

ADVISORY FOR PARENTS REVISION OF AGE CRITERIA

(a) Prescribed minimum age for admission to Class I in Kendriya Vidyalaya was amended to 06-08 years (from 05-07 years) on 25 Feb 22 as per the recommendations of NEP 2020. A number of students had taken admissions in various AF schools by then as the admission process had already been initiated in the schools. Considering the requirement of maintaining parity with the minimum age criteria followed by KV, the AF Schools were advised vide Air HQ signal no Air HQ/ED/04 dated 25 Feb 22 to hold the admission process.

(b) The revision of age criteria by KVS was challenged before Delhi High Court by a group of parents and as a result the admission process in KVs was kept on hold. Considering the uncertainty about disposal of court case during the crucial juncture of change over of admission session, it was decided to continue the admission process in AF Schools as per the existing age criteria (as given in Edn Code 2020 vide Para 5 of Chapter 22 i.e 3 years for LKG and 4 years for UKG).

(c) In the interim, Delhi High Court dismissed the parents' petitions on 11 Apr 22 as it observed that the decision regarding revision of age criteria for KV admission was not sudden and was in consonance with the NEP which came in 2020. Subsequently, the decision of KVS to revise the age criteria for admission was also upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. It has thus become imperative to revise the age criteria for admission in Air Force Schools. The revised age criteria are as appended below:-

- (i) The minimum age for admission to Class II, I, UKG and LKG for academic session 2023-24 be revised as per following:-

Class	Present Age	Revised Age
LKG	03-05 Years	04-06 Years
UKG	04-06 Years	05-07 Years
Class-I	05-07 Years	06-08 Years
Class-II	06-08 Years	07-09 Years

- (ii) The minimum age for admission to next higher class (i.e class III) will be revised in the subsequent year (i.e 2024 - 25). Accordingly, the age criteria will get revised each year for the next higher class.
- (iii) Subsequent to implementation of revised criteria, AF School students of LKG, UKG and Class-I, who took admission in AF Schools in AY 22-23, will become underage for promotion to next higher class. These students accordingly will have an option to either repeat the current class or skip one year until attaining the minimum qualifying age for promotion to next class.