

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION
SCERT Punjab

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Admission Notice for 2 YEARS'
D.El.Ed. DIPLOMA COURSE
(Session 2026-28)

Admission to two years' Diploma in Elementary Education (D.El.Ed.) Course Session 2026-28 Government and Private affiliated institutions as per National Council for Teachers Education (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations 2014 through combined Entrance Test and combined merit, based on the result of the Entrance Test is to be undertaken by State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Vidya Bhawan, School Education Board, Block-E, 6th Floor, Mohali-160062. This admission process is being conducted in accordance with NCTE Regulations, 2014 and Punjab Government Policy dated 23.04.2012

ACADEMIC SESSION

The Academic Session 2026-28 will commence from September-2026

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION

- A Candidates should have passed Graduation with minimum 50% marks in case Of general category and 45% marks in the case of Scheduled Castes / Backward Classes and Physically Handicapped candidates from a recognized institution.
- B Candidates must have passed Punjabi upto Matric level/ standard.
- C To ensure high quality standards, candidate must have passed in the subjects- English, Hindi, Punjabi, Science, Social Studies and Mathematics in Class X Examination .

AGE LIMIT

Maximum age limit as on date of application for admission to the course for General Category candidate will be 37 years' (Government of Punjab Notification Department of personnel No.G.S.R.20/Const./Art.309/Amd.(10)/2010 dated 24/05/2010) , Five years' of relaxation to SC/ST candidates and 10 years' of relaxion for Physically Handicapped candidates.

RESIDENTIAL STATUS

The candidate must be resident of Punjab state .

DURATION

- A. The D.El.Ed. Programme shall be of duration of two academic years; however, the students shall be permitted to complete the programme within a maximum period of three years from the date of commencement of the programme.

- B. Only passed candidate in D.El.Ed Ist year can proceed for D.El.Ed second year .
- C. If first year is not cleared or candidate did not appear in first year exam what so ever the circumstances , the candidate will not be allowed to get admission in D.El.Ed second year and if the candidate did not appear in second year exam or failed in second year what so ever the reason he or she have to repeat the entire academic year by re-enrolling in the second year

WORKING DAYS

- A. There shall be at least two hundred working days each year, exclusive of the period of examination and admission process.
- B. Institutions shall work for a minimum of 36 hours in a week (Five days in week), during which physical presence of all the teachers and student teachers is necessary in the institution to ensure the availability for advice, guidance, dialogue and consultation as and when needed.
- C. The minimum attendance of student teacher shall be 80% for all course work including practicum and 90% for school internship.
- D. The course shall have 4 weeks and 16 weeks of school internship in the first and second year respectively. Student has to complete his/her school internship (Teaching Practice) in same district where parent institute is situated.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Selection of the candidates will be done on the basis of merit in the Entrance Test. The minimum marks to qualify this Entrance Test will be 50% in aggregate and 5% relaxation to qualify Entrance test will be given to the reserve categories (Scheduled Castes/ Backward Classes and Physically Handicapped) as per the guidelines of the Government of Punjab. The Entrance Test will be conducted by SCERT Punjab. The date of Entrance Test, syllabus and structure of the Entrance Test will be uploaded on the website of the Department.

RESERVATION

Category wise reservation of counselling quota seats as per policy of states will be as follows

S.No.	Category	Reservation
1	General	39%
2	BC	10%
3	SC (R & O)	10%
4	SC (M & B)	10%
5	General Ex-serviceman	7%
6	BC Ex-serviceman	2%
7	SC Ex-serviceman	4%
8	General Freedom Fighter	1%
9	General Sports	2%
10	SC Sports	1%
11	Physically handicapped	4%
12	Economically Weaker Section	10%
TOTAL		100

TIE

In case of a tie in merit of Entrance Test, preference will be given to candidate having higher marks in graduation. In case of further tie of such candidates, preference will be given to candidate having higher marks in 10+2 and if again tie preference will be given to candidate who will be older in age .

ONLINE APPLICATION & PROCESSING FEE

Rs. 1250/- (Including GST) for General Category/ BC/ O.B.C./Freedom Fighter/Sports/EWS etc.

Rs. 650/- (Including GST) for SC/ ST / Handicapped Category

No Fee for Ex- Serviceman (Self)

COUNSELING, SCRUTINY AND VERIFICATION

Online counselling will be held for admission for the academic session 2026-28 Director, SCERT, Punjab shall supervise the whole counselling/admission process ,as per Punjab Government Policy dated 23.04.2012 and NCTE Regulations, 2014 .For every district a committee shall be formed under the Principal of concerned DIET; consisting of lecturer of that DIET and District MIS Co-ordinator. This committee will ensure smooth completion of counselling process and shall scrutinize the documents of the candidates who are provisionally allotted their institute through online centralized counselling.

