## DIRECTORATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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## PRESS RELEASE

The Central Government has decided to open the National Scholarship Portal (NSP2.0) on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017 for applying online for student Applications of 2017-18 under the Post Matric, Merit-Cum-Mean, Scholarship for Minority students and Post Matric scholarship for students with Disabilities. A student can apply through www.scholarship.gov.in and link also made available in the website www.minorityaffairs.gov.in. The Post Matric, Merit-Cum-Means and Scholarship for Minority students and Post Matric scholarship for students with Disabilities, Scholarship Schemes are available on the National Scholarship Portal (NSP2.0)

The tentative timeline activities for the year 2017-18 for fresh and renewal of scholarship in respect of Post Matric, Merit-Cum-Means and Post Matric scholarship for students with Disabilities to the given to States/UTs at present are the under:-

(a) Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme:-Timeline (for Fresh & Renewal Scholarship):

Sr. No	Activities	Date
I	Submission of Online application for Fresh scholarship by students	1st June to 31st August,2017
2	Submission of Online application for Renewal scholarship by students	1st June to 31st July,2017

(b) Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Scheme:-Timeline (for Fresh & Renewal Scholarship):

Sr. No	Activities	Date
I	Submission of Online application for Fresh scholarship by students	1st June to 31st August,2017
2	Submission of Online application for Renewal scholarship by students	1st June to 31st July,2017

(c) Post -Matric Scholarship for Student with Disabilities:

Sr. No	Activities	Date
1	Submission of Online application for Fresh /Renewal scholarship by students	1st June to 31st October,2017

All Universities / Institutions / Colleges /Schools are directed to register themselves and their course details on the NSP Portal during this period so that they can verify the applications of their students on the Portal without any delay. Also invite attention of the students to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) available on the NSP Portal homepage of the website for filling up of online Application. The linkage of beneficiary's identification with UID/Aadhaar number is presently non-mandatory. However, as the Gazette Notification under Section-7 of Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016(18 of 2016) (with while applying for the scholarship and it will be necessary for the eligible applicants to provide Aadhaar number of alterative identification documents, (If, the total calculated scholarship amount of any students is stands below submit the copy of the Documents in the concerned School / College / Institute. The Institution should keep in record all the Documents of the student for Audit purpose.

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