MAHARASHTRA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES EXAMINATION BOARD, PUNE

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Ph.D. COMMON ENTRANCE TEST - 2021

for

ADMISSION TO DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

in

STATE AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES OF MAHARASHTRA

2021-2022

1. Introduction

The Maharashtra Council of Agricultural Education and Research (MCAER) Pune is a statutory body which has been constituted under Section 12 of Maharashtra Agricultural Universities (Krishi Vidyapeeth) Act, 1983. In exercise of the powers conferred upon MCAER vide provision in the Proviso (g) of Sub-section 3 of Section 12 of the Act, common regulations for admissions to various degree programmes in State Agricultural Universities have been formulated.

Directions have been given by the ***MCAER vide its Resolution No. 23rd of 92nd meeting dated 14/03/2016 to conduct the Common Entrance Test (CET) through the Maharashtra Agricultural Universities Examination Board (MAUEB), Pune*** *for admission to various Doctoral Programmes in the State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) in Maharashtra.*

The eligibility for admission and the CET has been given in the subsequent sections. Admission will be given on the basis of merit formulated by considering weightage of **70 per cent of the CET score** and **30 per cent of the CGPA** of the PG student. Other weightages, if any and the reservations as per guidelines of the State Government will also be considered. The details regarding these are to be seen in the **"Ph.D. Admission Prospectus, 2021-22"** as being published by the MCAER.

2. Ph.D. Courses

The Ph.D. courses along with eligibility, available in the SAUs are as given in the Table.

For information regarding availability of courses, number of seats at a particular PG centre/ University; please refer to the respective **"Ph.D. Admission Prospectus"** being published by the MCAER separately.

(A) Agriculture

Stream Code	Ph.D. Course/ Name of the Stream	Duration	Eligibility
01	Agronomy	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Agronomy
02	Agricultural Meteorology	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Agricultural Meteorology
03	Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Soil Sciences and Agricultural Chemistry/ Soil Science/ Agricultural Chemistry/ Land Resource Management
04	Biochemistry	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Agricultural Biochemistry / Biochemistry
05	Plant Physiology	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Plant Physiology
06	Genetics and Plant Breeding	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Genetics and Plant Breeding
07	Seed Technology	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Seed Technology
08	Agriculture Extension Education	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Agricultural Extension Education
09	Agricultural Economics	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Agricultural Economics
10	Agricultural Entomology	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Agricultural Entomology
11	Plant Pathology	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Plant Pathology
12	Agricultural Microbiology	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Agricultural Microbiology
13	Animal Husbandry	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Animal Husbandry/ Animal Science[#]
14	Dairy Science	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Dairy Science
15	Fruit Sciences	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Horticulture/ Fruit Sciences/ Post Harvest Management (Fruit, Vegetable and Flower Crops)[@]
16	Vegetable Science	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Horticulture / Vegetable Sciences/ Post Harvest Management (Fruit, Vegetable and Flower Crops)[@]
17	Floriculture and Landscaping	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Horticulture/ Floriculture and Landscaping / Post Harvest Management (Fruit, Vegetable and Flower Crops)[@]

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18	Plantation Spices, Medicinal and Aromatic Crops	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Horticulture / Plantation Spices Medicinal and Aromatic Crops / Post Harvest Management (Medicinal, Aromatic Plantation, Spices & Foredst Crops)[@]
19	Irrigation Water Management	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Irrigation and Water Management.

(B) Community Science*

20	Food and Nutrition*	3 years (6 semesters)	M.Tech. (Food Technology)

* Ph.D. Programme in **Vasantrao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth, Parbhani** has temporarily suspended from academic year 2021-22 (Ref: VNMKV Registrar's Ltr. No.2020/Admission/ Acad-1; Date: 07/10/2021).

