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Common Online Decentralised Counselling - 2026

for admission to Undergraduate Engineering, Technology, Architecture and Pharmacy Programmes

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GENERAL FRAMEWORK, MERIT, SELECTION AND ADMISSION RULES

1: INTRODUCTION

The West Bengal Joint Entrance Examinations Board (WBJEEB), established by the Government of West Bengal pursuant to the West Bengal Act XIV of 2014 (The West Bengal Joint Entrance Examinations Board Act, 2014), is responsible for conducting Common Entrance Examinations and for conducting online counselling or otherwise adopting a single-window approach for admission to courses under its jurisdiction.

WBJEEB conducted the WBJEE-2026 Centralised Online Counselling. Upon completion of that process, certain seats remained vacant. Further vacancies may also arise subsequently because of non-admission, cancellation, withdrawal, rejection during verification, or movement of candidates from an existing admitted seat to another seat.

To fill such residual and resultant vacancies through a transparent, merit-based, technology-enabled and centrally monitored process, and pursuant to the approval communicated by the Higher Education Department, Government of West Bengal, vide DTE Memo No. 55(T)/CS dated 29.07.2026, WBJEEB shall conduct Common Online Decentralised Counselling for the Academic Session 2026-2027.

Eligible candidates, including candidates already admitted through WBJEEB Centralised Counselling of WBJEE-2026, may participate in Decentralised Counselling for College/Institute-Stream/Discipline combinations without surrendering their existing admission in advance. Mere registration, choice submission, appearance in a Merit List or appearance in an 'Allocation/Selection List' shall not, by itself, cancel an existing valid admission.

Core principle: merit determines the order in which a candidate is considered; the candidate decides whether to exercise an available selection opportunity; and the applicable vacancy determines whether the next eligible candidate may thereafter be considered.

Rationale for introducing Decentralised Counselling:

Before introduction of the common online Decentralised Counselling process, residual vacancies after Centralised Counselling were generally filled through institution-wise offline/physical or institution-specific processes. Candidates could be required to identify vacancies separately, follow different institutional procedures and deadlines, submit multiple applications, and in many cases physically visit different campuses merely to explore admission opportunities.

The Department has therefore adopted a common online Decentralised Counselling mechanism to retain the decentralised vacancy-filling character while removing avoidable fragmentation and physical inconvenience. The common process provides one monitored technology platform through which eligible candidates can view College/Institute-Stream/Discipline options (subject to merit,

eligibility, vacancy and applicable seat rules), submit choices, see their relative merit positions and exercise an available selection opportunity without having to approach each Institution separately at the initial vacancy-filling stage.

The principal advantages are: wider and more equitable access for candidates across districts; reduced travel, accommodation, time and repeated application costs(if any); uniform procedure and timelines across participating Institutions; transparent College/Institute-Stream/Discipline-wise merit visibility; auditable vacancy movement and selection; reduced scope for inconsistent institution-wise practices; protection of an existing admission until a new admission is successfully confirmed; and improved utilisation of genuine vacant seats by exposing them to a wider pool of eligible candidates.

Decentralised Counselling does not dilute merit or institutional verification. It standardises and makes transparent the vacancy-filling process that was earlier conducted separately by Institutions, while merit, eligibility, seat/category rules, candidate choice and institutional verification continue to govern admission.

2: OBJECTIVES

- To provide a single-window online mechanism for admission against residual and resultant vacant seats.
- To provide equal merit-based opportunity to eligible candidates, including eligible candidates already admitted through WBJEEB Centralised Counselling and eligible fresh entrants.
- To publish a separate College/Institute-Stream/Discipline-wise Merit List showing the relative merit position of every eligible candidate who selected that combination in the concerned Phase.
- To distinguish clearly between the 'Merit List', the 'Allocation/Selection List', candidate selection/locking, payment, institutional verification and final admission.
- To prevent simultaneous confirmed admissions and unnecessary seat blocking while permitting valid consequential vacancies to be utilised in a controlled manner.
- To ensure that vacancy, merit, selection and admission transactions are reproducible, auditable and centrally monitored.

3: SCOPE OF DECENTRALISED COUNSELLING

This Notification shall govern admission against residual vacant seats remaining after WBJEE-2026 Centralised Counselling and vacancies validly arising thereafter during Decentralised Counselling for Undergraduate Engineering, Technology, Architecture and Pharmacy programmes.

4: PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS AND PROGRAMMES

Admission shall be conducted against applicable vacant seats in Government Colleges, Government-aided Institutions, State-aided Universities and approved Private/Self-financing Universities/Colleges/Institutions participating in Decentralised Counselling, subject to the published seat matrix and applicable statutory, regulatory and reservation provisions.

