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Government of Himachal Pradesh Department of Elementary Education

From:

Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh

To



The Director, Elementary Education, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1

Dated: Shimla-171002, the

Subject: -

Request for amendment of age of Admission for 1st Grade according to NEP, 2020.

Sir,

In continuation to this department's letter of even number dated 24-11-2023 & 16-02-2024 on the subject cited above and to say that the matter regarding relaxation in age criteria to already enrolled students was under consideration of the Government for past some time. After due consideration, following has been decided:-

> 1. All those students who were already enrolled in Nursery/Balvatika-1, LKG/Balvatika-2, and UKG/Balvatika-3 for the academic year 2023-24 shall be granted admission to the next higher classes (upto Class 1st) by giving relaxation of 06 months in age criteria, if needed. Thus, the students who shall be meeting following age criteria on or before 30th September of the respective academic year shall be considered for admission in the class shown against the age criteria:-

Sr.	Age on or before 30th September	Grade/Class in which
No.	of the respective academic year	admission may be given
1	4+ years	LKG/Balvatika-2
2	5+ years	UKG/Balvatika-3
3	6+ years	1 st

This relaxation will be granted for the academic years 2024-25, 2025-26 & 2026-27 only. Thereafter, admissions will be strictly as per the instructions dated 24-11-2023 and 16-02-2024 (letters enclosed).

2. For admission to class Nursery/Balvatika-1 for the academic session 2024-25 and onwards, there will not be any age relaxation and the criteria prescribed vide letter dated 16-02-2024 will be strictly followed.

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and which is

Thus, to clarify:-

- i. A student enrolled in Nursery/Balvatika-1 during the academic session 2023-24 and who will be completing age of 4 years on or before 30th September, 2024, will be eligible for admission to LKG/Balvatika-2 in the academic session 2024-25, UKG/Balvatika-3 in the academic session 2025-26, and Class 1st in the academic session 2026-27.
- ii. Similarly, a student enrolled in LKG/Balvatika-2 during the academic session 2023-24 and who will be completing age of 5 years on or before 30th September, 2024, will be eligible for admission to UKG/Balvatika-3 in the academic session 2024-25 and Class 1st in the academic session 2025-26.
- iii. Further, a student enrolled in UKG/Balvatika-3 during the academic session 2023-24 and who will be completing age of 6 years on or before 30th September, 2024, will be eligible for admission to Class 1st in the academic session 2024-25.
- iv. There will be no relaxation if a child of less than 3 years of age has been enrolled in Nursery/Balvatika-1 for the session 2024-25, as the Government has issued direction in this regard on 16-02-2024 and thus, such a case is violation of Government's directions.

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

Yours faithfully,

(Sunil Verma)
Joint Secretary (Education) to the

प्रारम्भिक शिक्षा निदेशालय (हि.प्र.)

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Pradesh with the direction to bring the contents of the approval of the Government to the notice of all the Heads of concerned schools/institution under your control for implementation and necessary action.

Addl. Director, Elementary Education Himachal Pradesh.