2. Seats : Open and Reserved

The number of seats in each course offered in the Teaching Departments, as announced in the Admission Notice/s, shall be strictly adhered to, except for such minor adjustment as may be necessary on account of rounding off fractions to accommodate reservations, as given below :-

- (A) Generally 55.5% of the seats in each course shall be treated as belonging to the Open Category.
- (B) 44.5%* seats shall be treated as belonging to the Reserved Category, as per details given below :-
 - (i) 15% for candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes.
 - (ii) 7.5% for candidates belonging to the Scheduled Tribes.

The above reservation shall be subject to the following conditions :

- (a) the number of students admitted on merit shall not be included in the number of seats reserved;
- (b) members of Scheduled Castes/Tribes and Backward Classes shall be allowed a concession of 5% marks for admission to the courses in which a certain percentage of minimum marks has been prescribed provided they have obtained minimum pass marks prescribed by regulations;
- (c) in case the seats earmarked for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes remain unfilled, a further relaxation in marks may be given, in order of merit interse amongst the candidates themselves, so that all the reserved seats are filled by candidates belonging to these categories. This, however, will not apply for M.B.B.S. admission; and
- (d) A Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe person on migration from the State of his origin will not loose his status as Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe but he will be entitled to the concessions/benefits admissible to the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes from the State of his origin and not from the State where he has migrated. [Regulation 29.1, P.U. Cal. Vol. I, 2007 (Page 168)].
- (iii) 5% for candidates belonging to the Backward Classes.

(Restored by Syndicate vide Para 63, dt. 29.6.2010)

(iv) 3% for Physically Handicapped candidates : Claimant in this category should be capable of pursuing the course for which the admission is sought. The handicapped candidates should have a minimum of 40% disability duly certified by the Medical Board of District/State/UT/Medical Institution of National Importance. Such certificate shall be further certified by the Medical Board of the Panjab University Health Centre.

Out of the 3% seats, 1% be earmarked for the blind and the persons with low vision in the courses where no practical are involved :

- 1. the blind persons be given admission straightway; i.e. they will be given priority over the Physically Handicapped candidates;
- 2. the blind persons be allowed to compete in General Category by allowing them 5 per cent marks over and above the marks actually obtained by them for determining their merit;

^{*}Any candidate who apply under reserved category should first be considered in general category.

- 3. for admission to courses wherein age limit is specified, the blind persons be given a relaxation of 5 years in age;
- 4. for admission to courses based on Entrance Tests, the blind persons be treated at par with the SC/ST for earning eligibility for admission;

Visually Handicapped would mean :

Visual acuity of 6/60 with best correction in the better eye or any persons with visual fields of 20° or less in the better eye irrespective of the visual acuity.

- (v) 5% on the basis of achievement in Sports (see separate Guidelines).
- (vi) 5% (for all the under-mentioned categories taken together) for candidates who fall in one of the following categories (which are given here in order of precedence):-
 - Sons/Daughters/Spouses of such defence personnel, para-military personnel like CRPF/BSF and Police personnel etc. who died in action while on duty. Only those who were wholly dependent on such personnel shall be considered.
 - 2. Sons/Daughters/Spouses as are wholly dependent on such Defence Personnel who were incapacitated/died while in service.
 - 3. Such Sons/Daughters/Spouses of ex-servicemen (Defence and Para-military personnel like CRPF/BSF etc.) as are wholly dependent on them.
 - 4. Defence personnel incapacitated^{*} while in service.
 - 5. Such Sons/Daughters/Spouses of serving defence personnel and para-military personnel like CRPF/BSF etc. as are wholly dependent on them.
 - 6. Ex-servicemen**
 - 7. Serving defence personnel/paramilitary personnel like CRPF/BSF etc.
 - **Note** : Except in the case of Department of Laws, for admission to evening courses, categories 2, 3 and 5 under 2 (B) (vi) will not be considered, since the term "wholly dependent" will exclude such persons as are 'employed' or 'self-employed'.
- (vii) 2% for Sons/Daughters/Husband/Wife/Brothers/Sisters of persons killed/ incapacitated in November, 1984 riots and of persons killed/incapacitated in terrorist violence in Punjab and Chandigarh. A Certificate from the District Magistrate to this effect must be submitted by the candidate. Migrant Card alone is not enough.

^{*}Incapacitation will mean incapacitation leading to the discharge of the person by authorities concerned.

^{**}Ex-serviceman means a person who has served in any rank whether as a combatant or non-combatant in the regular Army, Navy and Air Force of the Indian Union :-

⁽i) who retired from the service after earning his/her pensions; or

who has been boarded out of the service on medical grounds attributable to military service or circumstance beyond his control and awarded medical or other disability pension; or

⁽iii) who has been released from the service as a result of reduction in establishment; or

⁽iv) who has been released from the service after completing the specific period of engagement, (otherwise than at his own request, or by way of dismissal, or discharge on account of misconduct or inefficiency) and has been given a gratuity.

Territorial Army Personnel of the following categories shall also be considered as ex-servicemen :-

⁽a) Pension holders for continuous embodied service;

⁽b) Disabled Territorial Army Personnel with disability attributable to military service;

⁽c) Gallantry award winners.

- **Note** : In case there will be any amendment/change in the existing clause, the same shall be notified and communicated to all concerned departments by the Deputy Registrar (Colleges).
- (viii) 2% for the Children/Grand children of freedom fighters who have been sanctioned pension by Central/State Govt. or awarded Tamra Patra by Government of India (Synd. Para 15 dated 30-5-1997) or those who have been certified to be freedom fighters by the Centre/State Govts.
- (ix) Any other statutory reservation as prescribed by the Govt. of India, if any.