5: ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES & CATEGORIES

Eligible candidates include those possessing –

- i) a valid WBJEE-2026 Merit Rank
- ii) a valid JEE(Main)-2026 Rank
- iii) candidates eligible solely based on the qualifying High School examination (10+2) merit (HMR), wherever permitted.

However, the candidates who have participated in WBJEE-2026 centralised e-counsellings (including Pharmacy) are eligible to participate in this decentralised counselling. A candidate

already admitted in a particular College/Institute-Stream/Discipline combination (e.g - 'X' college 'Y' stream) shall not be eligible to seek the same combination again through Decentralised Counselling.

Candidates are classified into the following categories automatically by the portal:

- (i) **Category-I:** WBJEE Rank holders domiciled in West Bengal, eligible for admission in reserved category seats offered by the Government/Private Engineering/Pharmacy Colleges and Universities/Institutions (including GKCIET, Malda).
- (ii) **Category-II:** West Bengal domiciled candidates eligible on the basis of WBJEE Rank only, eligible for admission to Government Engineering/Pharmacy Colleges/Universities (as per Government policy).
- (iii) **Category-III:** WBJEE Rank holders not domiciled in West Bengal, eligible for admission to State Universities/University Departments including GKCIET, Malda (subject to applicable norms), and Private/Self-Financing Engineering/Pharmacy Institutions.
- (iv) **Category-IV:** JEE(Main) Rank holders, eligible for admission to Institutes that offered JEE(Main) seats.
- (v) **Category-V:** Candidates with percentage of marks in 10+2 examination as per AICTE Guidelines (as published in Information Bulletin of WBJEE-2026) will be eligible for admission to **Private/Self-Financing Engineering/Technology and Pharmacy Institutions only** and such other institutions as may be permitted by the competent authority.

6: REGISTRATION AND CANDIDATE IDENTITY

All eligible candidates shall register through the official Decentralised Counselling portal and shall furnish complete and verifiable information. The one-time registration fee for Decentralised Counselling shall be Rs. 250/- (Rupees Two hundred and fifty only), non-refundable.

Fresh registration shall be permitted in every Phase for eligible candidates who have not registered earlier. A candidate already registered shall remain registered and need not register again. Fresh registration shall not be permitted to a candidate who has been debarred under Clause 17, and the prohibition shall be enforced against the candidate's authoritative examination identity.

A candidate shall have only one valid Decentralised Counselling registration/profile linked to the candidate's authoritative WBJEE/JEE(Main)/other approved examination identity. Duplicate or multiple registrations relating to the same candidate shall not create any additional entitlement and shall be consolidated or rejected by the system on the basis of the authoritative candidate identity. The authoritative candidate identity shall also be used by the system to enforce any restriction, exhaustion of a College/Institute-Stream/Discipline-specific opportunity and debarment applicable to the candidate under this Notification.

Registration or participation in Decentralised Counselling shall not alter or cancel an existing valid admission.

7: CHOICE ELIGIBILITY AND CHOICE UNIVERSE

During the Active Window of a Phase, a candidate may select multiple permissible College/Institute-Stream/Discipline combinations. A combination shall be available for choice only when:

- the candidate satisfies the prescribed eligibility criteria for the concerned Stream/Discipline;
- the combination has a non-zero applicable vacancy in the Phase-opening vacancy matrix;
- the candidate is not already admitted in the same College/Institute-Stream/Discipline combination; and

- the combination has not become unavailable to that candidate under the non-response/selection rules contained in this Notification.

A College/Institute-Stream/Discipline combination having zero applicable vacancy at the commencement of a Phase shall not form part of the choice universe of that Phase. If a vacancy subsequently arises in such a combination, it shall first become available for choice in the next Phase in which a fresh Active Window is opened.

WBJEEB shall not rank or classify participating Institutions or Streams/Disciplines as better, higher or lower for the purpose of candidate choice. Selection among available eligible combinations shall remain entirely the candidate's decision, subject to merit, eligibility, vacancy and applicable seat rules.

8: CHOICE FILLING, MODIFICATION AND LOCKING

Fresh choices may be submitted and existing choices may be added, removed or modified only during the notified Active Window of the concerned Phase only. There shall be no preference/order among the selected combinations; the locked choices shall be treated as an unordered set.

At the close of the Active Window, the final saved choices shall be locked/frozen for that Phase. No addition, deletion, substitution or modification shall be permitted during Round 1 or Round 2 of the same Phase. If the candidate does not manually lock the choices by the deadline, the last successfully saved choices shall be automatically locked by the system.

If a candidate does not submit any valid choice in a Phase, the candidate shall not appear in any College/Institute-Stream/Discipline-wise Merit List for that Phase and shall receive no selection opportunity in that Phase.

