

Eligibility and Selection Criteria for the Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Development Programme, July 2026 intake

Eligibility criteria

The eligibility criteria for aspiring students are as follows.

- An applicant aspiring to enroll in this programme should have a minimum academic qualification of class XII (BHSEC or equivalent) passed. Additionally, the applicant should have scored a minimum of 50% mark in English and Dzongkha each.
- An aspiring Bhutanese applicant who has not studied Dzongkha in class XII must have taken and passed the subject in class X. If the applicant has not passed Dzongkha in class X, he/she should undertake a Dzongkha proficiency test to be administered by the Royal University of Bhutan. Marks secured in the proficiency test will be included for the purpose of merit ranking (please see selection criteria).
- Applicants without English scores in their class XII transcripts shall produce a certificate of International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with an overall band score of 5.5 or an equivalent test and score. Alternatively, a proficiency test to assess English language competence will be administered by the Royal University of Bhutan. Marks secured in the proficiency test will be included for the purpose of merit ranking (please see selection criteria).

Selection criteria

The college will announce invitation for the applications in the month of May for the intake in July. The eligible applicants will be merit ranked based on their Class XII marks, as per the following criteria.

Subject wise ability rating for merit ranking the applicants

Eligibility Subject	Multiplying factor
English	3
Dzongkha	2
Three other subjects	1

The selection of the students will be done in June, based on the merit ranking for the approved annual intake size of 35 seats. All the selected students will be fully funded by the Royal Government of Bhutan under the Higher Education Grant. In the event some seat remains unfilled for the government funding due to lack of eligible applicants, the remaining seats will be offered to privately funded students. The eligibility criteria remain the same for the privately funded students as for the government funded ones.