



**ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**  
**KASHMIR**

**Subject:** Notification for Implementation of Policy on Fee Concession and Support to Students with Disabilities and Economically Weaker Sections (EWS).

**OFFICE ORDER NO.** : 285 of 2026  
**D A T E D** : 05 - 03 - 2026

Sanction is hereby accorded to the implementation of the Policy regarding Fee Concession and Support to Students with Disabilities and those belonging to Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) duly approved by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.

The approved Policy is hereby enclosed as Annexure-A to this Order and shall form an integral part hereof.

The Policy shall come into force with immediate effect and shall be applicable from the Academic Session 2026 onwards. The modalities for grant of concession and support shall be governed strictly by the approved provisions of the Policy and subject to verification of eligibility criteria as prescribed therein.

**By Order,**

**Sd/-**  
**REGISTRAR**

No: IUST/Reg/Adm/26/915  
Dated: 05-03-2026

**Copy to:**

1. All Deans / Officers / Directors of the University
2. All Departments / Centres / Colleges / Administrative Units
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05/03/26

**Policy on Fee Concession and Support to Students with Disabilities and those belonging to Economically Weaker Sections (EWS)**

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### 1. Preamble

In furtherance of the constitutional mandate of equality, social justice and inclusive education, and in compliance with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016, the Islamic University of Science & Technology (IUST) hereby frames a comprehensive policy to provide fee concession and allied academic and infrastructural support to Students with Disabilities (PwD), and those belonging to the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS).

This unified policy supersedes all earlier standalone provisions relating to fee concession for students with disabilities and EWS students with disabilities and shall be applicable uniformly across the University.

### 2. Objectives

The objectives of this policy are to:

- Ensure equitable access to higher education for students with disabilities;
- Reduce financial barriers through structured tuition fee concessions;
- Provide enhanced support to EWS students with disabilities;
- Promote inclusive, accessible and enabling academic environments within the University.

### 3. Legal Framework

This policy is framed in consonance with:

- The Constitution of India;
- The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016;
- UGC Guidelines on Inclusive Education;
- Government of India norms relating to EWS certification.

### 4. Definitions

For the purpose of this policy:

- 4.1 **Student with Disability (PwD):** A student having not less than 40% disability, duly certified by a Government Medical Board or a competent medical authority as notified under the RPwD Act, 2016.

**4.2 EWS Student with Disability:** A student with disability who also possesses a valid Economically Weaker Section (EWS) certificate issued by a competent authority in accordance with Government of India norms.

**4.3 Tuition Fee:** Fee charged as tuition fee by the University towards instruction only. Hostel, mess, examination, transport and other miscellaneous charges are excluded unless otherwise notified.

## 5. Scope and Applicability

This policy shall apply to all eligible students with disabilities enrolled in full-time Diploma, Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Doctoral programmes offered by IUST.

The concessions under this policy shall be applicable for the normal duration of the programme, subject to annual review.

## 6. Structure of Fee Concession

The extent of tuition fee concession shall be as under:

Category of Student	Extent of Certified Disability	Eligibility Conditions	Extent of Tuition Fee Concession
Students with Disabilities (Non-EWS)	40% – 50%	Valid Disability Certificate	25% Tuition Fee Waiver
Students with Disabilities (Non-EWS)	51% – 60%	Valid Disability Certificate	55% Tuition Fee Waiver
Students with Disabilities (Non-EWS)	61% – 70%	Valid Disability Certificate	75% Tuition Fee Waiver
Students with Disabilities (Non-EWS)	Above 70%	Valid Disability Certificate	100% Tuition Fee Waiver
<b>EWS Students with Disabilities</b>	<b>40% and above</b>	<b>Valid Disability Certificate and EWS Certificate</b>	<b>100% Tuition Fee Waiver</b>

## 7. Eligibility Conditions

To avail the benefits under this policy, a student shall:

- Be enrolled in a full-time programme at IUST;
- Possess a valid disability certificate (minimum 40%) issued by the designated authority.
- In case of EWS students, possess a valid EWS certificate issued by a competent authority;
- Maintain minimum attendance as per University rules (normally not less than 75%).

## **8. Application and Screening Process**

- 8.1 Applications for fee concession shall be submitted to the Office of the Dean of Students in the prescribed format at the time of admission or at the beginning of each academic session and the same shall be notified by the office of Dean of Students.
- 8.2 The application shall be accompanied by:
- Disability Certificate;
  - EWS Certificate, wherever applicable;
  - Proof of admission;
  - Income certificate (where required);
  - Attendance report of previous semester for continuing students.
- 8.3 A Screening Committee constituted by the University shall scrutinize the applications and recommend eligible cases.

### **Composition of the Screening Committee:**

- Dean Academic Affairs – Chairperson
- Dean School of Humanities and Social Science – Member
- Director, DIQA – Member
- Dean of Students – Member Secretary
- Medical Officer, IUST – Member

## **9. Review, Continuation and Withdrawal**

- The concession granted under this policy shall be reviewed annually.
- The University reserves the right to withdraw or modify the concession in case of unsatisfactory academic performance, shortage of attendance, or submission of false information.
- An aggrieved student may submit an appeal to the Competent Authority through the Dean of Students within fifteen (15) days of communication of the decision.

## **10. Additional Support Services**

In addition to fee concession, the University shall endeavour to provide the following support services to students with disabilities:

- Barrier-free access to classrooms, libraries and hostels;
- Reader/scribe facility and extra time during examinations as per norms;

- Assistive devices and access to adaptive technologies;
- Academic counselling and mentoring support;

## 11. Interpretation and Residual Powers

Any issue relating to interpretation of this policy or matters not specifically covered herein shall be decided by the Competent Authority of the University, whose decision shall be final and binding.

## 12. Review and Amendment

This policy shall be reviewed periodically by the Office of the Dean of Students. Any amendment or modification shall be placed before the competent authority for approval.

**This policy shall come into force from the date of its approval by the Competent Authority and shall apply prospectively.**

### Application Form for Fee Concession and Support Services to Students with Disabilities (including EWS Category)

( To be submitted in the Office of Dean of Student)

#### 1. Personal Details

Full Name of Student	
Roll No.	
Registration No.	
Programme	
Department / Centre	
Year / Semester	
Date of Admission	
Contact Number	
Email ID	
Residential Address	

#### 2. Disability Details

Type of Disability	
Percentage of Disability	
Disability Certificate Number	
Issuing Authority	
Date of Issue	

*(Attach a self-attested copy of the disability certificate)*

**3. EWS Details (where applicable)**

- EWS Certificate Number:
- Issuing Authority:
- Date of Issue:

(Attach self-attested copy of valid EWS Certificate)

**4. Academic Performance (for continuing students)**

Academic Year	CGPA	Attendance (%)

(Attach copy of latest marksheet and attendance report)

**5. Support Services Required (tick as applicable)**

- Reader / Scribe during examinations
- Extra time during examinations
- Accessible classroom / seating
- Assistive or adaptive technology
- Mobility support / wheelchair access
- Academic counselling / mentoring
- Any other support (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Declaration by the Student**

I hereby declare that the information furnished above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that furnishing false or misleading information shall render me liable for cancellation of fee concession/support services and action as per University rules.

Signature of the student

**5. Recommendation of Head/I/C/Coordinator of the Department/ Centre**

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Signature with seal

**6. Recommendations of Committee**

Approved

Not Approved

Remarks (if any):

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Signature (I)

Signature (II)

Signature (III)

Signature (IV)