INDIAN BANKS' ASSOCIATION MUMBAI

Central Scheme to provide Interest Subsidy for the period of moratorium on Educational Loans taken by students from Economically Weaker Sections from scheduled banks under the Educational Loan Scheme of the Indian Banks' Association to pursue Technical/Professional Education studies in India.

Introduction

One of the major concerns of the Government is to ensure that nobody is denied Professional education because he or she is poor. The Indian Banks' Association (IBA) had formulated a comprehensive model educational loan scheme for adoption by all Banks aimed at providing financial support from the banking system to deserving/meritorious students for pursuing higher education in India and abroad.

Objective of the Scheme

The Government of India has now approved a scheme to provide full interest subsidy during the period of moratorium i.e., Course Period plus one year or six months after getting job, whichever is earlier, on loans taken by students belonging to Economically Weaker Sections from scheduled banks under the Educational Loan scheme of the Indian Banks' Association, for pursuing any of the approved courses of studies in technical and professional streams, from recognised institutions in India. The nomenclature of the Scheme would be "Central Scheme to provide Interest Subsidy (CSIS) for the period of moratorium on Educational Loans taken by students from Economically Weaker Sections from scheduled banks under the Educational Loan Scheme of the Indian Banks' Association to pursue Technical/Professional Education studies in India".

Applicability of the Scheme

The Scheme could be adopted by all scheduled Banks and would be applicable only for studies in recognised Technical/Professional Courses in India. The interest subsidy shall be linked with the existing Educational Loan Scheme of IBA and restricted to students enrolled in recognised Technical/Professional Courses (after Class XII) in India in Educational Institutions established by Acts of Parliament, other Institutions recognised by the concerned Statutory Bodies, Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) and other Institutions set up by the Central/State Government.

Interest Rates

The interest rates charged on the educational loan shall be as per the BPLR/Base Rate of the individual banks and as per the provisions for interest rates under the IBA Model Educational Loan Scheme.

Moratorium Period

Under the Central Scheme, the interest payable by the student belonging to EWS for availing of the Educational Loan for Technical/Professional Courses in India for the period of moratorium i.e., Course Period plus one year or six months after getting job, whichever is earlier, as prescribed under the Educational Loan Scheme for the Indian Banks' Association, shall be borne by the Government of India. After the period of moratorium is over, the interest on the outstanding loan amount shall be paid by the student, in accordance with the provisions of the existing Educational Loan Scheme of Banks and as may be amended from time to time, whichever is earlier.

Income Limit/Proof

The benefits of the Scheme would be applicable to those student belonging to economically weaker sections, with an annual gross parental/family income upper limit of Rs. 4.5 lacs per year (from all sources). Income proof shall be required from the students from such public authorities which are authorised by the State Governments for certification of income status for this Scheme, including Central and State Sector Schemes. The present scheme is intended to cater to the needs of students belonging to economically weaker sections with prescribed upper parental gross income limit of the family from all sources, which is based on economic index and not on social background. The scheme is independent of any other schemes which may cater to EWS.

Competent Authority

The Ministry of HRD, Government of India shall issue an Advisory to all the State Governments requesting them to designate appropriate authority or authorities who are competent to issue income certificates, based on economic index and not social background, for the purpose of this scheme.

The Banks shall implement the Scheme based on the notification of the certification authority by State Governments communicated through District Level Consultative Committees (DLCCs).

Eligibility for Interest Subsidy

The interest subsidy under the Scheme shall be available to the eligible students only once, either for the first undergraduate degree course or the post graduate degrees/diplomas in India. Interest Subsidy shall, however, be admissible for integrated courses (graduate + post graduate).

Interest Subsidy under this Scheme shall not be available for those students once they discontinue the course midstream, or who are expelled from the Institutions on disciplinary or academic grounds. However, the interest subsidy will be available only if the discontinuation was due to medical grounds for which necessary documentation to the satisfaction of the Head of educational institution will have to be given.

