



MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, KERALA

Abstract

Concessions granted to Persons With Disabilities in the University examinations - Complying with the Judgement passed by the Hon'ble Court of State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Kerala- Consolidation of various orders and circulars - Modifications - Approved - Orders issued.

ACADEMIC A 1 SECTION

No. 7396/AC A 1/2022/MGU

Priyadarsini Hills, Dated: 11.07.2022

Read:-1.Judgement in OP(RPWD)No. 3892/S3/2021 Dated. 24.12.2021 passed by the Hon'ble Court of State Commissioner for Persons With Disabilities, Kerala

2.U.O No.1703/ACA1/2022/MGU Dated.18.02.2022

3.U.O No.4143/ACA1/2022/MGU Dated.21.04.2022

4.U.O No.4106/ACA1/2022/MGU Dated.21.04.2022

5.Item no. O.A 73/22.04 of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Syndicate held on 18.06.2022

6.Item no. O.A 74/22.04 of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Syndicate held on 18.06.2022

7.Item no. O.A 75/22.04 of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Syndicate held on 18.06.2022

8.U.O No.5274/01/Ac AVIII/2016 Dated, 29.09.2016

9.U.O No.2374/ACA1/2021/MGU Dated. 11.05.2021

ORDER

The Hon'ble Court of State Commissioner for Persons With Disabilities, Kerala vide its Judgement read as (1) above has directed the University to extend forthwith the practice of granting grace marks/bonus marks to students belonging to all 21 categories of disabilities as per the schedule of the RPWD Act 2016 in the University examinations. The categories are enlisted in **Table I below.**

In order to comply with the Judgement, the University has appointed a Commission to study and report on the matter of granting grace marks vide paper read as (4) above. The Commission studied the matter in detail and submitted a report. The Syndicate held on 18.06.2022 has resolved to approve the report vide paper read as (7) above. The details regarding grace mark distribution as per the report are shown in **Table II A, II B,III,IV,V & VI below.**

The University has appointed another Commission for a detailed study regarding concessions to be granted to differently abled candidates in the University examinations and also the modifications to be effected in the previous orders, 3278/P&DII/2/2009/Adm dated. 01/07/2010 & 2374/ACA1/2021/MGU dated. 11.05.2021 vide paper read as (2) & (3) above. The recommendations of the Commission are detailed below.

- The concession of exemption from writing second language may be granted to Specific Learning Disability category (Dyslexia, Disgraphia, Dyscalculia, Dyspraxia, Developmental Aphasia), Autism Spectrum Disorder and Mental Retardation. The above categories are included under Intellectual Disability in table I. The University Order 3278/P&DII/2/2009/Adm dated. 01/07/2010 has to be modified by incorporating the said benefit. Individual orders are no longer required for granting the benefit.
- The U.O No.2374/ACA1/2021/MGU dated.11.05.2021 has to be modified by incorporating all the above matters.

The Syndicate held on 18.06.2022 has resolved to approve the report vide paper read as (5) & (6) above. The details regarding the concessions in examinations other than grace mark are shown in **Table VII below.**

Table I: The list of 21 categories of disabilities as per the schedule of the RPWD ACT 2016 is given below

SI.No. Differently Abled Category

1. Blindness
2. Low Vision
3. Leprosy Cured Persons
4. Hearing Impair

SI.No.	Differently Abled Category
1.	Blindness
2.	Low Vision
3.	Leprosy Cured Persons
4.	Hearing Impairment(deaf and hard of hearing)
5.	Locomotor Disability
6.	Dwarfism
7.	Intellectual Disability
8.	Mental Illness
9.	Autism Spectrum Disorder
10.	Cerebral Palsy
11.	Muscular Dystrophy
12.	Chronic Neurological conditions
13.	Specific Learning Disabilities
14.	Multiple Sclerosis
15.	Speech and Language disability
16.	Thalassemia
17.	Haemophilia
18.	Sickle Cell disease
19.	Multiple Disabilities including deaf-blindness
20.	Acid attack victims
21.	Parkinson's disease

The detailed list of Grace Marks/Grace Grade Points that can be awarded to the eligible candidates as per table I is given below.

