



**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL AND MASS EDUCATION**

**GUIDELINES FOR OBTAINING RECOGNITION/NOC BY PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS HAVING
PRIMARY/UPPER PRIMARY SECTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ODISHA RIGHT OF CHILDREN TO
FREE AND COMPULSORY EDUCATION RULES, 2010**

Under Odisha Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules, 2010 every school other than a school established / owned or controlled by the Government or local authority will have to fulfill the norms of RTE to be recognized by Government.

In accordance with the above condition of the Rule, the High Power Committee of Government in School and Mass Education Department has formulated the following guidelines for obtaining such recognition / NOC by such private schools.

1. All private Schools of above mentioned category should obtain recognition / NOC from the competent authority afresh by **15th January** every year.
2. To be eligible for obtaining recognition / NOC, the schools should register and apply on-line in the Private School Management Portal (PSMP) software developed and maintained by OPEPA under www.opepa.in.
3. The list of Schools which had earlier applied for recognition / NOC (but not found eligible as they do not fulfill the criteria of RTE) is available in the above portal. These Schools are advised to re-apply by complying the RTE norms by **06.09.2014** failing which steps will be taken to de-recognize them.
4. Those schools which have obtained recognition / NOC earlier are also required to apply afresh on-line by **06.09.2014** (irrespective of whether their period of recognition has expired or not).
5. Schools not registered in portal but continuing are advised to apply on-line in the portal by **15.01.2015** failing which action will be taken for their de-recognition
6. Those Schools who want issue of recognition / NOC for 2015-16 Academic Session should apply on-line by **15th January, 2015** even if they have got recognition /NOC for 2014-15 Academic Session.

NO OFF-LINE APPLICATION WILL BE ENTERTAINED.

It is brought to the notice of the all concerned that as per the RTE norms “**Any person who establishes or runs a school without obtaining certificate or recognition or continues to run a school after withdrawal of recognition, shall be liable to fine which may extend to one lakh rupees and in case of continuing contraventions, to fine of ten thousand rupees for each day during which such contravention continues.**”

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Guidelines to use the “Private School Management Portal” through www.opepa.in

(A) For the Schools:-

1. The Private Schools, who has already registered and provided information through “Private School Management Portal”, only have to **UPDATE** the information of their school for the year 2014-15 using the user id / reference no. and password provided to them earlier. After final saving of the information, the school will be able to take out a print of the on-line application along with the detail status of RTE compliance as per their information provided through on-line. The school has to submit a signed copy of the printed version of the on-line form to the Director, Elementary Education. No related document is required to be submitted along with the printed form.
2. The Private Schools, who has not registered or provided information earlier, has to first register their school. After receiving the user id / reference no. and password, the school has to give the information through the link “**APPLY FOR NOC**”. After final saving of the information, the school will be able to take out a print of the on-line application along with the detail status of RTE compliance as per their information provided through on-line. The school has to submit a signed copy of the printed version of the on-line form to the Director, Elementary Education. No related document is required to be submitted along with the printed form.

(B) For Block Education Office (BEO):-

Each BEO has been provided with login id & password to see the information of the Private Schools of their block. The block can assess the filled in forms and documents submitted by the Private Schools of their block for verification.

(C) For District Project Office (DPO):-

Each DPO has been provided with login id & password to see the information of the Private Schools of their district. The district can assess the filled in forms and documents submitted by the Private Schools of their district.

(D) For OPEPA / Directorate of Elementary Education:-

OPEPA / Directorate of Elementary Education will monitor the process for all the schools of the state, give required support to the DPO & BEO and prepare the reports to facilitate the procedure to provide NOC.