



MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, KERALA

Abstract

RPWD Act 2016-Concessions granted to Persons With Disabilities in the University Examinations - Revised Orders issued.

ACADEMIC A 3 SECTION

No. 11645/AC A 3/2023/MGU

Priyadarsini Hills, Dated: 20.11.2023

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1. U.O No.7396/ACA1/2022/MGU Dated.11.07.2022
 2. U.O No.5575/ACA3/2023/MGU Dated.19.05.2023
 3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 04.08.2023 at Vice Chancellor's Chamber
 4. G.O No.1325/2023/HEDN Dated.25.08.2023

ORDER

Concessions granted to Persons with Disabilities in the University Examinations vide University Order referred (1) above have been revised vide University Order referred (2) above. The Examination Branch sought clarifications on several points in the University Order. Hence a meeting had been convened by the Vice Chancellor in order to clarify the points and the meeting vide paper read as (3) above, recommended some modifications in the University Orders referred (1&2) above and resolved to include Dystonic Hand Tremor in the Chronic Neurological conditions in the list of disabilities for granting Grace Mark. Considering the recommendations, sanction has been accorded by the Vice Chancellor, by exercising powers under Chapter 3, section 10(17) of Mahatma Gandhi University Act 1985, to include Dystonic Hand Tremor to grant Grace Mark and to modify the earlier University Orders granting Grace Marks.

TABLE I: The 21 categories of disabilities listed in the RPWD Act 2016 are given below.

Sl.No.	Differently abled Category
1	Blindness
2	Low Vision
3	Leprosy Cured Persons
4	Hearing Impairment(deaf and hard of hearing)
5	Locomotor Disability
6	Dwarfism
7	Intellectual Disability
8	Mental Illness

9	Autism Spectrum Disorder
10	Cerebral Palsy
11	Muscular Dystrophy
12	Chronic Neurological conditions
13	Specific Learning Disabilities
14	Multiple Sclerosis
15	Speech and Language disability
16	Thalassemia
17	Haemophilia
18	Sickle Cell disease
19	Multiple Disabilities including deaf-blindness
20	Acid attack victims
21	Parkinson's disease

GRACE MARKS TO BE AWARDED TO PERSONS WITH VARIOUS DISABILITIES

Grace Marks/Grace Grade Points shall be granted based on the classification in the Medical Certificate from approved Medical Board preferably in form VI/VII/VIII RPWD ACT 2016/UDID .

1. A. PHYSICAL DISABILITY : Locomotor Disability, Leprosy Cured Persons, Dwarfism, Muscular Dystrophy, Acid attack victims, Cerebral Palsy, Blindness, Low Vision, Speech and Language disability

TABLE II : Distribution of Grace Marks/ Grace Grade Points

Sl.No.	Disability percentage	Percentage of Grace Marks/Grace Grade Points to be awarded
1	40% ≤ 64.9%	10% of maximum Marks/Grade Points for all theory exams in a year
2	65% ≤ 80.9%	20% of maximum Marks/Grade Points for all theory exams in a year
3	81% and above	25% of maximum Marks/Grade Points for all theory exams in a year

1. B. PHYSICAL DISABILITY - Hearing Impairment(Deaf and Hard of Hearing)

TABLE III: Distribution of Grace Marks/ Grace Grade Points

Sl.No.	Disability	Percentage of Grace Marks/Grace Grade Points to be awarded
1	Deaf-Candidates having 40% and above	25% of maximum Marks/Grade Points for all theory exams in a year

Hard of Hearing		
1	Candidates having 40% ≤ 64.9%	10% of maximum Marks/Grade Points for all theory exams in a year
2	Candidates having 65% ≤ 80.9%	20% of maximum Marks/Grade Points for all theory exams in a year
3	Candidates having 81% and above	25% of maximum Marks/Grade Points for all theory exams in a year
Cochlear implant		10% of maximum Marks/Grade Points for all theory exams in a year

2. INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY

TABLE IV: Distribution of Grace Marks/ Grace Grade Points

Specific learning Disability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dyslexia • Disgraphia • Dyscalculia • Dyspraxia • Developmental Aphasia 	Candidates having 40% ≤ 64.9%	10% of maximum Marks/Grade Points for all theory exams in a year
	Candidates having 65% ≤ 80.9%	20% of maximum Marks/Grade Points for all theory exams in a year
	Candidates having 81% and above	25% of maximum Marks/Grade Points for all theory exams in a year
Autism Spectrum Disorder (Candidates having 40% and above disability)		25% of maximum Marks/Grade Points for all theory exams in a year
Intellectual Disability/Mental Retardation (Mild/Moderate/Severe/ Profound/Above 40% disability/Borderline Intelligence/IQ Level 20-84)		25% of maximum Marks/Grade Points for all theory exams in a year

The term Sub Normality of Intelligence/Intellectual Sub Normality recommended by Medical Board shall be included in the category of Mental Retardation.

3. MENTAL ILLNESS (Mental Behaviour -Candidates having 40% and above disability)

TABLE V: Distribution of Grace Marks/ Grace Grade Points

Mild	10% of maximum Marks/Grade Points for all theory exams in a year
Moderate	15% of maximum Marks/Grade Points for all theory exams in a year
Severe	25% of maximum Marks/Grade Points for all theory exams in a year

4. DISABILITY CAUSED DUE TO:

(Chronic Neurological conditions such as Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, Dystonic Hand Tremor, Blood disorder such as Haemophilia, Thalassaemia, Sickle Cell disease, Wilson's disease)

TABLE VI: Distribution of Grace Marks/Grace Grade Points

(Candidates having 40% and above disability)	
Chronic Neurological conditions such as, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple Sclerosis • Parkinson's disease • Dystonic Hand Tremor Blood disorder such as, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haemophilia • Thalassemia • Sickle Cell disease • Wilson's disease 	25% of maximum Marks/Grade Points for all theory exams in a year

5. MULTIPLE DISABILITIES INCLUDING DEAF - BLINDNESS, DOWN SYNDROME**TABLE VII: Distribution of Grace Marks/Grace Grade Points**

Candidates having 40% and above disability	25% of maximum Marks/Grace Grade Points for all theory exams in a year
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6. STUDENTS UNDERGOING TREATMENT FOR CANCER**TABLE VIII: Distribution of Grace Marks/Grace Grade Points**

10% of Grace Mark (10% of maximum Marks/Grade Points for all theory exams in a year) and compensatory time of maximum 20 minutes per hour for examination shall be granted to students undergoing treatment for Cancer during course period, on production of Medical Certificate and certified copy of the treatment record from the concerned Doctor.

7. STUDENTS WHO HAD UNDERGONE ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION OR DONATED ORGAN**TABLE IX: Distribution of Grace Marks/Grace Grade Points**

10% of Grace Mark (10% of maximum Marks/ Grade Points for all theory exams in a year) shall be granted, to students who had undergone Organ Transplant or donated Organ during course period, on production of Medical Certificate from the Medical Board.
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CONCESSIONS IN EXAMINATIONS OTHER THAN GRACE MARKS

SI No	Specified Disability	Concessions
	PHYSICAL DISABILITY A. Locomotor Disability	(a) Compensatory time of maximum 20 min/hr