Awards/Certificates

There would be tag/marker on the degree of the student indicating his repayment liabilities. Electronic Tags will enable employers to identify loanees.

(The Ministry of HRD has initiated the proposal to dematerialize the educational awards/certificates, setting up of Depository for maintaining the records in dematerialized form and providing service to the users. Banks can have online access for verification process, which would eliminate fraudulent practices like forging of certificates and marks sheets.)

Similar Schemes

The National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) has an Educational Loan Scheme for individual beneficiaries, which is implemented through State Channelizing Agencies (SCAs). The National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC). National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC), National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSCFDC), and the National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC), under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment also provide educational loan to the students of the target group for higher education. Interest on Education Loan provided under the educational loan schemes of these four corporations, if the loans are for pursuing professional courses after XII class, shall also be subsidized for the period of moratorium as per the terms and conditions of this Scheme. The interest charged by NMDFC, NSKFDC, NBCFDC, NSCFDC and NHFDC are to be paid by Government direct to the respective Corporations.

Nodal Bank

The Scheme shall be implemented through Canara Bank, which is the Nodal Bank for the Ministry of Human Resource Development. Modalities for implementation and monitoring shall be finalised in consultation with the Canara Bank.

Applicable Academic Year

The Scheme shall be applicable from the academic year 2009-10 starting 1st April, 2009. The loan amount taken starting from the Academic Year 2009-10 (irrespective of the date of sanction) shall only be covered under the scheme of interest subsidy. Interest on any amount disbursed for courses starting before the academic year 2009-10 would not be considered for subsidy.

List of Technical/Professional courses

A list of Technical/Professional courses for which the Scheme shall be applicable, shall be brought out by the Ministry of Human Resource Development in consultation with the concerned Ministries/Departments and the Indian Banks' Association and publicized from time to time. As regards list of accredited universities/institutions and recognised professional courses, UGC and AICTE would immediately display the names of such institutions and courses in their websites, which may be accessed for verification purposes. In case of doubt, Banks may approach UGC/AICTE and other councils for clarification, for which UGC/AICTE and other councils would be requested to create Cells and identify Nodal officers whom banks can approach for relevant information.

Monitoring

A monitoring mechanism shall be evolved by the Ministry of HRD to monitor the benefits accruing to different categories of loanees, such as Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Minorities, Disabled, etc.

Disbursement of Interest Subsidy claims

The disbursement of interest subsidy claims to the Banks shall be on half yearly or yearly basis, as decided by the Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India.

Interest Concession

Under the IBA Scheme, 1% interest concession is provided for the loanees if the interest is serviced during the period when repayment holiday is specified for interest/repayment under the scheme. This 1% interest concession would be extended under the Central Scheme of Interest Subsidy, provided the Government of India disburses interest subsidy claims to the Banks on half-yearly or yearly basis.

Claims by RRBs

RRBS should submit their claim directly to Canara Bank, the nodal bank and not to route it through the sponsor bank.

Audit

Statutory Audit of the Accounts coinciding with the Annual Statutory Audit of the Bank should be conducted once a year.

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Certificate and Undertaking

- 1. Certified that interest subsidy (reimbursement) claim/(s) submitted by us is/are in respect of the Student/(s) who is/are eligible under the Interest Subsidy Scheme announced by the Government of India.
- 2. Certified further that we have verified and are satisfied about the genuineness and correctness of the interest subsidy claim/(s) submitted by us and the same is/are correct, accurate and genuine and is/are as per the Interest Subsidy Scheme announced by the Government of India.
- 3. We further agree and undertake to remit any amount received from Canara Bank in excess of our claim/amount reimbursed by Government of India to Canara Bank. Further, we authorise Canara Bank to return the amount received from the Government against our claim/s and held by Canara Bank, if the Government requests for such refund for whatever reason.
- 4. Certified that we have exercised due diligence in furnishing the information in the reporting Format to claim the reimbursement of the interest subsidy from Government of India.

