

UG/PG Guidelines for NRI/Foreign Nationals

Categorization of International/NRI Students

A foreign national may seek admission in any of the courses being offered by the University through the International Students Office under any of the following categories-

- i) Candidates with nomination /sponsorship by any foreign State, Embassy or authority in India under a Study in India /Exchange Programme, etc.
- ii) Foreign nationals or their wards who are self-financed students (not seeking admission through a mode as mentioned in (i) above).
- iii) Non-resident Indians or their Wards (not seeking admission through a mode as mentioned in (i) above).

The definition of the terms, "Foreign Nationals, Non-resident Indians and Wards" be considered as under:-

1. **Foreign Nationals:** Foreign Nationals holding passports issued by foreign countries including people of Indian origin who have acquired the nationality of foreign countries are included as foreign students. Provided any subsequent changes in the definition as may be notified by the Government of India shall have the same latest meaning respectively assigned to them. The other expressions not defined herein shall have the meaning as may be assigned in any subsequent notification of the Government of India.
2. **Non-resident Indians:** A person shall be deemed to be Non-resident Indian for seeking admission in Panjab University if she/he fulfils the criterion (as amended from time to time) for status of NRI under Income Tax Act, 1961, in the year in which he/she seeks admission in Panjab University.

As per Income Tax Act, 1961 the present criterion for determination of status of NRI is as follows:-

'Non-resident Indian' is an individual who is a citizen of India or a person of Indian origin and who is not a resident of India. Thus, in order to determine whether an Individual is a non-resident Indian or not, his residential status is required to be determined under Section 6. As per Section 6 of the Income-tax Act, an individual is said to be non-resident in India if he is not a resident in India and an individual is deemed to be resident in India in any previous year if he satisfies any of the following conditions:-

- (i) If he is in India for a period of 182 days or more during the previous year; or
- (ii) If he is in India for a period of 60 days or more during the previous year and 365 days or more during 4 years immediately preceding the previous year.

However, condition No. (ii) does not apply where an individual being citizen of India or a person of Indian origin, who being outside India, comes on a visit to India during the previous year.

A person shall be deemed to be of Indian origin if he, or either of his parents or any of his parents or any of his grand-parents, was born in undivided India.

3. **Wards of Foreign Nationals and NRIs:**

A student who seeks admission as a ward of Foreign National or Non-resident Indian should be in a first degree / blood relationship with foreign national or Non-resident Indian. The term first degree /blood relationship includes

- (a) spouse
- (b) children (natural/adopted/foster)
- (c) real brother and sister of father i.e. real uncle and real aunt
- (d) real brother and sister of mother i.e. real maternal uncle and maternal aunt
- (e) father and mother of father i.e. grand-father and grand-mother
- (f) father and mother of mother i.e. maternal grand-father and maternal grand-mother
- (g) first degree-paternal and maternal cousins.

Eligibility and Admission Criterion:

- (i) The students who will be admitted against the Foreign National/NRI quota should have the basic qualification fixed by the Medical Council/Dental Council/Bar Council of India/Pharmacy Council of India for admission in Medical / Dental / Law graduate / post graduate courses. The Rules of respective Regulatory Bodies shall apply as amended from time to time.
- (ii) The candidates seeking admission to any course must meet the eligibility criteria of that particular course as mentioned on the website of respective department/Handbook of Information of Panjab University.
- (iii) The International students from Non-English Speaking Countries are required to submit a certificate of IELTS Academic score (atleast Band 5) or TOEFL score (atleast 60).
- (iv) The candidates seeking admission to Post graduate courses are required to produce the certificate of Graduate Record Examination (General) or GMAT score.
- (v) Admission to all Engineering courses against NRI quota in the University Institute of Engineering & Technology (UIET), University Institute of Chemical Engineering & Technology (UICET) and P.U. Regional Centre, Hoshiarpur shall also be admissible through Direct Admissions Students Abroad (DASA) w.e.f. the academic session 2018-2019.
- (vi) For admission University School of open learning USOL:**

