. Schools.

Section 4 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2009 says, "Where a child above six years of age has not been admitted to any school or though admitted, could not complete his or her elementary education, then, he or she shall be admitted in a **class appropriate to his or her age**". The concept of age appropriateness prescribed by the law up to the completion of elementary education cannot be ignored in subsequent classes as it is required from peer learning and pedagogical point of view as well. Therefore, building upon the "age-class" relation established under the RTE Act, the Directorate of Education has continued with the prescribed age in natural progression for subsequent classes as well. Further, the Directorate also recognizes the fact that the stipulation of age cannot be in a straight jacket form. Hence, a relaxation of 6 months in terms of under and over age is also allowed.

In supersession to circulars No. DE.23(363)/Sch.Br./2014/452 dated 04.04.2014, DE.23(363)/Sch.Br./2016/683 dated 29.04.2016, DE.23(363)/Sch.Br./2016/1170 dated 13.07.2016 and DE.23(363)/Sch.Br./2016/1246 dated 01.08.2016 regarding Appropriate Age Criteria for Admission in Govt. Schools under Directorate of Education, all the Heads of Govt. Schools under Directorate of Education are hereby informed that the following criteria is to be followed for **Non Plan Admission** in Govt. Schools:

The age criteria for class KG to XII will be as mentioned below:-

Class	Appropriate Age as on 31 st March of the year
KG	The age of child should be 4+ but less than 5 years
I	The age of child should be 5+ but less than 6 years
II	The age of child should be 6+ but less than 7 years
III	The age of child should be 7+ but less than 8 years
IV	The age of child should be 8+ but less than 9 years
V	The age of child should be 9+ but less than 10 years
VI	The age of child should be 10+ but less than 12 years
VII	The age of child should be 11+ but less than 13 years
VIII	The age of child should be 12+ but less than 14 years
IX	The age of child should be 13+ but less than 15 years
X	The age of child should be 14+ but less than 16 years
XI	The age of child should be 15+ but less than 17 years
XII	The age of child should be 16+ but less than 18 years

- In addition to the above Table, further age relaxation is being granted at the level of Heads of Schools in the maximum as well as minimum age for 1 month for classes KG to V level as on 31st March of the year.
- Simultaneously, age relaxation is also being granted at the level of Heads of Schools in maximum as well as minimum age for 6 months as on 31st March of the year to all students seeking admission from class VI to X and XII in all the Govt. Schools under Directorate of Education.

- However, for class XI in addition to the above table, relaxation shall be granted in maximum and minimum age for one year as on 31st March of the year to those students seeking admission in class XI in the Govt. Schools under Directorate of Education, who have passed class X from CBSE or equivalent Board and there is no gap year.

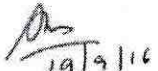
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A student who has completed 14 years of age on 31st March of the year and has passed Class X from CBSE or an equivalent Board may be granted admission in Class XI after allowing 1 year age relaxation in the minimum age criteria.

A student who is above 17 years of age but has not completed 18 years of age on 1st April of the year and has passed Class X from CBSE or an equivalent Board may be granted admission in Class XI after allowing 1 year age relaxation in the maximum age criteria.

- The above age criteria is not applicable to **Plan Admissions** and the existing students of Government Schools.
- The child who is below 14 years of age and have an SLC of a class lower than his age appropriate class may be enrolled in Special Training Centres (STC) and then brought to his age appropriate class. This provision is intended to mainstream all out of school children, including those who due to extreme learning deficiencies cannot be admitted to age appropriate classes.
- The Directorate of Education is going to introduce class IX in Patrachar Vidyalaya from next academic session i.e. 2017-18 for students who do not meet the appropriate age criteria. In case of a student who is at least 13 years old as on 31st March of the year when seeking admission, there will be no upper age bar and neither the School leaving certificate nor class VIII pass certificate is required for admission.
- Patrachar Vidyalaya is already functional for classes X to XII. The child should be at least 14 years of age as on 31st March of the year of seeking admission in Class X. Here again, there is no upper age bar and no requirement for school leaving certificate nor class VIII pass certificate.

This issues with the prior approval of the Competent Authority.


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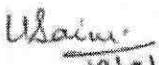
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