

No. EDN-C-F(1)-2/2023  
Government of Himachal Pradesh.  
Department of School Education  
(Education-C Section)

From

The Secretary (Education) to the  
Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2

To

The Director,  
Directorate of School Education,  
Himachal Pradesh, Lalpnai, Shimla-171001

Dated, Shimla-2 the 24-12-2025

Sub:-

Regarding implementation of age criteria for admission  
to Class Nursery to Class-1<sup>st</sup> as per NEP,2020.

Sir,

In partial modification to instructions/guidelines issued vide letter of even number dated: 17.12.2024 for adoption of age criteria for admission to Class Nursery to Class-1<sup>st</sup> has been revised as per provisions contained under Section-15 of RTE Act,2009 & Rule-6 of HPRTE Rules,2025, shall be as under :-

- (i) **Balvatika-I (Nursery)** : Child shall be eligible for admission on completion of age 03 years on or before 30<sup>th</sup> September of respective academic year.
- (ii) **Balvatika-II (LKG)** : Child shall be eligible for admission on completion of age 04 years on or before 30<sup>th</sup> September of respective academic year.
- (iii) **Balvatika-III (UKG)** : Child shall be eligible for admission on completion of age 05 years on or before 30<sup>th</sup> September of respective academic year.
- (iv) **Class-I** : Child shall be eligible for admission on completion of age 06 years on or before 30<sup>th</sup> September of respective academic year.

You are, therefore, requested to take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

(Rakesh Kanwar), IAS  
Secretary to the  
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

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

Endst. No. Even Dated: Shimla-171001 the January, 2026

Copy for information and further necessary action is forwarded to:-

1. All the Deputy Directors of School Education (Secondary/Elementary) Himachal Pradesh with request to circulate the same to all the Principals/Headmasters of Govt. and Private schools under their jurisdiction for further necessary action.
2. The State Project Director (SS) Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001.
3. All Block Elementary Education Offices in Himachal Pradesh.
4. Nodal Officer, IT Cell, DSE HP Shimla-1 to upload the same on the Departmental website.
5. Guard file.

Directorate of School Education  
14 JAN 2026  
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001

Addl. Director  
School Education  
Himachal Pradesh.