

## **7th Pay Commission Children Education Allowance and Hostel Subsidy for Central Government Employees**

*(The scheme before 6th CPC called as 'Reimbursement of Tuition Fee' – "Educational Assistance" to the wards of Central Government Employees)*

The Children Education Allowance (CEA) and Hostel Subsidy (HS) are paid to Central Government employees to take care of school education and hostel facility of their children.

The great first step for the scheme started from the Second CPC. The 2nd Central Pay Commission recommended the scheme for Central Government employees, called "Reimbursement of Tuition Fee ". The educational assistance scheme was introduced and implemented with effect from March 1962.

The scheme was modified by the 3rd Pay Commission and also further liberalized by the 4th and 5th Pay Commission. At last, the 6th Pay Commission given a high priority to this scheme. Recommendations on this scheme were most welcome by the employees working under Central Government. The Central Government also accepted the recommendations and implemented with effect from September 2008.

### **Recommendations of 7th CPC on Children Education Allowance & Hostel Subsidy**

We all know very well the recommendations of 7th CPC on CEA and HS has been approved by the Government and implemented with effect from 1st July 2017. The CEA increased from the existing level of Rs. 1500 to Rs. 2250 with the multiplication factor 1.5. And the HS also revised from Rs. 4500 to Rs. 6750.

### **7th CPC Recommendations and Government Decisions**

- The revised rates and procedures are applicable with effect from 1.7.2017.
- The amount of CEA fixed per child Rs. 2250 per month.
- The amount of HS fixed per child Rs. 6750 per month.
- Both are Government servants, only one of them can avail reimbursement.
- The rates automatically raised by 25% every time the Dearness Allowance (DA) reaches 50%.
- CEA & HS is doubled for differently-abled children.
- Reimbursement allowed only after completion of the Financial Year.
- A bonafide certificate from school studied during the previous academic year for CEA.
- A bonafide certificate with detailed expenditure for lodging and boarding for HS.
- CEA and HS Scheme is also applicable for Railway Employees.
- CEA is applicable for children from class nursery to twelfth, including classes 11th and 12th held by Junior Colleges or schools affiliated to Universities or Boards of Education.
- CEA can be claimed only for the two eldest surviving children with the exception that in case the second childbirth results in twins/multiple births.
- The residential educational institution located at least 50 kilometers from the residence of the Government servant.
- Annual amount of CEA for the academic year 2017-18 will be Rs. 24,750 and Hostel Subsidy will be Rs. 74,250.
- The commission has strongly object to extend the allowance beyond Class XII.
- There is no time limit of claiming CEA & HS.
- The Central Govt issued orders, rules, and clarification from time to time in this regard.
- CEA and HS application forms are available for download as word and pdf format

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