

## NOTICE

### Prime Minister Vidyalaxmi (PM-Vidyalaxmi) Scheme of Education Loan

#### About PM-Vidyalaxmi Scheme:

The PM-vidyalaxmi scheme is a Central Sector Scheme approved on November 6, 2024. Under this scheme, Government of India initiative offering collateral free and guarantor-free education loans is available for all meritorious students who are getting admission in this institution and who are desirous of availing education loans to pursue higher education. This scheme is a first of its kind portal for students seeking Education Loan. A portal has been developed under the guidance of Department of Financial Services, (Ministry of Finance), Department of Higher Education (Ministry of Education) and Indian Banks Association (IBA) (<https://pmvidyalaxmi.co.in/>). This portal provides single window for Students to access information and make application for Educational Loans provided by Banks and Govt Scholarships. Key features include a mission mode mechanism for education loans to students in top 860 quality Higher Educational Institutions (QHEIs), collateral-free and guarantor-free loans, 75% credit guarantee for loans up to Rs. 7.5 lakhs, and 3% interest subvention for students with annual family income up to Rs. 8 lakhs. Additionally, a full interest subvention will be offered to students with up to Rs. 4.5 lakhs annual family income.

#### Education Loan Details

Education loans are available to students admitted on merit to QHEIs in India, regardless of family income. There's no upper limit on loan amount - it depends on course fees and other associated expenses. All students admitted to QHEIs for degree/diploma programs are eligible, except those admitted through management quota. The application process is entirely digital with a simple 2-page format, and the repayment period is up to 15 years excluding moratorium (course period + 1 year).

#### How to apply for the loan

The applicant must first register and login to Vidya Lakshmi portal and then fill-up the Common Education Loan Application Form (CELAF) by providing all the necessary details. After filling the form, the applicant can search for Educational Loan and APPLY as per his/her needs, eligibility and convenience. The student can register only once on the portal. CELAF is a single form which can be used to apply for Education Loan in maximum of three banks/schemes.

You can visit the portal: <https://pmvidyalaxmi.co.in>. The portal does not charge any amount from the applicant.

- Apply to multiple banks for education loan,
- Access collateral-free and guarantor-free education loans,
- Benefit of interest subsidies available to eligible students as per scheme guidelines accessible at [https://www.education.gov.in/lites/upload\\_fil.ru.nh.o/fites/documentreports/PM\\_Vidyalaxmi\\_Scheme\\_GuideLine.s.pdf](https://www.education.gov.in/lites/upload_fil.ru.nh.o/fites/documentreports/PM_Vidyalaxmi_Scheme_GuideLine.s.pdf)
- To address queries raised by the students, there is a dedicated **Toll-free number 1800-1031**.

**Interest Subvention**

Students with annual family income up to Rs. 8 lakhs are eligible for 3% interest subvention (waiver of some percentage of interest) on loans up to Rs. 10 lakhs. This applies to the interest accrued during the moratorium period. A maximum of one lakh interest subventions will be provided annually. This complements the PM-USP CSIS scheme, which provides full interest subvention for students with family income up to Rs. 4.5 lakhs pursuing technical/professional courses.

**Credit Guarantee**

For education loans up to Rs.7.5 lakhs, regardless of family income, students are eligible for a credit guarantee covering 75% of outstanding default by the Government.

For queries contact Award and fellowship committee.