Foreign Nationals working in the foreign missions in India and their dependents residing with them, subject to the condition that before submitting their Admission cum Examination Form, they are required to obtain Eligibility Certificate from the Registrar, Panjab University. Foreign students who have passed B.A./B.Com Part-I Examination from this University, shall be allowed to complete the remaining parts of these integrated courses through USOL even while staying in their respective countries, subject to the number of chances available in the respective examinations as provided in the Regulations.
- (vii) The candidates shall compete amongst themselves for admission to various courses. For PG courses, their inter-se merit shall be determined on the basis of the score obtained in GRE/GMAT.
- (viii) A candidate once admitted as NRI candidate in an under graduate course shall be covered under the definition of NRI for subsequent admission to any course at Panjab University.
- (ix) Candidates who take admission under the NRI quota and are promoted from Undergraduate to Postgraduate course in the Hons. School framework (ongoing program) shall not be allowed to change their category.
- (x) A candidate admitted under NRI quota may change his/her admission to a vacant seat provided the candidate falls within the merit of admitted candidates in General or Reserve Category.
- (xi) NRI candidates shall have to comply with any other requirements prescribed by the Govt. of India and Panjab University from time to time.
- (xii) For admission to B.P.Ed. and M.P.Ed. (Physical Education), a candidate will be required to undergo mandatory Physical Efficiency Test. The scores of Physical Efficiency Test will be counted for determining merit.
- (xiii) The **Foreign Nationals and NRI candidates shall provide the following certificates /documents:-**
 - a. The **Foreign Nationals and NRI** students wishing to join any of the University Teaching Departments Panjab University for the first time are required to obtain an eligibility certificate from the *Deputy Registrar (General), Panjab University, Chandigarh* or Academic certificates of passing the qualifying or equivalent examination approved by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU)/Common wealth Universities/International Association of Universities (IAU) as equivalent to the corresponding Indian Degrees/Certificates.

- b. Test Score of GRE/GMAT/TOEFL/IELTS etc.
- c. The foreign students admitted are required to fill up Foreign Student Information System (FSIS) Form complete in all respects, along with copies of passport and Visa and submit to the office of Dean International Students, Panjab University, Chandigarh. This form is an urgent requirement of the Foreign Registration Office (FRO), Sector-9, Chandigarh and the candidate has to report to the Foreign Registration Office (FRO) within fourteen days of arrival in Chandigarh, with the number generated after the online submission of this form.

Foreign Students Information System (FSIS) is to be submitted by hand by the candidate and the FSIS No. will be issued by this Office personally to the students

- d. Foreign Students Welfare Fee @ Rs.1500/- per student. Each NRI/Foreign Student is required to submit the same in cash, which may be deposited with the 'Extension Counter, State Bank of India, Administrative Block, Panjab University, Chandigarh. Original Receipts of the fee deposited is to be submitted to the office of the Dean International Students along with Registration Form **(To be submitted after Confirmation of Admission)**.

- (xiv) **The seats of Foreign Nationals and NRI are "Inter-Changeable". That is, if sufficient number of eligible candidates are not available to fill up the seats of NRI, seats may be filled up from among the eligible candidates belonging to Foreign Nationals, and vice-versa. The conversion of seats shall be done after second counselling for NRI /Foreign National or after exhausting the waiting list of NRI/Foreign Nationals.**

In case, the number of eligible Foreign Nationals seeking admission exceeds the number of seats available, the Vice-Chancellor, Panjab University may be authorized to sanction additional seats to the Foreign Nationals only.