9: MERIT SOURCE AND PRIORITY

For every College/Institute-Stream/Discipline, candidates shall be considered in the following rank-source hierarchy. The hierarchy shall be applied separately for each College/Institute-Stream/Discipline chosen by the candidate and shall be subject to the applicable seat source/type, eligibility, category/reservation and vacancy.

First - WBJEE-2026 Rank: A candidate having a valid WBJEE-2026 rank shall receive first preference for every 'College/Institute-Stream/Discipline' for which the candidate has submitted a valid choice. Such candidates shall be arranged according to the applicable WBJEE-2026 merit rank and applicable seat/category rules.

Second - JEE(Main)-2026 Rank: JEE(Main)-2026 rank shall receive second preference for seats. - For a particular College/Institute-Stream/Discipline, if a candidate possesses both a valid WBJEE-2026 rank and a valid JEE(Main)-2026 rank and is eligible for consideration with the same College/Institute-Stream/Discipline, the candidate shall be considered through the WBJEE rank source for that specific College/Institute-Stream/Discipline and shall not simultaneously occupy or consume a JEE(Main) seat in that same College/Institute-Stream/Discipline.

The above rule is strictly College/Institute-Stream/Discipline specific and shall not exhausted or suppressed for other combination choices. Accordingly, a candidate who is considered through WBJEE for one College/Institute-Stream/Discipline may still be considered through JEE(Main)-2026 for another College/Institute-Stream/Discipline, provided that the candidate has validly selected that other combination, satisfies the applicable eligibility conditions and an applicable JEE(Main) seat exists in that other combination.

A candidate having only a valid JEE(Main)-2026 rank shall be considered through the JEE(Main) rank source for every validly selected College/Institute-Stream/Discipline for which JEE(Main) admission is applicable.

Third – HMR(means Higher Secondary Merit Rank)) / HMR Category Rank: : HMR/HMR Category Rank shall apply only to candidates participating on the basis of the qualifying 10+2 examination for the relevant College/Institute-Stream/Discipline..

HMR and HMR Category Rank shall be generated by the system on the basis of (10+2) Marks input by the candidates. The subject/principles will be as specified from the candidate's verified 10+2 data.

HMR shall be used for the general/unreserved merit consideration of eligible 10+2-only candidates, while HMR Category Rank shall be used for the corresponding reserved-category merit consideration wherever such reservation is applicable.

The operative hierarchy for each College/Institute-Stream/Discipline shall therefore be: WBJEE-2026 Rank -> JEE(Main)-2026 Rank -> HMR/HMR Category Rank for 10+2-only candidates.

10: COLLEGE/INSTITUTE-STREAM/DISCIPLINE-WISE MERIT LIST

For each counselling Phase, exactly ONE combined Merit List shall be prepared and published for each College/Institute-Stream/Discipline combination for which valid locked choices have been received. There shall not be three separate Merit Lists for WBJEE, JEE(Main) and HMR candidates for the same College/Institute-Stream/Discipline.

Candidates in the combined Merit List shall be arranged by applying the rank-source hierarchy in Clause 9 together with the applicable seat source/type, category/reservation, eligibility and vacancy rules. WBJEE-ranked candidates shall receive first preference, followed by eligible JEE(Main)-rank candidates for applicable JEE(Main) seats, followed by eligible 10+2-only candidates through HMR/HMR Category Rank.

The combined Merit List shall show the candidate's relative merit position for that specific College/Institute-Stream/Discipline in the concerned Phase and shall identify the applicable rank source and relevant rank/category status used for that consideration.

For avoidance of doubt, the combined Merit List is a candidate-facing presentation of relative merit; actual inclusion in the Allocation/Selection List and consequent selection opportunity shall remain subject to the applicable seat source/type, category, reservation, eligibility and vacancy.

A candidate who has selected more than one eligible College/Institute-Stream/Discipline may appear in the combined Merit List of each such combination and may hold a different relative merit position in each list.

All College/Institute-Stream/Discipline-wise combined Merit Lists shall be made available through the official Decentralised Counselling portal for transparency and candidate information.

The number of candidates appearing in a combined Merit List shall not be limited to the number of available vacancies. The vacancy count shall determine how far the Allocation/Selection opportunity extends in a particular round; it shall not determine whether an otherwise eligible candidate is shown in the Merit List.

Mere inclusion in a combined Merit List shall not constitute inclusion in the Allocation/Selection List, allotment, seat reservation/blocking, seat acceptance, payment obligation or admission.

11: 'ALLOCATION/SELECTION LIST' - MEANING AND PREPARATION

The "Merit List" shall show the relative merit position of all eligible candidates who have validly selected a particular College/Institute-Stream/Discipline in the concerned phase. The "Allocation/Selection List" shall be a separate list comprising only those candidates who, on the basis of the applicable vacancy, merit/rank hierarchy, eligibility, seat/category and reservation rules, fall within the selection range for that College/Institute-Stream/Discipline in the concerned allocation round.

