

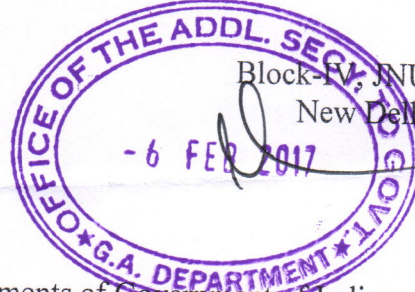
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Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Department of Personnel and Training
(Training Division)



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To

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1. The Secretaries of all the Ministries/Departments of Government of India
 2. The Cadre Controlling Authorities of all Group 'A' Central Services
 3. The Chief Secretaries of all the State Governments/Union Territories

Subject: 'Partial Funding of Foreign Study' under the Plan Scheme of DFFT.

Reference: Circular No. 12038/01/2008-FTC(Trg.) dated 6th May 2011

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Sir/Madam,

The Training Division, Department of Personnel and Training, Government of India has been sponsoring the Scheme of 'Partial Funding of Foreign Study', as a component of the Plan Scheme of 'Domestic Funding of Foreign Training' (DFFT), and the same was being governed through the Circular referred above. The Competent Authority, in supersession of the earlier circular(s) governing the scheme, has approved amendments to the scheme, and, accordingly, this circular has been drawn up incorporating such amendments.

2. The salient features of the Scheme for "Partial Funding of Foreign Study" shall henceforth be as under:

I. Conditions of eligibility:

- (i) All Group 'A' Officers of the Government of India, who have completed at least 9 years of service in the grade and having at least 8 years of service left for superannuation, are eligible to apply under the Scheme. However, for lady officers, the maximum age conditions shall be relaxed by 2 years for the purpose of calculating residual service period. For this purpose, 1st October of the year of application shall be the cut-off date.
- (ii) The minimum service requirement for eligibility under partial funding shall be with reference to the actual date of commencement of the courses.
- (iii) An officer can avail of the Scheme only once in his/her entire career;
- (iv) An officer who has availed of 'study leave' in the past will also be eligible;

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- (v) An officer who has been on long term foreign training may become eligible under the scheme only after a cooling off of 5 years;
- (vi) The officer should not have any departmental proceedings pending or contemplated against him/her, and there should be no standing adverse entry in the ACRs of the officer.

II. Type of foreign study programmes covered under the Scheme:

The foreign study programme should be in an area that is directly related to his/her career in the government. This, however, needn't be linked only to his/her present assignment but also be linked to possible future assignments. Funding for the programme may be considered for Post Graduation, Ph.D. and all regular MBA courses being undertaken by the officers of Group 'A' Services.

III. Institutes for which the eligible applicants would be supported:

- (i) Financial support may be extended to officers who secure admission for a study programme in the foreign universities/institutions, which figure in the list of top 100 universities/institutions as per the THE (Times Higher Education World University) Ranking or QS Ranking, published each year.
- (ii) For each year, the approved list of top 100 foreign universities/institutions as per the THE Ranking / QS Ranking along with the approximate number of officers who can be funded each year, will be circulated to all the cadre controlling authorities and also placed on the websites of the DoP&T and of the cadre controlling authorities, during the previous year.

IV. Mode of Admission:

- (i) Admission may be sought and procured by the officers themselves.
- (ii) The courses for which admission has been secured will be approved on a case- by-case basis by the Central Establishment Board (CEB), based on the recommendations of the concerned cadre controlling authorities on the ground of public interest and relevance to the Government, the concerned service and to the officer.

V. Extent of financial support:

- (i) The competent authority has approved the grant of two tier partial funding assistance as per the following rates:

| Institutes | For a 1 year course | For a 2 year course |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Universities/institutes in top 25 rankings as per THE/QS ranking | <u>US \$ 45,000</u> | US \$ 55,000 |
| Universities/institutes in 26-100 rankings as per THE/QS ranking | \$ 30,000 | \$ 40,000 |

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