- (xv) **Candidates belonging to NRI (for all the under mentioned categories taken together) who fall in one of the following categories (which are given here in order of precedence):**

- 1. NRI candidates;**
- 2. Wards of NRI candidates;**
- 3. NRI candidates who have not appeared in the entrance Test. In case of regulatory body, if permitted by the said regulatory body;**
- 4. Wards of NRI candidates who have not appeared in the entrance Test. In case of regulatory body, if permitted by the said regulatory body;**

- (xvi) **Foreign Nationals/NRI candidates seeking admission to the concerned course are required to compete amongst themselves for the seats for them by appearing in the Entrance Test (wherever applicable) if they are in India. However, those living abroad at the time of entrance test will be exempted from the entrance test.**

Affidavit OR Notary OR any other competent authority, authorized by the concerned country

I _____ S/o D/o Sh. _____ Resident of _____ and guardian of _____
_____ resident of _____ who is seeking admission
in the Department of _____ Panjab University, Chandigarh,
declare and affirm that:

I shall be responsible for timely payment of prescribed tuition fees (payable annually) and all other dues and charges in full (and not in part/instalments) to the Panjab University, Chandigarh immediately after the admission is granted to the above candidate as also during the subsequent years of studies.

Tuition fee shall be paid by me in the form of bank Draft in U.S. Dollars/Pounds/sterling/Euros or equivalent amount in Indian currency payable to the Registrar, Panjab University, Chandigarh along with a bank certificate for encashment of foreign currency of the like amount.

In addition to tuition fee, I shall also pay all other dues and charges to the Panjab University as payable by other students of the same class belonging to the same category in the foreign currency or in Indian Rupees as per University Rules and Regulations.

I understand that in case of failure to pay Fees and dues on time, the admission will automatically stand cancelled and fee already paid will not be refundable. Neither I nor the candidate _____ shall have any claim against the University on any account whatsoever.

I am attaching copy of my Passport along with the VISA document, residence proof, working proof(job _____)

Date: _____
Place: _____

Signature of the Guardian (NRI)

Witness1
Signature: _____
Address: _____

Witness2
Signature: _____
Address: _____

Passport Number _____
Country _____

Passport Number _____
Country _____

Countersigned (Candidate seeking admission)

(Undertaking on Separate page)

UNDERTAKING

I _____ S/D/o Sh. _____ Undertake and affirm that I am a NRI and living in _____ My address in _____ is _____. I am guardian of Mr/Miss _____. The affidavit, as desired, is enclosed here with for his/her admission in _____ under NRI quota. I undertake to pay his/her tuition fees (payable annually) and all other dues and charges in foreign currency after his/her admission and during subsequent years to the Panjab University, Chandigarh.

This affidavit is prepared in India because at present I am residing in India. [Mention, if applicable]

Date: _____

Signature of the Guardian (NRI)

Place: _____

AFFIDAVIT

I _____ S/D/o Sh. _____ Resident of _____ who is seeking Admission in the Department of _____ in _____ (course), Panjab University, Chandigarh, declare and affirm hat:

Mr./Ms.....(mention name of NRI relative) S/o Shresident of(Address, name of country), Passport no.....is (for example: real brother of my mother/father) Sh./Smt.....,i.e., real (paternal/maternal) (mention real relationship with candidate).

He shall be responsible for timely payment of prescribed tuition fees (payable annually) and all other dues and charges in full (and not in part/instalments) to the Panjab University, Chandigarh immediately after the admission in granted to the above candidate as also during the subsequent years of studies.

Tuition fee shall be paid by Mr./Ms..... **(mention name of NRI relative)** in the form of bank Draft in U.S. Dollars/Pounds/sterling/Euros or equivalent amount in Indian currency payable to the Registrar, Panjab University, Chandigarh along with a bank certificate for encashment of foreign currency of the like amount.

In addition to tuition fee, Mr./Ms**(mention name of NRI relative)** shall also pay all other dues and charges to the Panjab University as payable by other students of the same class belonging to the same category in the foreign currency or in Indian Rupees as per University Rules and Regulations.

I understand that in case of failure to pay Fees and dues on time, the admission will automatically stand cancelled and fee already paid will not be refundable. I shall not have any claim against the University on any account whatsoever.

Date: _____

Signature of the Candidate

Place: _____

Signature of the Father

Signature of the Mother

Address: