

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) About NHFDC

Self-Employment Loan and Education Loan:

Q.(1) What is NHFDC?

A. 'NHFDC' stands for National Handicapped Castes Finance & Development Corporation. It was set up by the Government of India under Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MOSJ&E) on 24th January, 1997 under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 as a company 'not for profit'.

Q.(2) What is the Contact Address of NHFDC?

A. NHFDC has its Register Office at Faridabad and Corporate Office at Delhi. The full address and contact number is :-

Corporate Office- National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation
PHD House, 4/2, Siri Institutional Area, 3rd Floor, August Kranti Marg, New
Delhi- 110016

Ph: (011)-4508837, 38 Telefax-4508836

Register Office- National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation
Red Cross Bhawan, Sector-12, Faridabad-121 007 (Haryana)

E-mail : nhfdc97@gmail.com, Website-www.nhfdc.nic.in

Q.(3) Why was it established?

A. It was established to finance for the economic empowerment of Persons with Disabilities including their skill up gradation.

Q.(4) What is it's Mission?

A. To finance, facilitate and promote the economic development activities of Persons with Disabilities.

Q.(5) What is the main objective of NHFDC?

A. NHFDC's main objective is to finance, facilitate and mobilize funds for the economic empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

Q.(6) What is eligibility criteria for availing the loan under the NHFDC scheme.?

A. Any disabled person who fulfills the following criteria is eligible to apply for loan under NHFDC schemes through the Implementing Agencies.

- a) Any Indian Citizen with 40% or more disability.
- d) Minimum age 18 years.
- c) Relevant educational /technical /vocational qualification/experience and background.

Note :

- i. In case of persons with mental retardation, age is relaxed to 14 years in place of usual 18 years.
- ii. In case of scheme for disabled young professionals : age criteria is 18-45 years.
- iii. In case of Education loan only (a) is applicable.

Q. (7) Is there any upper age limit criteria for availing the loan under the NHFDC self- employment loan scheme.?

A. There is no upper age limit for availing financial assistance from NHFDC under self- employment loan scheme.

Q.(8) What is the minimum age limit for availing the loan under the NHFDC self-employment scheme for mental retardation.?

A. In case of persons with mental retardation, age is relaxed to 14 years in place of usual 18 years.

Q. (9) Is there any economic criteria for availing the loan under the NHFDC scheme.?

A. There is no economic criteria for availing the loan under the NHFDC scheme.

Q.(10) Is eligibility for loan based on disability and age criteria alone?

A. Yes, but apart from disability and age criteria, applicant must have practical experience or skill and entrepreneurial ability in concerned field so that they can manage their business successfully.

Q.(11) Is priority given to women in loan schemes?

A. Yes, out of funds notionally allocated on the basis of disable population, 50% of the total funds have been allocated for women both in physical and financial terms.

NHFDC allows a special rebate of 1% on rate of interest to women with disabilities under Mahila Samridhi Yojana for encouraging them to take up self employment ventures.

In case of education loan, a rebate of 0.5% on interest to women with Disabilities is extended by NHFDC for encouraging higher studies.

Q.(12) How does NHFDC provide loan?

A. NHFDC provides loan for income generating scheme to target group through its State Channelizing Agencies nominated by State Government, Public Sector Banks (PSBs), Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) and other Institutions. For further details of the Implementing Agencies may be obtain from NHFDC website www.nhfdc.nic.in.

Q.(13) For which activities do NHFDC provides loans?

A. NHFDC provides loans for income generating activities in Sale & service sector, purchase of commercial vehicles, agriculture and other allied, industrial and for professional/ technical higher education.

Q.(14) What are the different types of loan schemes of NHFDC?

A. NHFDC has following Loan Schemes:

- (i) Self-employment Loan
- (ii) Micro Credit Scheme
- (iii) Educational Loan Scheme
- (iv) Purchase of Assistive Devices scheme

Q.(15) What are the activities for which Term loan is provided?

A. Some indicative schemes for which Term loan is provided:-

- Agricultural Land Purchase • Dairy • Fisheries • Goatery • Honey Bee • Cultivation • Horticulture/ Floriculture • Mulberry farming/ Silk Weaving/ cocoon production, etc • Poultry • Power Tiller • Sheep Farming/ • Tractor • Flour Mill • Footwear Manufacturing • Furniture Making • Handlooms/ Power looms • Leather goods manufacturing • Leather Processing unit • Readymade Garments • Rexine articles making • Silk reeling Unit • Tailoring Shop • Silver Ornaments making • Auto-rickshaw • Beauty parlour • Cyber Cafe • Departmental Store • DTP and Computer Centre • Fertilizer Shop • Hardware Shop • Medical Shop • Photography/Videography • Steel Fabrication • Tent House • Betel leaf shop • Cycle repair • Milch animal • Vegetable Vending • Bakery • Goatery • Incense Stick making • Papad manufacturing • Candle Making • Beauty parlour • Fish Vending, etc • Pickle Manufacturing • Tea Shop, etc.

Q.(16) Is there any provision under NHFDC loan scheme for hand holding grant?

A. Yes, NHFDC also provides Hand holding support of up to Rs.1,000/- per PwD to registered institutions for extending information, support, guidance for procedural/documentation formalities to PwDs in obtaining loans or admission in training institutes.

Q.(17) Are the beneficiaries of NHFDC given further loan to expand their business?

A. Yes, the beneficiaries would be eligible to avail further assistance for expansion of business, subject to the repayment is regular.

Q.(18) What is the rate of interest of loan available under NHFDC self-employment scheme?

A. Under NHFDC self-employment scheme, the details of rate of Interest as under:

Rate of Interest :

Loan Amount

i)	Upto Rs. 50,000/-	5%
ii)	Above Rs. 50,000/- and upto Rs. 5.0 lakh	6%
iii)	Above Rs. 5.0 lakh and upto Rs. 15.0 lakh	7%
iv)	Above Rs. 15.0 lakh and upto Rs. 25.0 lakh	8%

Q.(21) How much amount of loan can be availed in the self-employment Loan Scheme?

A. **Self-employment loan:-** NHFDC provides maximum loan upto 25.0 lakh to Persons with disabilities for self-employment activity.

Q.(22) How much amount of loan can be availed in the Education Loan Schemes?

A. **Scheme for Education loan-**Loan up to Rs.10 lakh for study in India and Rs.20.0 lakh for study at abroad.

Q.(23) What is eligibility criteria for availing the education loan?

A. Any Indian Citizen with 40% or more disability is eligible to apply for education loan under NHFDC schemes through the Implementing Agencies.

Q. (24) Is there any age criteria for availing the education loan?

A. There is no age criteria for availing education loan from NHFDC.

Q. (25) Is there any economic criteria for availing the education loan?

A. There is no economic criteria for availing the education loan under the NHFDC scheme.

Q.(26) How much amount of loan can be availed in Purchase of Assistive Devices Schemes?

A. Purchase of Assistive Devices scheme - Loan upto Rs. 5.0 lakh

Q.(27) Do applicants have to invest their own capital also?

A. In order to ensure applicant's stake in the project, the applicant is expected to invest his share in the Term Loan Scheme. Norms for promoter's contribution in self-employment Loan are as under:-

Project Cost	NHFDC Share	SCA Share	Promoter's Share
* Upto Rs. 50,000/-	100%	Nil	Nil
* Above Rs. 50000/- and upto Rs. 1 lakh	95%	5%	Nil
* Above Rs. 1.0 lakh and upto Rs.5.0 lakh	90%	5%	5%
* Above Rs. 5.0 lakh	85%	5%	10%

Norms for promoter's contribution in Education Loan are as under:-

Project Cost	NHFDC Share	SCA Share	Promoter's Share
* Upto Rs. 4.0 lakh	100%	Nil	Nil
* Above Rs. 4.0 lakh for courses in India	95%	Nil	5%
* Above Rs. 4.0 lakh for - courses abroad.	85%	Nil	15%

Q.(28) What is the procedure to apply for NHFDC loan?

A. The applicants should contact the Channelizing Agencies if they wish to avail NHFDCs loans. The applicants are required to submit application with requisites documents at the channelizing agency office. The list of the NHFDC's channelizing agencies are available on NHFDC website www.nhfdc.nic.in.

Q.(29) Can PwDs submit loan application form directly to NHFDC?

A. The loan application along with documents is to be submitted through the Implementing Agencies for financial assistance of NHFDC.

Q.(30) Whether NHFDC is provide marketing assistance to its beneficiaries for finished goods?

A. In order to provide marketing assistance and an opportunity for skill up-gradation through wider exposure, NHFDC regularly sponsors its beneficiaries to various exhibitions/fairs.

Q. (31) Is there any scheme for Disabled Young Professionals?

A. NHFDC provide loan up to Rs 25.00 lakhs to professionally educated / trained disabled youths for self-employment under Disabled Young Professionals Scheme.

Q. (32) there are any age criteria for availing the loan under the NHFDC Disabled Young Professionals Scheme?

A. Under the Disabled Young Professionals Scheme, age criteria is 18-45 years.

Q. (33) there are any economic criteria for availing the loan under NHFDC Disabled Young Professionals Scheme?

A. There are no any economic criteria for availing the loan under the NHFDC Disabled Young Professionals Scheme?

Q.(34) What are the activities for which loan is provided under NHFDC Disabled Young Professionals Scheme?

A. Illustrative list for which Term loan is provided:-

Doctor; Architect; Engineer including Software/Hardware/Automobile; Advocate ; Chartered Accountant/ Cost Accountant; Hotel Management, Geriatric Home Care; Publicity & Advertisement; Service & Maintenance of Building : Security Guard Agency; Coaching Centers for Competitive Examination , Culture and Tourism Development ; Printing Press/DTP/Graphics etc.; Fashion Designing/Boutiques; Textile Designing; Ornamental / Sculpture; Value addition in traditional Art & Craft etc.

Q.(35)there are any scheme of financing construction of commercial/business premises for starting self employment activity to persons with disability.

A. NHFDC provide loan up to Rs 3.00 lakhs to PwDs for construction of commercial/business premises for starting self employment activity.

Q.(36) What is eligibility criteria for availing the loan under the construction of Commercial/Business premises scheme.?

A. Any disabled person who fulfills the following criteria is eligible to apply for loan under construction of Commercial/Business premises scheme through the Implementing Agencies.

- i) As per NHFDC norms for self-employment loan.
- ii) Land on which construction of Commercial/Business premises is proposed should be owned by applicant or it is on long term lease of above 20 years from Government authority. As on date of application to NHFDC the lease period remain should be 20 year.

Q.(37) What is repayment period under the construction of Commercial/Business premises scheme.?

A. The repayment period under the construction of Commercial/Business premises scheme is 10 years.

Q.(38) Are they any pre-payment charges for loan ?

A. No, the borrower can repay the loan any time after commencement of repayment of loan. No pre-closure charges shall be insisted from borrower in case of early repayment of loan.

Q.(39) - whether financial assistance is available through nationalized banks apart from nominated state channelizing agencies under NHFDC scheme?

A.- Yes, NHFDC has tied-up with Punjab National Bank, IDBI Bank, State Bank of Hyderabad (SBH) and Andhra Bank for providing concessional credit to PwDs under NHFDC Scheme.

Q.(40)- How to apply for loan under NHFDC scheme from nationalized banks.

A.- PwDs may like to contact the nearest branch of Punjab National Bank, IDBI Bank, State Bank of Hyderabad (SBH) and Andhra Bank for concessional loan under NHFDC schemes, in case your area falls in the jurisdiction of the concerned branch.

Q.(41)-How much rates of interest charge by bank on loan under NHFDC scheme.

A. Banks charge rate of interest as specified above from Persons with Disability.

Q.(42)- whether Banks provide collateral free loan under NHFDC scheme?

A.- Yes, Bank provides collateral free concessional credit to PwDs under Credit Guarantee Scheme of Government of India, in case of in proposed activity covered under CGTMSE.

Q.(43)- whether financial assistance is available through Regional Rural Banks apart from nominated state channelizing agencies and nationalized banks under NHFDC scheme?

A.- Yes, NHFDC has also signed agreement with 18 RRBs covering the States of Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat.

Q.(44)- How to apply for loan under NHFDC scheme from RRBs.

A.- PwDs may like to contact the nearest branch of RRBs for concessional loan under NHFDC schemes, in case your area falls in the jurisdiction of the concerned branch.

Q.(45)-How much rates of interest charge by RRBs on loan under NHFDC scheme.

A. Banks charge rate of interest as specified above from Persons with Disability.

Q.(46)-Is there any provision of subsidy on loan under NHFDC scheme?

A. No, at present, there is no provision of subsidy on loan under NHFDC scheme.

Q.(47)-where I get loan application form.

A. PwDs may be obtain loan application form from implementing agencies or may be downloaded to NHFDC Website www.nhfdc.nic.in.

Q.(48) In case there is a grievance/complaint, regarding NHFDC's loan, who do we contact?

A. In case of any grievance/complaint regarding NHFDC loans, the following officers may be contacted:-

(i) Dr. Vineet Rena, Grievance Redressal Officer, NHFDC, Delhi.

If you are not satisfied with the resolution from the Grievance Redressal Officer, you can write to: (i) The Chairman cum Managing Director, NHFDC, Delhi.

The grievance may be sent through e-mail (nhfdc97@gmail.com) or by post.