The 'Allocation/Selection List' shall be generated from the single combined College/Institute-Stream/Discipline-wise Merit List.

The 'Allocation/Selection List' shall be drawn from the combined College/Institute-Stream/Discipline-wise Merit List in the same rank-source hierarchy and applicable relative merit order prescribed in Clauses 9 and 10, subject to the seat source/type, category/reservation, eligibility and vacancy applicable to the concerned College/Institute-Stream/Discipline.

Inclusion in an 'Allocation/Selection List' means that the candidate has been provided a genuine opportunity to select that College/Institute-Stream/Discipline for admission during the notified selection period. A candidate may simultaneously fall within the Allocation/Selection Lists of more than one selected combination.

A candidate appearing in multiple 'Allocation/Selection Lists' shall be permitted to opt/lock not more than ONE available College/Institute-Stream/Discipline combination for proceeding to admission.

The system shall separately maintain and display, as applicable: (i) Merit List position, (ii) Allocation/Selection List status, (iii) Opted/locked combination, (iv) Seat Acceptance Fee status, (v) verification status and (vi) final admission status.

12: WHEN ALLOTMENT IS CREATED

For the purpose of this Notification, mere appearance in the 'Allocation/Selection List' is an admission/selection opportunity and is not by itself a completed allotment.

An allotment for a round shall be created when the candidate selects/locks ONE College/Institute-Stream/Discipline combination from the available 'Allocation/Selection List' opportunity/opportunities and successfully pays the prescribed Seat Acceptance Fee. The system-generated 'Provisional Admission Receipt' shall evidence such allotment for the purpose of reporting and verification in the Institute.

Allotment/seat lock/payment shall not constitute final admission. Final admission shall arise only after successful physical/institutional verification and confirmation by the concerned Institution through the authorised system.

13: COUNSELLING PHASES AND TWO-ROUND STRUCTURE

Decentralised Counselling may consist of multiple Phases. Each Phase shall contain one Active Window and two allocation Rounds (Round 1 and Round 2).

13.1 Round 1 - Initial Selection Opportunity

Round 1 shall be prepared from the Phase-opening frozen vacancy matrix and the Merit Lists generated from choices frozen during the Active Window. The 'Allocation/Selection List' shall identify the candidates presently within selection range for each College/Institute-Stream/Discipline.

13.2 Round 2 - Upgradation/Re-allocation

Round 2 shall be a second selection process conducted only on the choices already frozen in the same Phase. No fresh choice, addition, deletion, substitution or modification shall be permitted in Round 2. Where a College/Institute-Stream/Discipline had a non-zero vacancy at the beginning of the Phase, any additional vacancy arising in that same combination before the Round 2 vacancy cut-off shall also be considered in Round 2, subject to the provisions of Clause 14 and Clause 16. The Allocation/Selection List shall then be extended further down the existing Merit List, strictly in merit order, to include the next eligible candidates according to the total vacancy available for Round 2. A vacancy arising specifically from the successful movement of a candidate from a previously occupied CAP/DCAP seat shall, however, be carried to the next Phase.

For Round 2, the Allocation/Selection List for each College/Institute-Stream/Discipline shall be extended, in merit order, only to candidates who were not included in the Allocation/Selection List for that particular combination in Round 1, subject to the applicable vacancy, eligibility and other provisions of this Notification.

A candidate who was included in the 'Allocation/Selection List' for a particular College/Institute-Stream/Discipline in Round 1 shall not be considered for upgradation or re-allocation to that particular combination in Round 2, irrespective of whether the candidate exercised a selection opportunity in that combination or exercised a selection opportunity in another combination.

A candidate who has selected and paid for one College/Institute-Stream/Discipline in Round 1 may nevertheless be considered for Round 2 upgradation against such other College/Institute-Stream/Discipline combinations included in the candidate's frozen choices in respect of which the candidate was not included in the Allocation/Selection List in Round 1.

A vacancy in a College/Institute-Stream/Discipline which had zero vacancy at Phase opening and was therefore not available for choice shall not be introduced into Round 2 of that Phase; it shall be carried to the next Phase.

A vacancy generated because an already-admitted candidate successfully moves from a previously occupied Centralised/Decentralised Counselling seat to a new confirmed seat shall also be carried to the vacancy matrix of the next Phase, where fresh choices are permitted.

14: PROTECTION AND REPLACEMENT OF AN EXISTING ADMISSION

An already-admitted candidate shall not be required to cancel or surrender the existing admission merely for registering, participating, appearing in a Merit List, appearing in an Allocation/Selection List, or receiving a selection opportunity.

Where such candidate selects/locks a new combination and pays the Seat Acceptance Fee, the existing admission shall continue to remain protected until successful verification and confirmation of the new admission.