1A. PHYSICAL DISABILITY: Locomotor Disability, Leprosy Cured Persons, Dwarfism, Muscular Dystrophy, Acid attack victims, Cerebral Palsy, Blindness, Low Vision, Speech and Language disability

Table II A (Distribution of Grace Marks/ Grace Grade Points)

SI.No.	Disability in percentage	Percentage of Grace Marks/Grace Grade Points to be awarded
1.	40% to 65%	10% Grace Marks/ 4 Grace Grade Points of maximum marks for all theory exams.
2.	66% to 80%	20% Grace Marks/ 8 Grace Grade Points of maximum marks for all theory exams.
3	81% and above	25% Grace Marks/ 10 Grace Grade Points of maximum marks for all theory exams.

Note 1: Blind candidates having 81% to 100% disability and securing I/II/III places in Sports/Cultural/ Youth Festival activities conducted by Kerala Federation of the Blind at College/University/Inter University Level will be awarded 5% Grace Marks/2 Grace Grade Points. They shall be granted a total of 30 % Grace Marks / 12 Grace Grade Points, including the benefit specified in Table II A

1B. PHYSICAL DISABILITY - Hearing Impairment(Deaf and Hard of Hearing)

Table II B (Distribution of Grace Marks/ Grace Grade Points)

Sl.No. Disability		Percentage of Grace Marks/Grace Grades Points to be awarded		
1		25% Grace Marks/10 Grace Grade Points of maximum marks for all theory exams.		
	Hard of Hearing			
1	Candidates having 40% to 65% disability	10% Grace Marks/ 4 Grace Grade Points of maximum marks for all theory exams.		
2	Candidates having 66% to 80% disability	20% Grace Marks/ 8 Grace Grade Points of maximum marks for all theory exams.		
3	Candidates having 81% and above disability	25% Grace Marks/ 10 Grace Grade Points of maximum marks for all theory exams.		

2.INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY

Table III (Distribution of Grace Marks/ Grace Grade Points)

Specific Learning Disability(Candidates having 40% and above disability)	
 Dyslexia Disgraphia Dyscalculia Dyspraxia Developmental Aphasia 	10% Grace Marks/ 4 Grace Grade Points of maximum marks for all theory exams.
(Candidates having 40% and above disability) • Autism Spectrum Disorder • Mental Retardation	25% Grace Marks/ 10 Grace Grade Points of maximum marks for all theory exams.

3.MENTAL ILLNESS (Mental Behaviour)(Candidates having 40% and above disability)

Grace Marks/Grace Grade Points granted based on the classification in the Medical Certificate from Medical Board(Form VI, RPWD ACT 2016).

Table IV (Distribution of Grace Marks/ Grace Grade Points)

Mild	10% Grace Marks/ 4 Grace Grade Points of maximum marks for all theory exams.
Moderate	15% Grace Marks/ 6 Grace Grade Points of maximum marks for all theory exams.

4.DISABILITY CAUSED DUE TO:

(Chronic Neurological conditions such as -Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's disease Blood disorder such as- Haemophilia, Thalassemia, Sickle Cell disease)

Table V (Distribution of Grace Marks / Grace Grade Points)

(Candidates having	40% and above disability)
Chronic Neurological conditions	
such as,	
Multiple SclerosisParkinson's disease	25% Grace Marks/ 10 Grace Grade Points of maximum marks for
Blood disorder such as,	all theory exams.
HaemophiliaThalassemiaSickle Cell disease	

5.MULTIPLE DISABILITIES INCLUDING DEAF - BLINDNESS

Table VI (Distribution of Grace Marks/ Grace Grade Points)

Candidates having 40% and above disability 25% Grace Marks/ 10 Grace Grade Points

Table VII (Concessions in examinations other than grace marks)

SI No	Specified Disability	Concessions
l	A. Locomotor Disability i) Leprosy cured person.	200
	B.Visual Impairment a (A disability of 40% to 80%) i. Blindness ii. Low vision	 (a) Compensatory time not less than 20 min/hr (b) Service of scribe/ reader/interpreter/ lab assistant. (c) If not availing (a) & (b), additional time of minimum 1hr/ 3hrs duration. (d) Use of computer/ Braille converter
	b.(A disability of 81% to 100%) i. Blindness ii. Low vision	 a) Compensatory time not less than 20 min/hr (b) Service of scribe/interpreter/reader/ lab assistant. (c) If not availing (a) & (b), additional time minimum 1 hr/ 3hrs duration (d)Use of computer/ Braille converter (e) Exemption from the payment of Examination fee for all University Examinations including supplementary and Improvement Examinations