Holli Government of India.	
Name:	
Designation:	

Signature & Official Seal of Authorised Signatory

Date:

AGREEMENT

(To be stamped as an Agreement)

(Between the Student and the Branch of the Bank)

Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Student's Loan for Professional Education in India made aton thisday ofin the year				
BETWEEN				
Sri/Smt(Parent/Guardian) S/o D/oagedYears, residing at				
AND				
Sri/Smt(Student) S/o D/Oaged				
Parent and Student hereinafter jointly called the Borrowers and individually as Borrower of the FIRST PART (which term wherever the context so requires or admits shall also include his/her/their heirs, executors and assigns).				
AND				
Bank, a body corporate constituted under the Banking Companies [Acquisition & Transfer of Undertakings] Act, 1970 having its Head Office at and having among other Offices, a branch office at represented by their duly constituted attorney Sri/smt hereinafter called the 'Bank' (which expression wherever the context so requires or admits shall also include its Attorneys, Administrators, Successors and Assigns) of the OTHER PART.				
Borrowers and Bank shall be individually referred to herein as a 'Party' and collectively as 'Parties'				
WHEREAS				
1. The Borrowers availed/intend to avail Educational Loan from the Bank and the Bank sanctioned/agreed to sanction Rs(Rupees) for pursuing technical/professional education in India. The Borrowers in consideration of the said sanction/promise has executed/shall execute the Educational Loan Agreement, besides such other agreement/s or security/ies as per the Model Educational Loan Scheme.				

- 2. Integrated Finance Division, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India (MoHRD) has come out with a Central Sector Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Students' Loan for Technical/Professional Education in India (hereinafter called the Interest Subsidy Scheme) to provide interest subsidy on the education loans availed by students having lower than a specified parental income as decided by the MoHRD in the said Scheme for pursuing professional education in India, during their study/ repayment holiday, from the Academic Year 2009-2010,
- 3. The Borrowers represented that they are eligible for interest subsidy under the said Interest Subsidy Scheme and requested the Bank to grant such benefit to them.
- 4. Based on the documents submitted by the Borrowers, the Bank agreed to extend the benefit under the said Interest Subsidy Scheme to the Borrowers and the parties hereto desire to enter into an agreement setting out the terms and conditions as hereinafter appearing, in addition to the loan/security documents executed/to be executed by the Borrower/s.

IT IS HEREBY AGREED AND DECLARED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES AND THIS DEED WITNESSETH AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The borrowers hereby covenant:
- a) That they have read and understood the Interest Subsidy Scheme of the MoHRD which is enclosed as part of this Agreement and declare and affirm that they are eligible under the said Scheme and are eligible for the interest subsidy as per the said Scheme.
- b) That they shall produce all proof and documents or any other further/ supporting documents as required by the Bank/ MoHRD.
- c) That all the clauses contained in the Educational Loan Agreement or any other documents executed by them shall be binding on them and this is in addition to the covenants/ clauses contained in the said Agreement/documents.
- d) That they shall return/ refund the amount received towards interest subsidy under the Scheme, with applicable rate of interest then prevailing, forthwith on a mere demand by the Bank under the following circumstances:
- i) if MoHRD rejects the interest subsidy claim in respect of their Educational Loan Account for whatever reason; or
- ii) if it is found that the subsidy has been claimed by misrepresentation/ fraud;or
- iii) if Borrower/s fail/s to furnish the documents/information, which they are called upon to furnish; or
- iv) if Borrowers commit breach of any of the covenants herein contained or of the terms and conditions of the Scheme as amended from time to time or any of the declarations made herein is found false/ incorrect; or

- v) if Borrowers commit breach of any of the covenants contained in the Educational Loan Agreement or any other documents/s executed by the Borrower/s; or
- vi) if the Borrower/s discontinue the said professional education in India; or
- vii) Any other reason by which the Bank recalls the said Educational Loan.

The repayment holiday/other eligibility as is available under the Model Educational Loan Scheme shall not be eligible for the subsidy.

