

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What is the full form of RTE Act?

The **Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education** (RTE) Act, 2009, which is envisaged under Article 21-A, means that every child has a right to full time elementary education of satisfactory and equitable quality in a formal school which satisfies certain essential norms.

2. Who comes under RTE Act?

The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act or Right to Education Act (RTE) is an Act of the Parliament of India enacted on 4 August 2009, which describes the modalities of the importance of free and compulsory education for children between the **age of 6 to 14 years** in India under Article 21A of the Constitution of India.

3. When RTE Act came into effect and how many countries have education as a fundamental right?

This act came into effect **on 1 April 2010** in India. Further, India is one of the 135 countries to have made education as a fundamental right for every child.

4. What is a role of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) in RTE Act?

The CBSE has issued Guidelines/ Advisory on 18.04.2012 & 23.11.2012 to all the Heads of the schools affiliated to the CBSE for implementation of the various provisions of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 issued by MHRD, Deptt. Of School Education & Literacy vide letter Nos. 1-18/2010-EE-4 and 1-15/2010 EE 4 dated 14.02.2011 & 26.10.2012 for appropriate action and compliance.

5. What is meaning of teacher for CBSE affiliated schools in terms of RTE Act?

As per Affiliation Bye-Laws of the Board, 1.3.21

“Teacher” means “a person in the employment of an institution affiliated with the Board for teaching purposes as per the qualification criteria stipulated in Section 23 of RTE Act 2009 or as per Affiliation Bye-Laws of the Board”.

6. What is the role of School Management Committee (SMC) in terms of RTE Act?

As per Affiliation Bye-Laws of the Board, 2.3.3

“Subject to relevant provision in the Education Act/Rules of the appropriate government, every school should have a scheme of management. It should also have a School Management Committee as stipulated under RTE Act 2009 and as per provisions contained in these Byelaws” and

As per Chapter 8 of the Affiliation Bye-Laws,

“All the schools affiliated with the board shall have a School Management Committee as stipulated in RTE Act 2009, any other enactment or regulations framed by the State/Appropriate Government”.

7. Is there any role of Recognition Certificate for granting affiliation to Schools issued by the State Government in CBSE in terms of RTE Act?

As per Affiliation Bye-Laws of the Board, 2.3.4,

“The Schools seeking affiliation with the Board shall submit formal prior Recognition Certificate from concerned State Education Department as per extant rules and provisions contained in RTE Act-2009”.