

Norms for claiming assistance under Developing Occupational Skills of Physically/Mentally Challenged Railway Employees / Wards -2025-2026

- The notification calling for applications from Physically/Mentally Challenged Railway Employees in the formation prescribed as Annexure-A and Physically/Mentally Challenged Wards in the format prescribed as Annexure-B respectively will be uploaded in the web portal www.southernrailway.gov.in/srhqpb/home duly indicating the **opening date 31.10.2025** and **closing date 31.12.2025** for applying. The link for the web portal is available under the link **Personnel Department section of the Southern Railway internet website** and also in **Railnet website of Southern Railway**.
- Employees has to fill up all the columns without leaving any.
- The details instructions for applying 'on line' will also be available in the web portal. The employees will have to click on the appropriate link in the portal. The link will lead to "Online" form in which the employee needs to fill up the required particulars.
- **Current Year means 2025-2026 and the Previous Year means 2024-2025**
- Only **Non- Gaz Railway employees & their family members/dependents** whose names are recorded in the Family Composition for the purpose of availing Pass/PTO are eligible.
- The application has to be filled up carefully and after the employee is satisfied that all the particulars have been correctly filled up can submit application. Once the application is registered, the same should be downloaded from the portal in PDF file and a printout of the same should be taken for certification of controlling officer.
- Personnel Department of the respective unit must ensure that all the documents Viz. documentary proof of disability/Unique Disability Identity Card(UDID) from authorized medical authorities viz. State Government or any other recognized **Medical Board** issued within last 5 years (i.e. **issued/renewed after 01.04.2020**) are enclosed for certification otherwise application will be rejected. (**Photostat copy/Colour Xerox of bills should not be entertained by personnel Department.**)
- Applications will be considered for the expenditure incurred during the **preceding financial year i.e. 2024-2025 only.**
- Expenses incurred for Railway employees and wards for Developing Occupational Skills/ any other Specialized therapy **will be considered only on submission of proper documentary proof such as Previous Year Bonafide Certificate from the Special School/ Certification from the Therapy Centre** where the child is undergoing Occupational Skills/Special Therapy. (**The same has to be uploaded**)
- Henceforth Financial Assistance will be considered based on the **proof & Percentage (%) of disability (UDID), previous year i.e. 2024-25 Bonafide Certificate from Special School and certification for the previous year i.e. 2024-25 from the Therapy Centre & on submission of UMID Card.**
- Expenditure towards caretaker and transportation will not be granted based on vouchers and receipts. It will be purely based on the percentage of disability of the ward supported by Bonafide Certificate from the Special School for Occupational Skills and Certification from the Therapy Centre.
- Expenses towards Medicines, Medical tests and Doctors consultation fees etc. will **not** be taken into consideration for assistance under this scheme.
- As per Railway Board's letter No.2005/H/6-4/Policy dt 22.02.2022, the beneficiaries covered under Railway medical rules/RELHS shall be eligible to get reimbursement of **purchase of hearing aids from Revenue.**

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- After certification of controlling officer the printout of the application along with all the original documents & bills should be handed over to respective Personnel Department. Personnel Department of the respective unit must ensure that all the **Original Bills** such as **Fee for Occupational Skills, Therapy bills, Special School fee receipt, Bonafide certificate Bills for Special Aid or equipment procured etc.**, are submitted. (Photostat copy/ Colour Xerox of bills should not be entertained by Personnel Department.)
- Separate application forms are prescribed for:
 - (i) Physically/Mentally Challenged Railway employees (Annexure-A) and
 - (ii) Physically/Mentally Challenged wards (Annexure-B)
- **The last date to forward/upload the applications by the respective Division/Units after scrutiny will be closed at 23.59 hrs. on 15.01.2026.**

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