

As per the Letter No.9768/DAP-3.1/2017-24, dated 10.05.2024 received from the Secretary to The Government of Tamil Nadu, the following amendments are made with respect to the reservation to persons with benchmark disability in higher Educational Institutions.

There are 21 types of disabilities specified under RPWD Act, 2016. The schedule attached to the RPWD Act, 2016 specifies following disabilities.

1. Blindness	8. Intellectual Disability	15. Multiple Sclerosis
2. Low-vision	9. Mental Illness	16. Speech and Language disability
3. Leprosy Cured persons	10. Autism Spectrum Disorder	17. Thalassemia
4. Hearing Impairment (deaf and hard of hearing)	11. Cerebral Palsy	18. Hemophilia
5. Locomotor Disability	12. Muscular Dystrophy	19. Sickle Cell disease
6. Acid Attack victim	13. Chronic Neurological conditions	20. Multiple Disabilities including deaf blindness
7. Dwarfism	14. Specific Learning Disabilities	21. Parkinson's disease

Thus, all the government higher education institutions/universities are mandated to provide 5% reservation in the seats for persons with benchmark disabilities.

In view of the above, eligible candidates for reservation under DAP (Differently Abled Persons), as per norms specified above may email the **Medical Certificate from the Medical Board (minimum 3 doctors)** of the District concerned certifying the nature and extent of disability in percentage. **Certificates obtained from an Individual Doctor will not be considered.** Further, a separate medical Board for each category will examine the candidates with reference to their certificates.