The Bank shall also have the right to recall the loan, if the said refund id not made within the period stipulated by the Bank in its demand, besides the right not to claim further reimbursement from the MoHRD.

- e) That they shall directly take up with MoHRD, in case of rejection of their interest subsidy claim submitted by the Bank and the Bank shall not be made a party to the same. Borrowers shall, on receipt of such intimation from the Bank/MoHRD, submit further clarification/documents, if any, required by the MoHRD directly to MoHRD.
- f) That they shall comply with and faithfully observe all the terms and conditions of the said Interest Subsidy Scheme and also all the subsequent amendments and modifications and additions thereto together with the conditions of the sanction of the said Educational Loan.

That they shall bear all expenses required in connection with the execution of the Agreement or enforcement of its terms and conditions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF BORROWERS and the BANK have hereunto set their respective hands on the day and place mentioned above.

BORROWERS:		FOR BANK	
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Format of Letter to be obtained from other Banks

Ref: 2008

The General Manager Canara Bank HO: Bangalore

Dear Sir.

Sub: Central Sector Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Students' Loan for Professional Education in India by the Ministry of Human Resources, Government of India.

We note that Integrated Finance Division, Higher Education Bureau, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resources Development, Government of India (Government) has come out with the subject Scheme to provide interest subsidy on the education loans availed by students having lower than a specified parental income for pursuing professional education in India, during their study/repayment holiday, from the Academic Year 2009-2010 and Canara Bank has been designated as the facilitator for the purpose of smooth implementation of the Scheme to the borrower Students coming under the purview of the Scheme.

We understand that Canara Bank shall be a mere facilitator between the Government and other Banks eligible under the Scheme and the role of Canara Bank is to forward the interest subsidy claims submitted to it by various Banks coming within the purview of the said Scheme after its consolidation and distribute the reimbursement proceeds as allowed by the Government to the concerned Banks. We note that Canara Bank will be distributing the amount only and only if the Government reimburses the interest subsidy against the claim/s made by the Bank.

We also know that the entire responsibility in respect of submission, verification of genuineness/authenticity of the interest subsidy claim of the Borrower/s and confirmation of his/her/their eligibility is on us. Under normal circumstances, we shall not make Canara Bank a party to the dispute, if any, between the student and our Bank or between the Government and our Bank or between the Government and the Student.

We shall submit the interest subsidy claim/s as prescribed under the Scheme on an ongoing basis.

If the Government demands refund of the amount reimbursed under the said Scheme and received by us towards one or more of the Educational Loan accounts, we shall directly remit the amount to the Government without implicating Canara Bank. However, if Canara Bank refunds to the Government in any circumstances we shall remit the said amount to Canara Bank immediately on demand. In case we fail to remit the said amount within

the stipulated time as demanded, Canara Bank is entitled to recover the same from the amount to be distributed to us towards interest subsidy claims in the subsequent periods. Further, we have no objection in Canara Bank returning the amount of reimbursement received from the Government, before its distribution, on Government's specific request.

We shall exercise due diligence in identifying the eligible borrowers and submission of claim.

Hence, we request you to receive the interest subsidy claim/s of our Bank on an ongoing basis and forward the same to the Government and distribute the amount reimbursed by the Government towards our claim.

Yours faithfully,

1.: final certificate and undertaking.

List of Central Institutes of Hotel Management and Catering Technology, State Institutes of Hotel Management and Catering Technology, Food Craft Institutes and Indian Institutes of Tourism and Travel Management which are administered by the Ministry of Tourism and are also eligible for Interest Subsidy Scheme on Education loans.

