

No.: EDN-H(SE)(4)4-2/2025-26(Admission)
Directorate of School Education
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001

Dated Shimla-1 the



To

All the Deputy Director of Elementary Education,
In Himachal Pradesh.

Subject: - Children's year is being wasted due to the admission age limit imposed by the Department of Education.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the directions to regulate school admissions strictly in accordance with the provisions of RTE Act, 2009 and HP RTE Rule, 2011 as well as the Government's instructions regarding age criteria issued on 17th December, 2024.

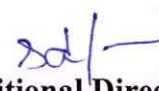
In this context, it is clarified that the provisions contained in Section 15 of the RTE Act, 2009 as well as Rule 6 of the HP RTE Rule, 2011 specifically regulate the period or extended period for admission in an academic year and not the age criteria for admission to a class.

It is further clarified that the Government has already issued detailed guidelines for regulating the age criteria for admission to classes Nursery to Class 1st in alignment with the provision of the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020. The Government has not granted any relaxation in the prescribed age criteria except for the students covered under the instructions issued on 17th December, 2024. Accordingly, while granting admissions in schools, the provisions of the above-mentioned sections and rules shall be adhered to and the age criteria shall be strictly regulated in accordance with the said instructions dated 17th December, 2024. As regard Section 16 of RTE Act, 2009 the provision for holding back in certain cases has already been inserted in said section by Government of India vide RTE (Amendment) Act, 2019 and accordingly necessary amendment is being carried out in HP RTE Rule, 2011 for making such provisions for holding back which is under consideration at Government level.

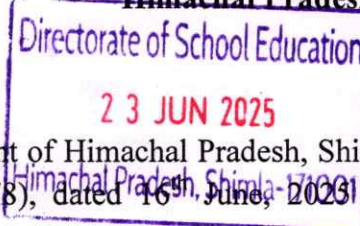
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You are, therefore, requested to issue necessary directions to all field functionaries to regulate school admission strictly in accordance with the provisions of the RTE Act, 2009 and HP RTE Rule, 2011 as well as Government's instructions regarding age criteria issued on 17th December, 2024 under intimation to this Directorate, immediately.

Strict compliance of the Act/Rule/Orders is solicited.



Additional Director (Admin.)
Directorate of School Education,
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1.

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1. The Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2 w.r.t. their letter no. EDUC-F01/1/2021-EDU-C-(40478), dated 16th June, 2023 for information, please.
2. The In-charge IT Cell (Internal), Directorate of School Education, H.P. with request to upload the same on departmental website with remarks as "Clarification regarding Admission" for information to all concerned and email to all the Dy. Directors Elementary Education in Himachal Pradesh.
3. Guard File.


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