Immediately upon successful confirmation of the new admission, the new admission confirmation, cancellation of the previous admission and release of the previous seat shall be processed as one controlled, timestamped transaction.

After successful confirmation of the new admission, cancellation of the previous admission shall be final and irrevocable for the purpose of restoration of that previous seat. The candidate shall have no claim to restoration of the previous seat.

15: INSTITUTIONAL VERIFICATION

The candidate who has selected/locked a seat, paid the Seat Acceptance Fee and generated the 'Provisional Admission Receipt' shall physically report to the selected Institution within the notified period for verification.

All Round 1 verification and admission-status updates shall be completed before the Round 2 vacancy freeze.

The Institution shall verify the candidate only on the grounds prescribed by the applicable admission rules and shall record one of the following outcomes through the authorised system:

- Confirmed - all applicable eligibility and document requirements satisfied.
- Rejected - Minimum Eligibility Not Satisfied - where the candidate fails the minimum academic/other basic eligibility required for participation/admission.
- Rejected - Domicile Claim Not Established - where the current selection depends upon West Bengal domicile and the prescribed domicile requirement is not established.
- Rejected - Reservation/PwD Claim Not Established - where the current selection depends upon the claimed SC/ST/OBC/EWS/PwD status and the prescribed valid claim is not established.
- Rejected - Required Original Document Not Produced/Invalid - where a mandatory original document required for verification is not produced within the notified reporting period or is found invalid for the claim/eligibility concerned.

Every rejection shall carry the prescribed reason code, remarks and timestamp. No Institution shall reject a candidate on a ground outside the notified eligibility/document requirements.

Where rejection establishes that the candidate does not satisfy the minimum eligibility for Decentralised Counselling, the candidate shall be debarred from further participation.

Where only a domicile/reservation/PwD claim is not established but the candidate remains otherwise eligible under another verified status/category, the current allotment shall be cancelled; the candidate may participate in the next Phase only under the verified eligibility/status and subject to the remaining rules of this Notification.

Where a mandatory original document required for verification is not produced within the notified reporting period, the current selection/allotment shall be cancelled. The candidate shall remain otherwise eligible for participation in the next Phase under the eligibility/status that is otherwise established, subject to the applicable provisions of this Notification.

Where any document produced for verification is found to be invalid, forged, fabricated or otherwise establishes that the candidate does not satisfy the applicable eligibility, domicile, reservation/PwD or other requirement, the matter shall be dealt with under the corresponding rejection category prescribed above and the candidate shall be debarred from further participation. Where the finding establishes failure of minimum eligibility, the relevant provision above shall apply.

Institutional rejection shall not be treated as candidate non-response.

Where a participating Institution fails to complete verification or update the candidate's verification status within the prescribed period, the matter shall be automatically flagged to WBJEEB through the authorised system. Such failure shall not be treated as candidate non-response or non-reporting. WBJEEB shall determine the appropriate candidate and vacancy status on the basis of available system and institutional records before the relevant vacancy freeze so as to avoid prejudice to the candidate or distortion of the vacancy matrix.

16: VACANCY MANAGEMENT, FREEZE AND SEAT IDENTITY

Vacancies may arise from initial residual vacancy, non-selection, non-payment, lapse, non-reporting, institutional rejection, authorised cancellation/withdrawal and other vacancy events expressly provided in this Notification.

The vacancy position may change between allocation events but shall be frozen for each allocation round. Only vacancy transactions validly recorded before the notified Round 2 vacancy cut-off shall be considered for Round 2.

Every vacancy shall retain its Institution, Stream/Discipline, seat type, category/quota and all other applicable reservation attributes throughout the Decentralised Counselling process, except where conversion/de-reservation is mandated under an applicable Government Order or statutory provision.

During the period in which Decentralised Counselling is operative, no participating Institution shall make any admission outside the authorised Decentralised Counselling process against any seat included in the Decentralised Counselling vacancy matrix. Any such unauthorised admission shall not reduce or alter the official vacancy matrix.

17: NON-RESPONSE, PARTIAL EXIT AND DEBARMENT

17.1 Merit List only

Mere inclusion in a Merit List, without inclusion in the Allocation/Selection List, shall not constitute an admission opportunity and shall not constitute non-response.

17.2.1 Allocation/Selection opportunity not exercised

Where a candidate is included in the 'Allocation/Selection List' of one or more College/Institute-Stream/Discipline combinations in a Phase but does not select/accept any available combination within the prescribed period, one non-response Phase shall be recorded.

Merit position determines the order of consideration and selection opportunity; it does not compel a candidate to select any particular Institution or Stream/Discipline. Where an opportunity is not exercised, the seat may be offered to the next eligible candidate in merit order through the applicable Round 2 process.