FILLING OF D.El.Ed. SEATS IN PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS

60% of seats in private institutions will be filled on the basis of combined merit of Entrance Test through centralized online counselling by the SCERT, remaining 40% of seats of management quota of private institutions as per Punjab Government Policy dated 23.04.2012. All admissions under both quotas shall be strictly based on eligibility criteria prescribed by SCERT Punjab based upon the following criteria. However

- 1 The minimum marks to qualify this Entrance Test will be 50% in aggregate and 5% relaxation to qualify Entrance test will be given to the reserve categories (Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes / Backward Classes and Physically Handicapped).
- 2 Candidates should have passed Graduation with minimum 50% marks in case of general category and 45% marks in the case of Scheduled Castes/Backward Classes and Physically Handicapped candidates from a recognized institution.
- 4 Information regarding the filled seats of management quota will provide by the Self Financed colleges to SCERT through online and offline mode within given time limit .No admission will be considered after the last date given by department.
- 5 In case above mentioned 60% of seats in private institutions are not filled in all centralized merit based counselling conducted by SCERT, the vacant seats of the concerned private institute will be allowed to be filled up by the private institutions themselves as per merit of entrance examination and all other conditions framed for admission to D.El.Ed session 2026-28 course including reservation policy mentioned in notification .
- 6 All seats under counselling as well as management quota shall be filled strictly from among the candidates who have qualified the entrance test conducted by SCERT

FEES

The District Institute of Education and Training (DIETs) and Private Self-Financed D.El.Ed. institutions will charge fees as determined by the fee fixation committee and approved by the Department of School Education, Govt. of Punjab.

S.No	Institute Type	Management quota fee per year (in Rs.)	Counselling quota fee per year (in Rs.)
1.	Private Self Financed colleges	44000	40000
2.	District Institute of Education and Training (DIET)	N/A	8500

MIGRATION POLICY

For admission in D.El.Ed. course in Punjab, applications shall be sought online from candidates and the counselling shall also be done online. Seats are allotted in various DIETs on the basis of merit in combined Entrance Test. A migration policy has been framed to rationalize this process:-

- This policy has been made keeping in view the need to implement the regular migration policy of the department to ensure opportunity to the trainees in Punjab DIETs to get educational facilities near their homes
- Under this policy, the trainees studying in self-financed (private) colleges affiliated with S.C.E.R.T. will not be entitled to migration.
- Under this policy, only the trainees of first year in D.El.Ed. course will be eligible for migration. The trainees of second year in D.El.Ed. course will **not** be eligible for migration.
- This policy will apply on mutual and single migration cases.
- Single migration will be done purely on merit basis against the vacant seats. In case the number of applications in a category are more, migration will be done according to the merit.
- Describing the available vacant seats in various DIETs, after the admission in the first year for the purpose of migration of the trainees, a public notice will be issued on the website of the department, in which details of category wise vacancies will be reported.
- The trainees who want to get migrated will apply online by 10th of November.
- Migration will be done according to the categories. That is if a general category seat is vacant in DIET then only a general category trainee will be migrated to that seat. The same applies to other categories like SC category trainee is eligible for SC category seat, BC category trainee is eligible for BC category seat, Ex Service man category trainee is eligible for Ex Service man category seat, Freedom Fighter category trainee is eligible for Freedom Fighter category seat, Handicapped category trainee is eligible for Handicapped category seat.
- In mutual migration cases, both trainees will be migrated only after receiving written consent from the concerned heads of the institution. This will also be done category wise.
- The government holds the authority to give preference to the handicapped and trainees suffering from chronic diseases.
- Students with long absence will not be considered for migration.

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There shall be no mid-term filling up of seats caused due to any reason whatsoever.

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FALSE DOCUMENTS

The admission of any candidate found to have obtained on the basis of false, forged, fabricated or tampered document shall be liable to be cancelled at any stage, besides registering a criminal case against him/her and barring him/her for re-admission in D.El.Ed for a period of three years.

In case of any dispute, the final decision will be taken by the Director SCERT.

The names of students remaining continuously absent without any intimation or approval for a period up to 10 days shall be struck off from the rolls of concerned DIET or self-financed college.

ADMISSION IS NO GUARANTEE TO EMPLOYMENT

Admission to government or privately run D.El.Ed. Diploma Course or passing of the said course shall not confer any right to employment upon the recipient of such a diploma in the employment of the state or elsewhere.

Date: 05/05/2026

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Director SCERT
Punjab

Endrs.No. 684716

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A copy is forwarded to the following for information, please:

- PS/ Education Minister, Punjab
- P.S. to Administrative Secretary School Education, Punjab, Chandigarh.
- Director General School Education, Punjab.
- Additional Secretary School Education, Punjab, Chandigarh.
- Director School Education (Secondary), Punjab, Mohali.
- Director School Education (Elementary), Punjab, Mohali.
- OSD (Litigation) School Education Punjab.
- All District Education Officers (SE/EE), Punjab.
- All Principals of DIETs and Private Self Financed Colleges (D.El.Ed)


Assistant Director (Affiliation)
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