

No.: EDN-H(SE)(4)4-2/2025-26(Admission)
Directorate of School Education
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001



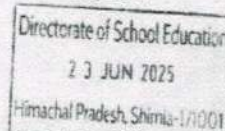
Dated Shimla-1

the

June, 2025

To

✓ All the Deputy Director of Elementary Education,
In Himachal Pradesh.



Subject: - Children's year is being wasted due to the admission age limit imposed by the Department of Education.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the directions to regulate school admissions strictly in accordance with the provisions of RTE Act, 2009 and HP RTE Rule, 2011 as well as the Government's instructions regarding age criteria issued on 17th December, 2024.

In this context, it is clarified that the provisions contained in Section 15 of the RTE Act, 2009 as well as Rule 6 of the HP RTE Rule, 2011 specifically regulate the period or extended period for admission in an academic year and not the age criteria for admission to a class.

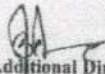
It is further clarified that the Government has already issued detailed guidelines for regulating the age criteria for admission to classes Nursery to Class 1st in alignment with the provision of the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020. The Government has not granted any relaxation in the prescribed age criteria except for the students covered under the instructions issued on 17th December, 2024. Accordingly, while granting admissions in schools, the provisions of the above-mentioned sections and rules shall be adhered to and the age criteria shall be strictly regulated in accordance with the said instructions dated 17th December, 2024. As regard Section 16 of RTE Act, 2009 the provision for holding back in certain cases has already been inserted in said section by Government of India vide RTE (Amendment) Act, 2019 and accordingly necessary amendment is being carried out in HP RTE Rule, 2011 for making such provisions for holding back which is under consideration at Government level.

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You are, therefore, requested to issue necessary directions to all field functionaries to regulate school admission strictly in accordance with the provisions of the RTE Act, 2009 and HP RTE Rule, 2011 as well as Government's instructions regarding age criteria issued on 17th December, 2024 under intimation to this Directorate, immediately.

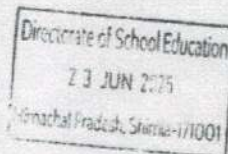
Strict compliance of the Act/Rule/Orders is solicited.



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1. The Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2 w.r.t. their letter no. EDUC-F01/1/2021-EDU-C-(40478), dated 16th June, 2025 for information, please.
2. The In-charge IT Cell (Internal), Directorate of School Education, H.P. with request to upload the same on departmental website with remarks as "Clarification regarding Admission" for information to all concerned and email to all the Dy. Directors Elementary Education in Himachal Pradesh.
3. Guard File.

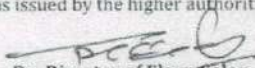



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O/o the Dy. Director of Elem. Education Solan, District Solan (H.P.)

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Copy forwarded for information and with the direction that the instructions stated above may be implemented in letter and spirit.

1. The Director of Elem. Education HP Shimla-01 for information please w.r.t to above letter.
2. All the BEEOs District Solan (H.P) with the direction to follow the above said instructions issued by the higher authorities.
3. All the Principal/Headmaster of Privately recognized Schools of District Solan (H.P) with the direction to follow the above said instructions issued by the higher authorities.


Dy. Director of Elem. Solan,
Solan, District Solan (H.P)

No.EDN-C-F(1)-2/2023
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Elementary Education Department



From

The Secretary (Education) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

To

✓ The Director Elementary Education
Himachal Pradesh Shimla-171001.

Dated Shimla-2, the,

17.12.2024

Subject:-

Regarding implementation of age criteria for admission to Class Nursery to Class-1st as per NEP, 2020.

Sir,

In continuation to this department's letter of even number dated 24-11-2023, 16-02-2024 and 29-08-2024 on the subject cited above, I am directed to convey that the matter regarding relaxation in age criteria to already enrolled students was under consideration of the Government for past some time. After careful consideration, revised instructions/guidelines for adoption of age criteria as per NEP, 2020 shall be as under :-

- (i) The age criteria for admission to Class Nursery/Balvatika-1 will be 3+ years w.e.f. academic session 2024-25. Thus, a child must be 3+ years old as on **31st March** of academic year in which admission is sought for Class Nursery/Balvatika-1 w.e.f. 2024-25 onwards. This proposal will gradually ensure (after 3 years) that a Child will be admitted in Class-1st at the age of 6+ years.
- (ii) Pre-school admission will be regulated as per NEP structure and following age criteria shall be implemented :-

Grade	Nursery/ Balvatika-1	LKG(Lower Kindergarten)/ Balvatika-2	UKG(Upper Kindergarten)/ Balvatika-3
Age	3+ years	4+ years	5+ years

However, the above criteria will not be applicable for children already enrolled during the academic session 2023-24.

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- (iii) All those students who were already enrolled in Nursery/Balvatika-1, LKG/Balvatika-2, and UKG/Balvatika-3 for the academic year 2023-24 shall be granted admission to the next higher classes irrespective of their ages. This relaxation will be granted for the academic years 2024-25, 2025-26 & 2026-27 only. Thereafter, admissions will be strictly regulated as per NEP, 2020 as given in para (ii) above.

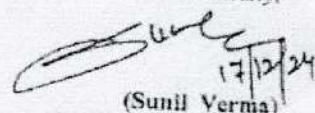
However, to clarify :-

There will be no relaxation if a child of less than 3 years of age has been enrolled in Nursery/Balvatika-1 for the session 2024-25, as the Government had issued direction about age criteria on 16-02-2024 and thus, such a case is violation of Government's directions.

- (iv) From the academic session 2027-28 onwards, the age criteria for admission to Class 1st/ Grade-1 will be 6+ years, as on cut-off date i.e 31st March of respective year.

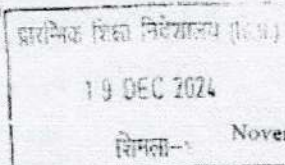
You are, therefore, requested to take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

Yours faithfully,


(Sunil Verma)

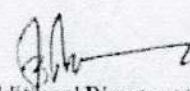
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1. All Dy. Directors of Elementary Education in HP with direction to bring contents of the approval of the Govt. to the notice of all the Heads of schools/institutions under your control for strict compliance in the matter, please.
2. The Nodal Officer (IT) internal D.E.E. HP with direction to upload the same on the official website of the Department.
3. Guard File.


Additional Director (Admin.)
Dte. Of Ele. Edu. H.P., Shimla-1