17.2.2 Allocation/Selection Opportunity and Participation of Already-Admitted Candidates

A candidate may be considered in up to four allocation rounds across two consecutive counselling Phases, subject to receiving an actual Allocation/Selection opportunity in the relevant round.

A candidate who already holds a confirmed admission in any College/Institute-Stream/Discipline through Centralised Online Counselling or Decentralised Online Counselling may participate in Decentralised Counselling for other eligible College/Institute-Stream/Discipline combinations, without surrendering the existing admission in advance.

Such candidate may select another eligible College/Institute-Stream/Discipline combination and, upon successful completion of the prescribed admission process and confirmation of the new admission, shall mandatorily replace the existing admission with the newly confirmed admission. The earlier admission shall thereupon stand automatically cancelled and the seat previously held by the candidate shall mandatorily be released for inclusion in the applicable vacancy pool.

The facility to replace an existing admitted seat under this Clause shall be available only once and only in the immediately succeeding counselling Phase following the Phase in which the candidate's existing admission was confirmed.

Until the new admission is successfully verified and confirmed, the candidate's existing admission shall remain protected and shall not be cancelled merely on account of participation in Decentralised Counselling, submission of choices, inclusion in a Merit List or Allocation/Selection List, selection/locking of a new seat, or payment of the Seat Acceptance Fee.

Once the new admission is successfully verified and confirmed, cancellation of the previous admission and release of the previously occupied seat shall be automatic, mandatory and irrevocable, and the candidate shall have no right to retain or reclaim the previous seat.

If the new admission is not successfully completed or confirmed, the candidate's existing admission shall continue unaffected.

17.3 Two consecutive non-response Phases

Where a candidate is included in the 'Allocation/Selection List' and is thereby provided one or more actual selection opportunities in a counselling Phase, but does not select/accept any available College/Institute-Stream/Discipline within the notified period, that Phase shall be treated as one non-response Phase.

If the same candidate again receives one or more actual selection opportunities through the 'Allocation/Selection List' in the immediately succeeding counselling Phase and again does not select/accept any available College/Institute-Stream/Discipline within the notified period, the candidate shall be debarred from participation in all subsequent Phases of Decentralised Counselling.

A Phase in which the candidate does not receive any actual selection opportunity through the 'Allocation/Selection List' shall not be treated as a non-response Phase.

As each counselling Phase may contain up to two allocation rounds, an eligible candidate—whether already admitted in any College/Institute-Stream/Discipline through Centralised Online Counselling / Decentralised Online Counselling or not admitted anywhere—may be considered in up to four allocation rounds across two consecutive Phases, depending upon whether an actual selection opportunity becomes available to the candidate in the relevant round.

For an already-admitted candidate, participation in such allocation rounds shall not by itself affect the existing admission. The existing admission shall remain protected until the candidate successfully selects another permissible College/Institute-Stream/Discipline, completes the prescribed admission formalities, and the new admission is successfully verified and confirmed.

17.4 Same Stream/Discipline after an unexercised selection opportunity

Where a candidate is included in the 'Allocation/Selection List' for a particular College/Institute-Stream/Discipline and does not exercise that opportunity within the prescribed period, that particular College/Institute-Stream/Discipline shall thereafter become unavailable to that candidate for the remainder of Decentralised Counselling 2026. The candidate shall not be considered for that combination in Round 2 or in any subsequent Phases.

Where a candidate is included in the Allocation/Selection List for more than one College/Institute-Stream/Discipline in a Phase and exercises one such selection opportunity, the other combinations in respect of which the candidate had also been included in the Allocation/Selection List shall not thereafter be available to the candidate for Round 2 or any subsequent Phase.

A College/Institute-Stream/Discipline for which the candidate has appeared only in the Merit List but has not entered the Allocation/Selection List shall not be treated as an unexercised admission opportunity and shall remain available for consideration in Round 2 and subsequent Phases, subject to the applicable Phase-opening vacancy, eligibility and other provisions of this Notification.

17.5 Seat lock/payment followed by non-reporting

Where a candidate selects/locks an allotted seat, successfully pays the Seat Acceptance Fee and thereafter fails to report to the selected Institution for physical/institutional verification within the notified period, the candidate shall be treated as non-reporting and shall be immediately debarred from the entire remaining Decentralised Counselling process.

The new admission shall not be confirmed and the concerned seat shall return to the applicable vacancy pool. If the candidate already held a valid admission (through Centralised e-Counselling) before the new selection, that previous admission shall remain protected.

17.6 Voluntary withdrawal after confirmed Decentralised Counselling admission

A candidate who voluntarily withdraws from a confirmed admission obtained through Decentralised Counselling shall exit Decentralised Counselling and shall not participate in any subsequent round or Phase. The released seat shall return to the applicable vacancy pool in accordance with the vacancy-freeze rules.

