

Date for EWS admissions in city schools extended to January 31

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CHANDIGARH: Due to holdup in getting income certificates and the last date of admissions for entrance classes being December 16, the education department has taken a call to extend the last date for students of the economically weaker sections (EWS) to January 31.

Director school education Rubinderjit Singh Brar said, "The last date for EWS admis-

sions has been extended to January 31. The last date for general admissions, however, will remain December 16." Brar had earlier said that EWS students could be adjusted later when the admission schedule for private recognised schools was announced.

For EWS admissions, an income certificate issued by the office of the deputy commissioner and attested by the concerned SDM of the area needs to be supplied. The annual

income of the family of an EWS candidate needs to be less than ₹1.5 lakh as per the Right to Education Act.

Deputy commissioner Mandip Singh Brar confirmed that the administration had started issuing income certificates. "On receipt of the letter regarding EWS admissions from the education department, we started issuing income certificates from Monday this week and will finish it in a time-bound manner."

Now, Jan 31 last date for EWS admissions

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The UT Education Department has extended the last date to apply for admissions to private schools under the economically weaker section (EWS) category to January 31. There are around 730 EWS seats reserved by 56 private schools in Chandigarh.

The office of Deputy Commissioner has started issuing income certificates to parents belonging to the economically weaker section and disadvantaged groups for admission to private schools. The income certificates are being issued by the tehsildar(s) of the sub-division concerned and attested by the sub-divisional magistrates (SDMs) of the area concerned.

The EWS parents have to

declare their income from all sources in the application form. The form does not ask for any proof or evidence for their income. The only documentary evidence sought for the issuance of an income certificate is a proof of residence, proof of identity and proof of date of birth.

The particulars required to be disclosed are a monthly income of other family members, total

annual family income from all sources and total monthly family income from all sources in the application form. Parents also have to declare that if any information for obtaining the income certificate is found to be false at any stage, the admission of their ward will get cancelled and an appropriate action will be taken under the RTE Act.