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		b) Service of scribe/interpreter/ reader/ lab assistant.	
		(c) If not availing (a) & (b), additional time	
		minimum	
		1 hr/ 3hrs duration	
		(d) Use of computer/converter	
		(e) Exemption from writing the Second Language	
	C. Hearing Impairment	(when exempted from writing second language, the	
	(i) Deaf and Hard of	University average marks are given for theory part	
	Hearing	and corresponding marks for internal part).	
		(f). Exemption from appearing for oral	
	D. Speech and Language	examinations. (Their internal grades shall be	
	disability	calculated proportionally to the grade of the theory	
	disability	papers).	
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	INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY	a) Compensatory time not less than 20 min/hr	
	(i) Specific Learning Disabilities	(b) Service of scribe/reader/interpreter/lab assistant.	
	(like dyslexia, disgraphia,	(c) If not availing (a) & (b), additional time	
2	dyscalculia, dyspraxia,	minimum 1 hr/ 3hrs duration.	
	developmental aphasia)	(d) Use of computer/converter.	
	(ii). Autism Spectrum Disorder	(e) content based evaluation.	
	(iii) Mental Retardation	(f)Exemption from writing the Second Language	
		(when exempted from writing second language, the	
	20	University average marks are given for theory part	
	(50)	and corresponding marks for internal part).	
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	BEHAVIOUR ("mental illness"		
	means a substantial disorder of		
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		(b) Service of scribe/interpreter/reader/lab assistant.	
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3		(c) If not availing (a) & (b), additional time minimum 1 hr/ 3hrs duration. (d) Use of computer/converter.	

		which is a condition of arrested or	
		incomplete development of mind	
		of a person, specially	
		characterised by subnormality of	
		intelligence)	
		DISABILITY CAUSED DUE TO	
4	4	Parkinson's disease) ii. Blood Disorder (Haemophilia, Thalassemia,	<ul> <li>(a)Compensatory time not less than 20 min/hr</li> <li>(b)Service of scribe/ interpreter/reader/ lab assistant.</li> <li>(c) If not availing (a) &amp;(b), additional time minimum</li> <li>1 hr/ 3hrs duration</li> <li>(d) Use of computer/ converter</li> </ul>
-	5	MULTIPLE DISABILITIES	<ul> <li>(a)Compensatory time not less than 20 min/hr</li> <li>(b)Service of scribe/ interpreter/reader/ lab assistant.</li> <li>(c) If not availing (a) &amp;(b), additional time minimum</li> <li>1hr/3 hrs duration</li> <li>(d) Use of computer/ Braille converter</li> </ul>

Note 2: For other differently abled categories not covered in Table I, the benefits of additional time, the service of the scribe/ interpreter and the use of the computer shall be granted, on producing a medical certificate approved by the medical board (Form VI, RPWD ACT 2016).

Note 3 : Only on producing a medical certificate (Form VI, RPWD ACT 2016) approved by the Medical Board, the eligible benefits shall be granted.

Note 4: If percentage (%) of permanent disability is not recorded on the medical certificate issued by the medical board(Form VI, RPWD ACT 2016), benefits other than Grace Marks/Grace Grade Points shall be granted.

Note 5: The term Sub Normality of Intelligence/ Intellectual Sub Normality diagnosed by Medical Board shall be included in the category of mental retardation.

Note 6: If the differently abled candidate who seeks the assistance of a scribe/reader/interpreter/lab assistant, a certificate should be produced from the Chief Medical Officer/ Civil Surgeon/ Medical Superintendent of a Government health care institution to the effect that the candidate has physical limitation to write, and scribe/ reader/interpreter/ lab assistant (mark whichever is applicable) is essential (in Proforma at Appendix - I of The Guidelines for conducting written exams for persons with Benchmark disability, issued by The Ministry of Social Justice

and Empowerment).

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Note 7: The educational qualifications of the scribe shall be immediately less than those of the differently abled candidate. The scribe shall not be a relative of the differently abled candidate. The scribe should produce a certificate to that effect.

Note 8: The answer script of the differently abled candidate who avails the benefit of content based evaluation should be titled, specially packed and given for evaluation by chief examiner.

Note 9: It shall be the responsibility of the Principal to submit the list of students eligible for the benefits of special concession to the University immediately after the last date of admission, along with all supporting documents. The differently abled private registered candidate should submit his/her application for special concession along with all supporting documents attested by a gazetted officer along with the application for private registration itself.