17.7 Verified technical/system/payment failure

A failure attributable to a verified technical, system or payment-processing failure shall not be recorded as candidate non-response where system records establish that the candidate initiated the prescribed action within the stipulated period and the failure was not attributable to the candidate. The transaction shall be resolved on the basis of the official system/payment records; no unsupported claim shall be entertained.

18: PUBLICATION OF MERIT LISTS AND ALLOCATION/SELECTION LISTS

For every Phase, WBJEEB shall publish the College/Institute-Stream/Discipline-wise Merit Lists showing the relative merit position of all eligible candidates who selected the respective combinations.

Separately, for each allocation round, WBJEEB shall publish/display the 'Allocation/Selection List' or individual Selection Opportunity status identifying the College/Institute-Stream/Discipline combinations presently available to the candidate for selection.

The Merit List and the 'Allocation/Selection List' are legally and operationally distinct: the Merit List shows relative merit position; the 'Allocation/Selection List' creates the time-bound opportunity to select; selection/locking plus successful Seat Acceptance Fee payment creates the allotment; and successful institutional verification creates the final admission.

Publication on the official Decentralised Counselling portal shall constitute official and sufficient notice. Additional SMS/e-mail communication, if sent, shall be supplementary. Non-receipt of supplementary communication shall not extend any notified deadline.

19: SEAT ACCEPTANCE FEE AND PROVISIONAL ADMISSION RECEIPT

The one-time registration fee for Decentralised Counselling shall be Rs. 250/- (Rupees Two hundred and fifty only), non-refundable.

The Seat Acceptance Fee shall be Rs. 2,000/- (Rupees Two Thousand only), refundable/adjustable in accordance with the notified WBJEEB fee rules.

The Seat Acceptance Fee shall become payable only after the candidate selects/locks ONE College/Institute-Stream/Discipline from the available 'Allocation/Selection List' opportunity/opportunities. On successful payment, the Provisional Admission Receipt shall be generated for reporting and verification.

Failure to pay the Seat Acceptance Fee within the selection/payment deadline shall cause the selected opportunity to lapse and shall be treated as **non-response** for the purposes of Clause 13.2 and Clause 17.4. The concerned College/Institute-Stream/Discipline shall thereafter be unavailable to the candidate and the seat shall return to the applicable vacancy pool. Further participation shall be governed by Clause 17 of this notification.

20: DOCUMENTS AND VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The candidate shall report with the portal-generated Provisional Admission Receipt, payment receipt and all applicable original documents together with one self-attested copy.

Document / Claim	Verification Requirement
Date of Birth	Class 10 Admit Card / Birth Certificate. Date of Birth shall be verified only and shall not be edited by the Institution.
Academic marks	Class 10 and Class 12 marksheets, including subject-wise marks required for eligibility/HMR. Academic marks shall be verified against originals and shall not be edited by the Institution.
OCI	Valid OCI certificate, where applicable.
West Bengal Domicile	Domicile certificate/proof in the form prescribed in the WBJEE-2026 Information Bulletin.
SC/ST/OBC/EWS	Valid category certificate in accordance with the WBJEE-2026 Information Bulletin and applicable Government notifications. OBC candidates claiming reservation shall satisfy the applicable 'Non-Creamy Layer' requirements.
PwD	Valid PwD certificate in the prescribed form, where applicable.

If verification shows a mismatch affecting the minimum eligibility or the entitlement to the selected seat, the consequence shall be governed by Clause 15. Date of Birth and academic marks shall not be corrected by the Institution during verification. Certificates issued recently by the competent authority shall be considered valid, except for certificates that are time-bound.

21: STANDARD PHASE WORKFLOW

- Phase opening and reconciliation of authoritative admission/vacancy data.
- Freeze of Phase-opening College/Institute-Stream/Discipline-wise vacancy matrix.
- Active Window: registration/profile update and fresh choice filling/editing.
- Choice locking and merit-data freeze.
- Publication of College/Institute-Stream/Discipline-wise Merit Lists.
- Round 1 'Allocation/Selection List' generation.
- Candidate selection/locking of ONE available combination and Seat Acceptance Fee payment.
- Generation of Provisional Admission Receipt and physical reporting.
- Institutional verification and final admission confirmation/rejection.
- Where applicable, simultaneous cancellation/release of the candidate's previous admitted seat after successful new admission.
- Round 2 vacancy reconciliation and freeze for combinations eligible for Round 2.
- Round 2 'Allocation/Selection List' extension/re-allocation on the same frozen choices.
- Round 2 candidate action, verification and admission confirmation.
- Final reconciliation, Phase closure and exit/debarment check.
- Next Phase with a fresh Active Window for eligible non-debarred candidates.