<p>1</p> <p>i) Leprosy Cured Person, ii) Dwarfism iii) Muscular Dystrophy iv) Acid attack Victims v)Cerebral Palsy vi)Candidates with permanent nature of disability who are unable to move their hands freely and write with normal speed</p>	<p>(b)Service of scribe/ reader/ interpreter/ lab assistant</p> <p>(c) Use of computer/Braille converter</p>
<p>B. Visual Impairment a. (Disability of 40% to 80%) i. Blindness ii. Low vision</p>	<p>(a) Compensatory time of maximum 20 min/hr (b) Service of scribe/ reader/interpreter/ lab assistant (c) Use of computer/ Braille converter</p>
<p>b. (Disability of 81% to 100%) i. Blindness ii. Low vision (Event Winners-Blind candidates having 81% -100% disability and securing I/II/III places in Sports/Cultural/Youth Festival activities conducted by Kerala Federation of the Blind at College/University/Inter University Level will be awarded 5% Grace Marks/2 Grace Grace Points)</p>	<p>(a) Compensatory time of maximum 20 min/hr (b) Service of scribe/interpreter/reader/ lab assistant. (c)Use of computer/ Braille converter (d) Exemption from the payment of Examination fee for all University Examinations including supplementary and Improvement Examinations</p>
<p>C. Hearing Impairment (i) Deaf and Hard of Hearing</p> <p>D. Speech and Language disability</p>	<p>(a) Compensatory time of maximum 20 min/hr (b) Service of scribe/interpreter/ reader/ lab assistant (c) Use of computer/Braille converter (d) Exemption from writing Second Language (When exempted from writing Second Language, Marks/Grades shall be calculated proportionally to the Marks/Grades of the theory papers of the candidate for that semester) (e) Exemption from appearing for oral (viva-</p>

		voce) examinations. (Marks/Grades shall be calculated proportionally to the Marks/Grades of the theory papers of the candidate for that semester)
2	<p>INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY</p> <p>(i) Specific Learning Disabilities (like Dyslexia, Disgraphia, Dyscalculia, Dyspraxia, Developmental aphasia)</p> <p>(ii) Autism Spectrum Disorder</p> <p>(iii) Mental Retardation (Mild/Moderate/Severe/ Profound/Above 40% disability/Borderline Intelligence/IQ Level 20-84)</p> <p>The term Sub Normality of Intelligence/Intellectual Sub Normality diagnosed by Medical Board shall be included in the category of Mental Retardation.</p>	<p>(a) Compensatory time of maximum 20 min/hr</p> <p>(b) Service of scribe/reader/interpreter/lab assistant</p> <p>(c) Use of computer/Braille converter</p> <p>(d) Exemption from writing Second Language (When exempted from writing Second Language, Marks/Grades shall be calculated proportionally to the Marks/Grades of the theory papers of the candidate for that semester)</p> <p>(e) Exemption from appearing for oral (viva-voce) examinations. (Marks/Grades shall be calculated proportionally to the Marks/Grades of the theory papers of the candidate for that semester)</p>
3	MENTAL BEHAVIOUR	<p>(a) Compensatory time of maximum 20 min/hr.</p> <p>(b) Service of scribe/interpreter/reader/lab assistant</p> <p>(c) Use of computer/Braille converter</p>
4	<p>DISABILITY CAUSED DUE TO</p> <p>i. Chronic Neurological conditions (Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, Dystonic Hand Tremor)</p> <p>ii. Blood Disorder (Haemophilia, Thalassemia, Sickle cell disease, Wilson's disease)</p>	<p>(a) Compensatory time of maximum 20 min/hr</p> <p>(b) Service of scribe/ interpreter/reader/ lab assistant</p> <p>(c) Use of computer/ Braille converter</p>
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<p>MULTIPLE DISABILITIES 5 Including-Deaf-blindness, Down Syndrom</p>	<p>lab assistant (c) Use of computer/ Braille converter (d) Exemption from Writing Second Language (When exempted from writing Second Language, Marks/Grades shall be calculated proportionally to the Marks/Grades of the theory papers of the candidate for that semester) (e) Exemption from appearing for oral (viva-voce) examinations. (Marks/Grades shall be calculated proportionally to the Marks/Grades of the theory papers of the candidate for that semester)</p>
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6. Students suffering from Type I Diabetes

Students who are suffering from type 1 Diabetes (Juvenile diabetes) shall have compensatory time of maximum 20 minutes per hour for writing examination and are permitted to bring Insulin Pen/Pump, sugar tablet, Chocolate candy, fruits snacks in the examination hall on production of Medical Certificate or certified treatment history from a Civil Surgeon.