Central IHMs:

- Institute of Hotel Management, CT & AN S.J. Polytechnic Campus Bangalore-560001 Karnataka
- Institute of Hotel Management, CT & AN 1100 Quarters
 Bhopal-462016
 Madhya Pradesh
- Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition Veer Surendra, Sai Nagar Bhubaneswar-751007 Orissa
- Dr. Ambedkar Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technolocy & Applied Nutrition Sector 42-D Chandigarh-160036
- 5. Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition CIT Campus, Tharamani, Chennai-600113
- 6. Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition Bhaijipura Patia
 Head PO Adalaj, Kudasan
 Gandhinagar-382421
 Gujarat
- 7. Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technolocy & Applied Nutrition P.O. Alto Porvorim
 Bardez, Goa-403521

8. Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition Village: Bariar, G.T. Road Gurdaspur-143521 Punjab

 Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition VIP Road, Upper Hengrabari, Barbari, Guwahati-781036 Assam

 Institute of Hotel Management, CT & AN Airport Road, Maharajapura Gwalior-474020 Madhya Pradesh

11. Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition Near Ramashish Chowk PO Industrial Estate Hajipur-844001 Bihar

 Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition F-Row, Durgabai Deshmukh Colony Vidyanagar Hyderabad-500007

13. Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technolocy & Applied Nutrition Bank Park, Sikar Road Jaipur-302016 Rajasthan

14. Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition P-16, Taratala Road Kolkata-700088 West Bengal

15. Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition Sector 'G', Aliganj
Lucknow-226024
Uttar Pradesh

 Institute of Hotel Management, CT & AN Veer Sawarkar Marg, Dadar Mumbai-400028 Maharashtra

 Institute of Hotel Management, CT & AN Library Avenue, Pusa New Delhi-110012 Institute of Hotel Management, CT & AN Lumpyngad, Bishop Cotton Road, Shillong-783001 Meghalaya

 Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition Kufri, Shimla-171012
 Himachal Pradesh

 Institute of Hotel Management, Catgering Technology & Applied Nutrition Rajbagh Srinagar-190008

21. Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition G.V. Raja Road, Kovalam Thiruvananthapuram-695527 Kerala

STATE IHMs

22. Institute of Hotel Management, CT & AN Badkal Chowk Faridabad-121001 Haryana

23. Institute of Hotel Management, CT & AN Sector 42-D Chandigarh-160036

24. Institute of Hotel Management Garhi Cantt., Near ONGC Helipad Dehradun-248001 Uttranchal

25. Delhi Institute of Hotel Management, CT & AN Behind Lady Shri Ram College Lajpat Nagar-IV, New Delhi-110 024

26. Institute of Hotel Management, CT & AN Dara Gaon, Tadong Gangtok-737102 Sikkim

27. State Institute of Hotel Management, CT & AN Govt. Polytechnic, Residency Road Jodhpur-342001 Rajasthan

28. Institute of Hotel Management, CT & AN Jyotisar, Near Kalpana Chawla Planetarium,

Kurukshetra Haryana

- Institute of Hotel Management, CT & AN West Hills, Kozikhode Kerala
- 30. Institute of Hotel Management, CT & AN UT of Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Silvassa-396230
- Institute of Hotel Management, CT & AN Kufri,
 Shimla-171012
- 32. Institute of Hotel Management, CT & AN Thuvakkudi, Trichirappalli-15
- 33. Institute of Hotel Management CT & AN Industrial Growth Centre, Mansa Road Bathinda Punjab-151001

Addresses of Food Craft Institutes (FCIs)

- Food Craft Institute
 Opp. Community Centre,
 Govardhan Vilas, Sector 14,
 Udaipur-313004 Rajasthan
- 2. Food Craft Institute, Anasagar Circular Road Post RCE, Ajmer-305001 Rajasthan
- Food Craft Institute, District Tourism Centre Titilagarh Road Balangir-767001 Orissa
- Food Craft Institute, Lewis Jubilee Sanatorium, Darjeeling-160036 West Bengal
- 5. Food Craft Institute, Aligarh Muslim University Campus Aligarh-202002, Uttar Pradesh
- 6. Food Craft Institute
 Ram Colony Camp, Chandigarh Road
 Hoshiarpur-146001

7. Food Craft Institute Samaguri, Nawgaon

Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management (IITTM)

- Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management (IITTM)
 Parthasarathi Nagar, N.C. Factory (BO) Muthukur Road
 Nellore, A.P.524004
- Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management (IITTM)
 Govindpuri,
 Gwalior-474011 (M.P.)
- Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management (IITTM) 3rd and 4th Floors, New Block,
 IHM Campus, Pusa Road New
 Delhi-110 012.
- Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management (IITTM)
 Dumduma
 Bhubaneswar-751009 (Orissa)
- 5. Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management (IITTM)
 Goa

INCOME CERTIFICATE ISSUING AUTHORITY IN VARIOUS STATES/ UNION TERRITORIES AS ON JANUARY 2014

S. N.	State/ Union Territory	Income Certificate Issuing Authority
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	Tahsildar
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Tahsildar
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	District Magistrate & Collector
4.	Assam	Revenue Circle Officers
5.	Bihar	Circle Officer of Circle Office
6.	Chandigarh	Sub Divisional Magistrate
7.	Chattisgarh	Naib Tahsildar
8.	Daman & Diu &	Mamlatdar, Daman and Mamlatdar, Diu
	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	
9.	Delhi	SDM of Govt. of NCT of Delhi
10.	Goa	Mamlatdar of all Talukas
11.	Gujarat	District Collector/ Deputy Collector/ Asstt. Collector/ Prant Officer/ Mamlatdar
12.	Haryana	CRO (Tehsildar/ Naib Tehsildar concerned)
13.	Himachal Pradesh	Tahsildar of Revenue Department
14.	Jammu & Kashmir	Sub-Divisional Magistrate (not below the rank of Tahsildar)
15.	Jharkhand	Sub-Divisional Officer in each District
16.	Karnataka	Tahsildar
17.	Kerala	Village Officer
18.	Lakshadweep	Deputy Collectors in Agatti and Minicoy and SDOs in the remaining Islands
19.	Madhya Pradesh	Tahsildars/ Naib Tahsildars
20.	Maharashtra	Tahsildar
21.	Manipur	District Authorities i/c DC/ ADC/ SDO
	•	(not below the rank of SDO/SDM)
22.	Meghalaya	Employer in case of Govt. employee and by the MP/MLA/DC/SDO Civil in case of others.
23.	Mizoram	District Magistrate or any other Officer authorized by District Megistrate.
24.	Nagaland	Dy. Commissioners, Addl. Dy. Commissioners and Sub- Divisional Officers (C)
25.	Odisha	Revenue Officers
26.	Punjab	CRO (Tahsildar/ Naib Tahsildar concerned)
27.	Pondicherry	Tahsildar, Deputy Tahsildar
28.	Rajasthan	Tahsildar
29.	Sikkim	Special Executive Magistrate (Block Development Officers,
		Rural Management & Development Deptt.)
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S.	State/ Union	Income Certificate Issuing Authority
N.	Territory	
30.	Tamil Nadu	Zonal Deputy Tahsildar
31.	Tripura	Deputy Commissioner of respective Districts
32.	Uttar Pradesh	Tahsildar
33.	Uttaranchal	Tahsildar/SDM/City Magistrate
34.	West Bengal	Dist. Magistrate or Add. Dist. District Level Magistrate
		2 Sub-Divisional Officer of the concerned Sub-Divisional Level
		3 Block Development Officer Block Level of the concerned Block
		4 The Collector, Kolkata Kolkata Municipal Corpn
		5 The Collector, Kolkata Students residing within civil jurisdiction of Hon'ble High Court, Kolkata
		Other areas covered in Kolkata Police are concerned i.e., areas over which Collector, Kolkata does not exercise jurisdiction – Concerned District Magistrate of any other Officer authorized by the District Magistrate of the respective Districts, i.e., South 24 Paraganas and North 24 Paraganas.

^{*} In the remaining States/ Union Territories, the Income Certificate issuing authority/ies are yet to be designated.