

## COLLEGE ADMISSION GUIDELINES

# Quota for freedom fighters' grandchildren dropped

Applications start on July 30, classes on Sept 15

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The education ministry on Thursday published the college admission guidelines for the current academic year, dropping quota for the grandchildren of the freedom fighters.

As per the guidelines, the procedure for college admission application for the students who passed this year's Secondary School Certificate and its equivalent examinations will start on July 30.

The admission procedure will be held between September 7 and 14 and the classes will start on September 15.

The Secondary and Higher Education Division under the education ministry issued the guidelines through its web site on Thursday.

Earlier on July 10, the results of this year's Secondary School Certificate and its equivalent examinations were published.

According to the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Dhaka, each year the nine general, one madrassah and one technical boards jointly draft common guidelines for admission in Class XI, which usually remained mostly unchanged. The education ministry approves the guidelines.

This year some reform proposals, including keeping quota for the July uprising victims, were given for the guidelines. But no quota has been kept for the July uprising victims in the 2025 guidelines.

The July uprising ousted the authoritarian Awami League regime on August 5, 2024.

As per the 2025 guidelines, in cases of admission, 93 per cent of seats will be opened for all.

Like the 2024 guidelines, this year's guidelines keep 1 per cent quota reserved for the children of the officers and employees of the education ministry and another 1 per cent for the children of the officers and employees of different departments or agencies under the ministry at the educational institutions in metropolitan, divisional and district headquarters.

This year's guidelines keep 5 per cent quota reserved for the children of the freedom fighters.

In the 2024 guidelines, 5 per cent quota was reserved for the children and grandchildren of the freedom fighters.

Professor Md Rezaul Haque, inspector of colleges under the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Dhaka, said that the ministry had made the decision of dropping the quota for the grandchildren of the freedom fighters.

The 2025 guidelines also said that the students could apply for admission online through [www.xiclassadmission.gov.bd](http://www.xiclassadmission.gov.bd) web site by paying Tk 220.

This year, 19,04,086 students appeared in the SSC and its equivalent examinations under 11 education boards, while 13,03,426 examinees passed.

The available seats for the students of Class XI in different educational institutions under the 11 education boards are 26,58,731 in the 2024–25 academic year.

Rezaul said that this year about 13.55 lakh seats in the colleges and their equivalent institutions would remain vacant.