## GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH DIRECTORATE OF GOVERNMENT EXAMINATIONS

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## **CIRCULAR**

It is hereby informed that, under the Digital India Programme of the Government of India, a flagship initiative known as "Digilocker" was launched by the Ministry of Electronics & IT, GOI, in the year 2015 for "Digital Empowerment" of the citizens by providing access to authentic digital documents to citizen's digital document wallet.

As part of the Digitization of Secondary School Certificates (SSC), the Board of Secondary Education, Andhra Pradesh, has registered itself as an "Issuer" in the Digilocker Portal and has published the Digitally signed SSC Certificates in the Digilocker portal, initially for the Regular, Private and ASE Stream from the years 2004-2007 and 2012-2023, which can be accessed by the passed students from their personal Digilocker accounts. All the Certificates from the years 2004-2023 will be made available in Digilocker shortly.

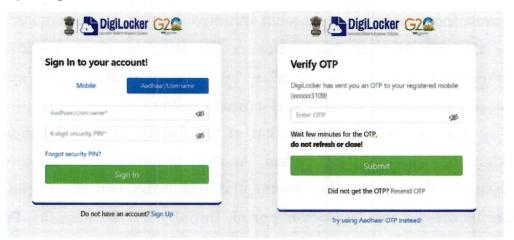
The Digitally Signed SSC Issued in the Digilocker Portal is deemed to be at par with the original physical SSC as per Rule 9A of the Information Technology (Preservation and Retention of information by Intermediaries providing Digilocker facilities) Rules, 2016 notified on 8th February 2017 vide G.S.R 711(E).

All the students who have passed the SSC Public Examinations from the year 2004 could be able to avail of this facility through the Official Website of Digilocker viz. <a href="https://www.digilocker.gov.in">https://www.digilocker.gov.in</a>. or through the Official Digilocker Android Application which is available in the Google Play Store. The following prerequisites are necessary from the candidate's side i.e., from the candidate to access his/her Digilocker SSC Certificate:

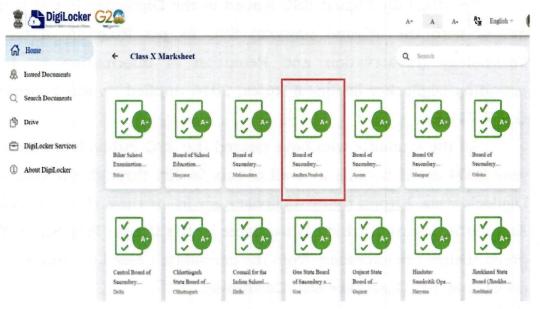
a. He/She shall "Sign Up" and create a personal Digilocker account on the website or Android App by entering the required details.



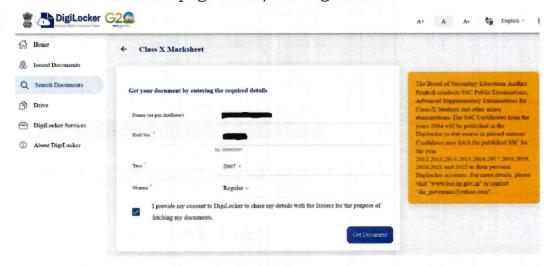
b. Upon signing up, the Candidate shall "Sign In" using his/her own login credentials, as per the Phone Number/ Aadhaar and Security PIN provided at the time of Signing Up, and enter the OTP received on your phone number.



c. The candidate may search for the Andhra Pradesh state or Board of Secondary Education, A.P. using the Search Option or select "Class-X Marksheet" and see the list of Issuing Boards, and then Select "Board of Secondary Education, Andhra Pradesh".



d. Upon selecting the Board, the Name of the Candidate shall be automatically fetched as per the Aadhaar Data. The candidate may enter the Roll Number and select the steam and year from the dropdown fields to fetch the Digitally verified certificate to the "Issued Documents" page of his/her Digilocker account.



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e. Upon entering all the details, the Digilocker SSC Certificate will be available in the "Issued Documents" option and the candidate has the option to download the same. The Specimen Digilocker Certificate is shown below:



- f. The candidate can fetch the document only if his/her name in the SSC matches the name in his/her Aadhaar.
- g. Once the SSC is fetched to his/her Digilocker account, he/she may use the same for all purposes as the Digilocker-issued Digital document is legally valid as per IT Act, 2000 when used electronically.

As the SSC Certificates are being published in a phased manner, the candidates are requested to check the Digilocker portal periodically or contact the O/o DGE, A.P., on "dir\_govexams@yahoo.com" to know about the status of publishing or in case of any discrepancy or clarification.

The real-time verification feature of Digilocker provides a verification module enabling Government agencies to verify data directly from issuers after obtaining user consent. Thus Colleges, Higher Educational Institutions, Universities, Government Recruiting Organisations, Defence Recruiting Organisations or Private Employers and such others are encouraged to utilize the Online Verification of the Digitally Signed "Secondary School Certificate" issued through the Digilocker Portal instead of manual verification to minimize

the time involved in verification and to reduce the delays, administrative overhead and postal costs. The QR Scanner option available in the Digilocker App can be used to scan the QR Code on the Digilocker SSC and thus the Credentials of the candidate can be verified instantly in a cost-effective way.

Digilocker is a secure and user-friendly platform that empowers students to access and share their academic certificates and documents with ease. Thus the Students who have passed SSC Examinations after 2004 are also encouraged to utilize this facility and embrace the advantages of using these digitally signed Digilocker certificates over traditional physical certificates. The Digilocker certificate is securely encrypted, tamper-proof, and government-authorized. It carries the weight of official recognition, ensuring that your credentials are protected from fraud and misrepresentation.

The use of digitally signed certificates aligns with the Government of India's vision for a Digital India. All the concerned are requested to embrace the convenience, accessibility, and innovation offered by the digitally signed Digilocker Certificates and it is informed that for any Inquiries and assistance regarding the usage of Digilocker Certificates by students, teachers, parents, institutions, recruiting agencies etc., the O/o DGE, A.P., can be reached out on the email ID: "dir\_govexams@yahoo.com".

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Copy to all the District Educational Officers in the state with the request to provide wide publicity for the matter by issuing press notes in the district editions of the major newspapers in circulation and circulate this copy to all the Teachers, MEOs, DyEOs concerned through all possible channels.

Copy to all the Regional Joint Directors of School Education for the favour of information.

Copy submitted to the Commissioner, I&PR, Vijayawada, with a request to provide wide publicity to the matter by providing the information to all the major newspapers in circulation in the interest of the students.

Copy submitted to the Secretary, Board of Intermediate Education, A.P., Tadepalli, for the favour of information.

Copy submitted to the Commissioner of School Education, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam, for the favour of information.

Copy submitted to the Principal Secretary to Government, School Education Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, for the favour of information.