

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

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**POLICY FOR AWARDING LAP-TOPS TO MERITORIOUS STUDENTS OF THE STATE OF MEGHALAYA
BASED ON THEIR PERFORMANCE AT THE RESPECTIVE ANNUAL SCHOOL BOARDS EXAMINATIONS**

1. **Preamble:** The Information Technology Department, Government of Meghalaya wishes to promote academic excellence by awarding state-of-the-art Lap-Tops to students of the state who topped in their respective Annual School Boards Examinations as per criteria mentioned in the sections below.

2. **Eligibility Criteria:**
 - a. This award is meant for all students who studied in the state of Meghalaya and residents of Meghalaya who studied outside the state, who topped in their respective Annual School Boards Examinations, in a particular year.
 - b. Students eligible for the awards are those who passed the examinations conducted by the Meghalaya Board of School Education (MBOSE), the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) and the Central Board for School Education (CBSE) only.
 - c. The awards are for students who appeared in Class X and Class XII Annual Board Examinations of the aforementioned three boards/ council except for students of Class X of CBSE Board whose selection criteria shall be as per Section 3 II (a) below.
 - d. For Class XII the Awards is meant for students who "topped" in all streams (viz. Arts, Commerce & Science)
 - e. For MBOSE, subject toppers in Maths, Science and Computer Application for Class X MBOSE Students and subject toppers in Physics, Chemistry, Maths, Computer Application and Biology for Class XII MBOSE Students shall also be eligible for the award. A student whose name appeared as MBOSE top ranker as well as subject topper (in one or more subject) shall be eligible for one award only in a particular year, however, in recognition of this achievement such a student shall be awarded with a Lap-top of configuration higher than those of other awardees.

3. Selection Criteria of the "toppers":

A. Selection Criteria:

- I. **MBOSE :**
 - (a) For Class X the list shall include the **top 20** students as per ranking criteria adopted by the Board.
 - (b) For Class XII the list shall include the **top 10** students of each of Arts, Science and Commerce streams as per ranking criteria adopted by the Board.
 - (c) **Class X subject toppers** in Maths, Science and Computer Application
 - (d) **Class XII subject toppers** in Physics, Chemistry, Maths, Computer Application and Biology

II. CBSE:

(a) For CBSE Class X the list shall include the **top 10** students as per ranking criteria adopted by the Board. However, CBSE has made Class X Board Examination optional at present. It is understood that those students who do not opt for CBSE Class X Board examination are graded by their respective schools based on CGPA scoring system. It is observed that the list of students who scored 10 out of 10 CGPA is much higher than the target number of awards earmarked for the top 10 rank holders. In view of this, it is felt that identifying the top 10 ten rank holders who appeared in CBSE Class X has become infeasible. Hence, the award for CBSE Class X students is suspended as on date.

(b) For CBSE Class XII students the list shall include the top 10 students each of the Arts, Science and Commerce streams as per ranking criteria adopted by the Board.

III. CISCE:

(a) For ICSE Class X the list shall include the top 10 students as per ranking criteria adopted by the Council.

(b) For ISC For Class XII the list shall include the top 3 students each of the Arts, Science and Commerce streams as per ranking criteria adopted by the Council.

B. In case of a tie:

I. If more than one student secures the same total marks (or percentage) in the said examinations then all of them will be ranked in the same position. For example if student A secured 90.5% and is ranked 6th in the Merit List and if student B and student C also secured 90.5 % each, then all of these students i.e. A, B & C will be ranked as 6th in the Merit List.

II. For Class X & XII subject toppers in MBOSE, if more than one student secured the same marks in a particular subject in a particular year, then all such students shall be awarded as subject toppers but as per provision mentioned in Section 2(e) above.

C. The Merit Lists prepared as per the above criteria shall be displayed on the website of the Information Technology Department, Government of Meghalaya at least one week before the Lap-Top Award Distribution Ceremony.

4. For Class X & XII students who studied in institutions outside the state of Meghalaya

I. If a student who is a resident of Meghalaya and who has registered for the examination of any of the three boards in institutions located outside the state of Meghalaya has secured marks whose total is equal to or more than the marks secured by the student (or students) in the last rank in the Merit List mention in Section 3 above, then such a student will be eligible to receive an Award. However, the award to such a student shall be in addition to the students in the Merit List mentioned in Section 3 above and none of the eligible students selected as per Section 3 above shall be removed from the merit list.

II. Publicity: Since the IT Department, GoM is in a position to obtain information from the respective boards only about students who registered themselves for the board exams in institutions located within the state, there is a need to publicise about the Award so that eligible students who registered themselves for board exams in institutions located outside the state of Meghalaya can apply for the Award as per criteria mentioned in Section 4 above. Hence, an advertisement shall be published in the local dailies to inform such students to check their eligibility for the award in the website of the Information Technology Department, Government of Meghalaya and apply for the award if eligible.

5. Documentary proofs required for claiming the award

- a. Eligible students who registered themselves for the respective board/ council examinations with institutions located **within** the state of Meghalaya and whose names are mentioned in the list for awards are required to produce their Board Examination Admit Cards and Mark sheets as proof for receiving the award.
- b. For students who registered themselves for the respective board examinations with institutions located **outside** the state of Meghalaya shall produce their (i) Board Examination Admit Card (ii) Mark Sheet and (iii) Certificate of being residents of Meghalaya issued by the concerned Deputy Commissioner's Offices as proof for receiving the award.

6. Notwithstanding any of the terms & conditions mentioned above, the decision of the Information Technology Department, Government of Meghalaya shall be final.