

# EWS Certificate Eligibility

The Government of India 2019 introduced a 10% reservation for the economically weaker section belonging to the general category in educational institutes and government jobs. This reservation exists in addition to the 50% mandatory reservation for the OBC/SC/ST categories.

Aspiring students and job seekers from the general category can enjoy reservation benefits if they obtain the EWS Certificate. However, there are EWS criteria that candidates should meet to assert the reservation under the EWS quota.

## Reservation Percentage for EWS Certificate

The latest reservation percentage persisting in the country for different categories are given below:

| Categories  | EWS Reservation Percentage |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| OBC         | 27%                        |
| ST          | 7.50%                      |
| General-EWS | 10%                        |
| SC          | 15%                        |
| Unreserved  | 40.60%                     |

## EWS Eligibility Criteria to Claim Quota

The economically weaker section certificate is offered to those candidates by the Indian Government who satisfy the below-mentioned conditions.

These individuals are capable of claiming reservations under the new category. The basic EWS certificate eligibility requirements related to nationality, properties owned, family income, etc., are listed below.

| EWS Criteria | Requirements |
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| Residential Property | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If an individual buys a residential property, it should be below 100 square yards in a declared municipality sector &amp; less than 200 yards in a non-metropolis sector.</li> <li>The area or measurement of the residential flat should be below 1000 square feet.</li> </ul> |
| Nationality          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aspirants should be a citizen of India.</li> </ul>  |
| Family Income        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The family members' revenue must include everyone's payment sources from business, farming, private job, etc.</li> <li>The family's yearly earnings should be below ₹8 lakhs.</li> </ul>  |
| Agricultural Land    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The area should be held by the aspirant privately and not offered for rent to another individual.</li> <li>If the agriculturalist privately possesses the land, it must not exceed 5 acres.</li> </ul>  |
| General Category     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The candidate must belong to the general category and doesn't carry any other caste.</li> <li>The EWS reservation is only for general category candidates.</li> </ul>   |

#### Meaning of 'Family' as per EWS Certificate Eligibility:

- Depicts the person seeking the reservation.
- Their parents.
- Their siblings are below 18 years of age.
- Their partner and kids are below 18 years of age.

## How to Apply for EWS Certificate 2022?

The state decides which medium they are suitable for receiving EWS applications from two methods - offline or online. The overall steps for each process are listed below:

#### Offline method:

- Candidates can opt for the offline method as the application format is similar across the country provided by the Indian Government.
- Aspirants should carefully note all the essential points in the application form.
- Candidates only get one chance to submit the application form.
- Authorities even guide the students about the proper procedure to fill out the EWS reservation form if their details do not match the EWS certificate eligibility.

#### Online method:

- Visit the state's official website, which accepts application forms online.
- Search for 'Income Certificate' and select it.
- Enter the detailed information asked for on the registration form.
- Click on the 'Submit' option.
- Candidates will get an interim application or registration number on their contact number.
- Now, they can enter their login credentials.
- Applicants are required to fill the vacant boxes in the application form.

- The next step is to upload the scanned documents files in a specific format.
- The final step is to pay the fee through BHIM UPI, Credit Card/Debit Card, Internet Banking, or choose any suitable option.
- Finally, download the application & e-payment receipt on the device or take its printout.

## Advantages of Issuing EWS Certificate

The benefits of the EWS Certificate are numerous, and only candidates with legitimate Income & Asset Certificates receive the advantages of the certificate. Those individuals who fulfill the EWS Certificate Eligibility can avail the listed benefits.

- Central universities obey the EWS reservation process and give aspirants seats in the EWS category.
- The candidate can also have sponsorship on the schemes provided by the State and Central governments for the welfare of the residents.
- The candidates can ask for their rights on multiple government schemes.
- The reservation also offers monetary assistance to the EWS category who are in need.

