

Delhi Nursery / KG / Class I Admission 2025–26 (General Category) — Complete Guide

Delhi's Directorate of Education (DoE) has released the admission schedule and guidelines for **entry-level classes** (Nursery, KG & Class I) in **private unaided recognised schools** for the academic year **2025–26**. Comprehensive summary for parents.

□ 1. Applicable Classes & Category

Applies To	Details
Category	General (Open Seat) – not EWS/DG/CWSN
Schools	All private unaided recognised schools in Delhi
Entry-Level Classes	Nursery (Pre-School), KG (Pre-Primary), Class I (Primary)

□ 2. Age Criteria for 2025–26 (General Category)

Age Criteria Table – 2025–26

Class / Stage	Minimum Age (as on 31 March 2025)	Maximum Age (if applicable)	Notes
Nursery (Pre-School)	3 years	Around 4 years	1-month relaxation possible by Head of School
KG (Pre-Primary)	4 years	Around 5 years	Same relaxation provision
Class I	5 years	Around 6 years	Promotion cases exempt from strict age-check

□ 3. Age Criteria (As per NEP-2020 — Effective from 2026–27)

Class / Stage (New Foundational Structure)	Minimum Age	Maximum Age	Notes
Nursery / Balvatika-1	3 years	~4 years	Start of Foundational Stage
KG / Balvatika-2	4 years	~5 years	
KG / Balvatika-3	5 years	~6 years	
Class I	6 years	~7 years	Mandatory from 2026–27

❑ 4. Delhi Admission Timeline 2025–26 (General Category)

Event	Date
Uploading of school criteria & point system	28 November 2025
Start of application forms	4 December 2025
Last date for form submission	27 December 2025
First list (Selected + Waiting List)	23 January 2026
Second list (if required)	9 February 2026
Closure of admission process	19 March 2026

❑ 5. Admission Process & Transparency Rules

Requirement	Description
Point-based admission system	Schools must follow a defined points matrix — commonly distance, sibling, alumni, girl child, staff-ward, etc.
Public uploading of criteria	Must be posted on both school website and DoE portal.
No disallowed criteria	No interviews, no admission tests, no capitation fee, no screening.
Draw of Lots	Mandatory where applications exceed seats; must be video-recorded and conducted in presence of parents.
Registration Fee	Only a nominal fixed fee allowed; no forced purchase of uniforms/books at registration stage.

❑ 6. What Parents Should Prepare

Checklist Item	Notes
Child's age & eligibility	Confirm using minimum age table.
Residence proof	Required for distance-based points.
Birth certificate / age proof	Mandatory for all applicants.
Income certificate	Only for EWS category (not required for general).
Keep track of timelines	Application window: 4–27 December 2025 .
Understand school's point system	Distance & sibling criteria usually carry highest weightage.

❑ 7. Transitional Notes (Important)

Point	Details
NEP-2020 restructuring	Complete shift to Foundational Stage (Nursery → LKG → UKG → Class I) from 2026–27 .
Minimum age for Class I	Will become 6 years as on 31 March (from 2026–27 onwards).

Point	Details
Age relaxation	Up to 1 month (minimum/maximum) may be given by school head.
Students already in system	Children promoted internally are not bound by strict age norms.