7. Students suffering from Epilepsy

Students who are suffering from Epilepsy shall have compensatory time of maximum 20 minutes per hour for writing examination.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Applicants for special Concession should submit the original Medical Certificate (Form VI,VII,VIII) as per the RPWD ACT 2016 / Unique Disability Identity Card/Certificate, for verification of documents.
2. It shall be the responsibility of the Principal to submit, list of students eligible for the benefits of special concession to the University immediately after the last date of admission, along with all supporting documents. The differently abled Private Registered candidate should submit his/her application for special concession along with all supporting documents attested by a gazetted officer along with the application for private registration.
3. The Principal shall prepare list of Scribes from among willing students. The Scribe shall be studying in immediately lower classes than that of the Differently abled Candidate. The scribe shall not be a relative of the Differently abled Candidate. The scribe should produce a certificate to that effect.
4. Content Based Evaluation shall be applicable to all students who claim Special Concession (Applicable for exams notified after the date of this order). The answer script of the Differently

Abled Candidate who avails the benefit of content based evaluation should be titled, specially packed and given for evaluation by Chief Examiner.

5. The Chief Superintendents shall write '**Differently Abled Candidate**' in bold letters on the top of facing sheet of the answer scripts of Differently abled Candidate at the commencement of each examination and shall forward the answer scripts of Differently abled Candidate to the University in separate covers with the superscription '**Differently abled Candidate**', after each day's examination. The Chief Examiner shall evaluate the answer scripts.

6. The maximum Grace Marks awarded for Differently abled Candidates shall be 30% (30% of maximum Marks/Grade Points for all theory exams in a year) i.e. maximum permissible grace mark for special concession 25%+other activities for which Grace Mark is allowed 5%).

7. The Candidate having Severe Intellectual Disability/Severe Mental Illness/Severe Multiple Disabilities including Deaf-blindness/Down Syndrome who bring own Scribe shall produce an Undertaking in the format given in the Office Memorandum of Govt. of India, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment .

8. For other Differently abled Candidates not covered in Table I, the benefits of Compensatory time, the service of the scribe/ interpreter and the use of the computer shall be granted, on producing a Medical Certificate approved by the Medical Board (Form VI/VII/VIII, RPWD ACT 2016)/UDID

9. If percentage (%) of permanent disability is not recorded on the Medical Certificate issued by the Medical Board(Form VI/VII/VIII, RPWD ACT 2016)/UDID benefits other than Grace Marks/Grace Grade Points shall be granted.

10. If the Medical Certificate of an intellectually Disabled candidate contains the remark, Likely to improve/Reassessment needed, valid up to certain period, then such candidates are eligible for special concession/ Grace Marks/Grace Grade points up to the period mentioned in the Medical Certificate/till the validity of the Medical Certificate.

11. The eligible candidate may apply for Grace Marks/Grace Grade points with in 2 years after the programme of study. The request for Grace Marks/Grace Grade points received after the time limit shall not be entertained.

12. Grace Mark mentioned in this University Order is applicable to students of 2021 admission onwards.

13. Grace Marks/Grace Grade points shall be awarded to a candidate if he/she secures a minimum 5% of the maximum Marks/Grade points of the theory part of the course. Private Registered

Differently abled Candidates, who secure a combined (External and Internal) minimum of 5% of maximum Marks/Grade points for the course will be eligible for Grace Marks in the examination. Redistribution of Grace Marks/Grace Grade points is permitted.

14. Grace Marks/Grace Grade points shall normally be given for written examination only. But if the points of a candidate are below the required minimum for a pass in internal component of the written examinations, the Grace Grade points can also be redistributed to that item to get a pass. However, Grace Marks/Grace Grade points shall not be redistributed to Viva/Practical/Lab Examinations to get a pass.

15. The information that Grace Marks/Grace Grade points are granted shall be included in the grade card of the students who avail the benefit.

University Orders referred (1&2) stands modified to the above effect.

Orders are issued accordingly.

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