Note 10: The information that grace marks/grace grade points are granted shall be included in the grade card of the students who avail the benefit.

Note 11: Grace marks/Grace grade points shall normally be given for written examination only. But if the points of a candidate are below the required minimum for a pass in internal component of the written examinations, the grace grade points can also be redistributed to that item to get a pass. However, grace grade points shall not be redistributed to Viva/Practical/Lab Examinations to get a pass.

Note 12: Paper wise distribution shall be followed and grace marks/ grace grade points shall not be awarded to a candidate if he/she fails to secure a minimum 5%(0.2 grade point) of the maximum marks /grade points of the ESA of the course. This shall be applicable to all Regular/Private candidates.

Hence the University Orders vide paper read as (8) & (9) stands modified to this extent.

Orders are issued Accordingly.

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ASSISTANT REGISTRAR I

(ACADEMIC)

For REGISTRAR

Copy To

- 1. The State Commissionerate for persons With Disabilities, Kerala
- 2. Principals, all Affiliated Colleges

- 3. HOD, Statutory teaching departments
- 4. PS to VC/ PVC
- 5. PA to Registrar/CE/FO
- 6. Various Sections of Examination/Academic
- 7. AR/DR/JR(Academic/Exam)
- 8. Content Management Section/ IQAC/ University Website
- 9.SS1/SS2/ATR
- 10. Records Section/File Copy/Stock File

Encl

- 1.The list of 21 categories of disabilities as per the schedule of the RPWD Act 2016 2.Form VI, RPWD ACT 2016
- 3. The Proforma at Appendix I of The Guidelines for conducting written exams for persons with Benchmark disability, issued by The Ministry of Social Justice and **Empowerment**

Forwarded / By Order

Section Officer

#### THE SCHEDULE

#### [See clause (zc) of section 2]

#### SPECIFIED DISABILITY

#### 1. Physical disability.—

- A. Locomotor disability (a person's inability to execute distinctive activities associated with movement of self and objects resulting from affliction of musculoskeletal or nervous system or both), including—
  - (a) "leprosy cured person" means a person who has been cured of leprosy but is suffering from—
    - (i) loss of sensation in hands or feet as well as loss of sensation and paresis in the eye and eye-lid but with no manifest deformity;
    - (ii) manifest deformity and paresis but having sufficient mobility in their hands and feet to enable them to engage in normal economic activity;
    - (iii) extreme physical deformity as well as advanced age which prevents him/her from undertaking any gainful occupation, and the expression "leprosy cured" shall construed accordingly;
  - (b) "cerebral palsy" means a Group of non-progressive neurological condition affecting body movements and muscle coordination, caused by damage to one or more specific areas of the brain, usually occurring before, during or shortly after birth;
  - (c) "dwarfism" means a medical or genetic condition resulting in an adult height of 4 feet 10 inches (147 centimeters) or less;
  - (d) "muscular dystrophy" means a group of hereditary genetic muscle disease that weakens the muscles that move the human body and persons with multiple dystrophy have incorrect and missing information in their genes, which prevents them from making the proteins they need for healthy muscles. It is characterised by progressive skeletal muscle weakness, defects in muscle proteins, and the death of muscle cells and tissue;
  - (e) "acid attack victims" means a person disfigured due to violent assaults by throwing of acid or similar corrosive substance.

#### B. Visual impairment—

- (a) "blindness" means a condition where a person has any of the following conditions, after best correction—
  - (i) total absence of sight; or
  - (ii) visual acuity less than 3/60 or less than 10/200 (Snellen) in the better eye with best possible correction; or
    - (iii) limitation of the field of vision subtending an angle of less than 10 degree.
- (b) "low-vision" means a condition where a person has any of the following conditions, namely:—
  - (i) visual acuity not exceeding 6/18 or less than 20/60 upto 3/60 or upto 10/200 (Snellen) in the better eye with best possible corrections; or
  - (ii) limitation of the field of vision subtending an angle of less than 40 degree up to 10 degree.