22: CANDIDATE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Safeguard login credentials and not share them with any unauthorised person.
- Regularly monitor the WBJEEB website and official Decentralised Counselling portal for Merit Lists, Allocation/Selection Lists, schedules, results and instructions.
- Understand that Merit List position is not an allotment and that only an 'Allocation/Selection List' inclusion creates a selection opportunity.
- Exercise any intended selection, payment and reporting action strictly within the notified deadline.
- Produce authentic and valid original documents during institutional verification.
- Retain/download portal-generated receipts and counselling documents.

23: INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Nominate a Nodal Counselling Officer and technical support personnel.
- Maintain an active help desk during the counselling period.
- Furnish accurate and timely vacancy, admission, cancellation, withdrawal and verification information.
- Complete Round 1 verification and status updates before the Round 2 vacancy freeze.
- Reject a candidate only on the grounds specified in Clause 15 and record the prescribed reason code, remarks and timestamp.
- Make no admission outside the authorised Decentralised Counselling process against a seat included in the Decentralised Counselling vacancy matrix.
- Preserve all digital and physical verification/admission records in accordance with applicable requirements.

24: HELP DESK AND GRIEVANCE

WBJEEB and participating Institutions shall provide notified help-desk arrangements for technical/procedural assistance. Any grievance relating to merit position, selection opportunity, payment status, verification or admission shall be raised through the official channel within the time specified by WBJEEB. System records, authoritative examination data, payment records and institution verification records shall form the basis for resolution.

25: ELIGIBILITY, DOMICILE AND RESERVATION

Programme eligibility, domicile criteria and reservation requirements shall be governed by the applicable provisions of the WBJEE-2026 Information Bulletin and the Government Orders/Gazette Notifications in force for the Academic Session 2026-2027.

Reservation for SC/ST/OBC/EWS/PwD candidates shall be applied strictly in accordance with extant Government rules.

OBC reservation shall be governed by the applicable Gazette Notifications of the Backward Classes Welfare Department, Government of West Bengal, including No. 944-BCW/MR-23/2026 dated 18.05.2026 and No. 945-BCW/MR-23/2026 dated 18.05.2026, read with subsequent applicable directions. OBC candidates claiming reserved-category benefit shall satisfy the applicable **Non-Creamy Layer** requirement.

A reserved-category vacancy shall not be converted or de-reserved except in accordance with the applicable Government Order/statutory provision.

26: GENERAL RULES

- a) No candidate can claim admission to any seat as a matter of right merely by registration, choice submission, Merit List position or 'Allocation/Selection List' inclusion.
- b) There shall be no preference/order among a candidate's locked College/Institute-Stream/Discipline choices.
- c) All counselling deadlines shall be binding. Failure to act within a deadline shall have the consequences expressly stated in this Notification.
- d) Only counselling documents generated by the official system shall be treated as valid system-generated counselling records where such documents are prescribed.
- e) WBJEEB may correct a clerical/system error or implement an order of a court/competent statutory authority where legally required. Such correction shall be supported by an auditable system record.
- f) Candidates shall regularly visit the Board's website and official Decentralised Counselling portal for schedules, corrigenda and notices.

27: SCHOLARSHIP AND STUDENT SUPPORT

Candidates admitted through Online Decentralised Counselling may apply for SVMCM (subject to final decision of the State Government), WBFS and other applicable schemes with fulfilment of the eligibility conditions prescribed by the respective authorities. Admission through counselling shall not, by itself, guarantee scholarship entitlement. Scholarship eligibility, application, approval and disbursement shall not be part of the Online Decentralised Counselling Portal or its allotment logic.

28: LEGAL JURISDICTION

- a) A candidate may seek information relating to his/her own examination/counselling status in accordance with applicable law and WBJEEB procedure.
- b) Information relating to another candidate shall not be disclosed except where required or permitted by law.
- c) All matters pertaining to WBJEE-2026 Online Decentralised Counselling shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta.

29: SUPERSESSION, SAVING AND COMMENCEMENT

This Revised Notification shall govern Common Online Decentralised Counselling for the Academic Session 2026-2027 from the date of its publication. To the extent of any inconsistency with Notification No. WBE/EX-53/2026 dated 27.08.2026 or any earlier instruction relating to the same Decentralised Counselling process, the provisions of this Revised Notification shall prevail.

Actions validly completed under the earlier notification before publication of this Revised Notification, if any, shall remain subject to such specific transitional direction as may be issued by WBJEEB; however, all counselling actions undertaken after commencement of this Revised Notification shall be governed by the provisions herein.

Sd/-

Registrar

West Bengal Joint Entrance Examinations Board

NB : Initially, the counselling schedule for two phases will be published soon. If required, the schedule for subsequent phase(s) will also be announced accordingly.