#### C. Hearing impairment—

(a) "deaf" means persons having 70 DB hearing loss in speech frequencies in both ears;

- (b) "hard of hearing" means person having 60 DB to 70 DB hearing loss in speech frequencies in both ears;
- D. "speech and language disability" means a permanent disability arising out of conditions such as laryngectomy or aphasia affecting one or more components of speech and language due to organic or neurological causes.
- 2. Intellectual disability, a condition characterised by significant limitation both in intellectual functioning (rasoning, learning, problem solving) and in adaptive behaviour which covers a range of every day, social and practical skills, including—
  - (a) "specific learning disabilities" means a heterogeneous group of conditions wherein there is a deficit in processing language, spoken or written, that may manifest itself as a difficulty to comprehend, speak, read, write, spell, or to do mathematical calculations and includes such conditions as perceptual disabilities, dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, dyspraxia and developmental aphasia;
  - (b) "autism spectrum disorder" means a neuro-developmental condition typically appearing in the first three years of life that significantly affects a person's ability to communicate, understand relationships and relate to others, and is frequently associated with unusal or stereotypical rituals or behaviours.

#### 3. Mental behaviour,—

"mental illness" means a substantial disorder of thinking, mood, perception, orientation or memory that grossly impairs judgment, behaviour, capacity to recognise reality or ability to meet the ordinary demands of life, but does not include retardation which is a condition of arrested or incomplete development of mind of a person, specially characterised by subnormality of intelligence.

#### 4. Disability caused due to—

- (a) chronic neurological conditions, such as—
- (i) "multiple sclerosis" means an inflammatory, nervous system disease in which the myelin sheaths around the axons of nerve cells of the brain and spinal cord are damaged, leading to demyelination and affecting the ability of nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord to communicate with each other;
- (ii) "parkinson's disease" means a progressive disease of the nervous system marked by tremor, muscular rigidity, and slow, imprecise movement, chiefly affecting middle-aged and elderly people associated with degeneration of the basal ganglia of the brain and a deficiency of the neurotransmitter dopamine.

#### (b) Blood disorder—

- (i) "haemophilia" means an inheritable disease, usually affecting only male but transmitted by women to their male children, characterised by loss or impairment of the normal clotting ability of blood so that a minor would may result in fatal bleeding;
- (ii) "thalassemia" means a group of inherited disorders characterised by reduced or absent amounts of haemoglobin.
- (*iii*) "sickle cell disease" means a hemolytic disorder characterised by chronic anemia, painful events, and various complications due to associated tissue and organ damage; "hemolytic" refers to the destruction of the cell membrane of red blood cells resulting in the release of hemoglobin.
- 5. Multiple Disabilities (more than one of the above specified disabilities) including deaf blindness which means a condition in which a person may have combination of hearing and visual impairments causing severe communication, developmental, and educational problems.
  - 6. Any other category as may be notified by the Central Government.

# **FORM-VI**

# (As per RPD Act, 2016)

# **Certificate of Disability**

# (In cases of multiple disabilities) {See Rule 18(1)} (Name and Address of the Medical Authority issuing the Certificate)

Recent Passport size Attested Photograph (Showing face only) Of the Person with Disability

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	No.		Part of			ent / Mental
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	1	Locomotor disability				
	2	Muscular Dystrophy				
	3	Leprosy cured				
	4	Dwarfism				
	5	Cerebral Palsy				
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~	7	Low Vision	#			
	8	Blindness	#			
	9	Deaf	*			
	10	Hard of Hearing	*			
	11	Speech & Language				
		disability				
	12	Intellectual disability	,			
	13	Specific learning				
		disability				
	14	Autism Spectrum				
		Disorder				
	15	Mental Illness				
	16	Chronic Neurological				
		Conditions				

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Sr. No.	Disability	Affected Part of Body	Diagnosis	Permanent Physical Impairment / Mental Disability (in %)
17	Multiple Sclerosis			
18	Parkinson's disease			
19	Haemophilia			
20	Thalassemia			
21	Sickle Cell disease			

	19	Haemophilia			
	20	Thalassemia			
	21	Sickle Cell disease			
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5. Signature and Seal of the Medical Authority

Name & Seal of Member	Name & Seal of Member	Name & Seal of the Chairperson
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Signature / thumb impression of the person in whose favour certificate of disability is issued

# APPENDIX- I

# Certificate regarding physical limitation in an examinee to write

This is to cer	tify that, I have examined Mr/Ms/Mrs
	(name of the candidate with disability), a person
with	(nature and percentage of disability as
mentioned in the certifi	cate of disability), S/o/D/o
a resident of	(Village/District/State)
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Note:

Certificate should be given by a specialist of the relevant stream/disability (eg. Visual impairment - Ophthalmologist, Lcomotor disability - Prthopaedic specialist/PMR).