(C) Fisheries

21	Aquaculture	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Aquaculture
22	Fish Processing and Technology	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Fish Processing and Technology/ Post Harvest Management (Fish, Meat, Poultry and Marine Product)[$]
23	Aquatic Environment Management	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Aquatic Environment Management
24	Fisheries Resources Management	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Fish Resource Management
25	Fish Nutrition and Feed Technology	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Fish Nutrition and Feed Technology
26	Fisheries Extension	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Fishery Sciences with specialization in Extension Education.

(D) Food Technology**

27	Food Technology**	3 years (6 semesters)	M.Tech. (Food Technology)/ M.Sc.(PHM) in Post Harvest Engineering[##] / M.Sc.(PHM) in Food Grain and Seeds[##]

** Ph.D. Programme in **Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri** has been suspended from academic year 2020-21 (Ref: D.I. & Dean (F/A), Ltr. No. EDN/DNS/FST/14/2020, Date: 05/05/2020)

(E) Agricultural Biotechnology

28	Agril. Biotechnology	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Agril. Biotechnology

(F) Agricultural Engineering

29	Irrigation and Drainage Engineering	3 years (6 semesters)	M.Tech.(Agril. Engg.) in Irrigation and Drainage Engineering
30	Soil and Water Conservation	3 years (6 semesters)	M.Tech.(Agril. Engg.) in Soil and Water Conservation
31	Process and Food Engineering	3 years (6 semesters)	M.Tech.(Agril. Engg.) in Process and Food Engineering/ M.Sc.(PHM) in Post Harvest Engineering[##]/ M.Sc.(PHM) in Food Grain and Seeds[##]
32	Farm Power and Machinery	3 years (6 semesters)	M.Tech.(Agril. Engg.) in Farm Power and Machinery
33	Renewable Energy Sources	3 years (6 semesters)	M.Tech.(Agril. Engg.) in Renewable Energy Sources/ M.Tech.(EOES)

[#] If the candidate of Master's degree in Animal Husbandry is not available then only the candidate with Animal Science can be considered.

[@] If the candidate of Master's degree in Horticulture with specialization is not available, then only the candidate with Post Harvest Management can be considered.

[$] If the candidate of Master's degree in Fish Processing Technology is not available, then only the candidate with Post Harvest Management can be considered.

[##] If the candidate of Master's degree in Food Technology/ Process and Food Engineering is not available, then only the candidate with Post Harvest Management can be considered.

3. General Guidelines towards applying for CET and Eligibility:

- ✓ Candidate must fulfil the eligibility conditions as indicated above. However, eligibility requirements/ criteria applicable at the time of admission will be declared in detail in the respective **Ph.D. Admission Prospectus, 2021-22**
- ✓ Candidate should fill-up the Online Application Form with due care and must ensure that he/she fulfils the eligibility requirements for the CET-examination as well as admission as detailed therein.
- ✓ No certificates/ credentials are required to be attached at the time of submission of online CET-application.
- ✓ The eligibility of the candidate for the CET-examination and admission is not verified until the date of counselling/ personal appearance of the candidate during admission rounds, wherein the related documents will be checked and verified accordingly.
- ✓ In case of admission through wait-list, the documents will be checked and verified by the concerned University at the time of admission.
- ✓ In case the candidate is found Non-eligible at any stage of his/ her candidature during admission process would be summarily rejected.
- ✓ The candidate is eligible for the respective discipline only.
- ✓ The candidate can apply for only one Ph.D. Stream for this CET.
- ✓ Ph.D.-CET is also compulsory for in-service candidate.

4. Examination Fees :

A student will have to pay the examination fees **online/ through cash** in any local branch of **State Bank of India** using **SBI i Collect link,** which will be available on the portal: **www.mcaer.org** only on the next working day onward after submission of online application form.

The examination fees for Ph.D. CET to be paid are as follows:

1. Students belonging to Open category	**:**	**Rs. 1500/-**
2. Students belonging to Reserved category*	**:**	**Rs. 750/-**
3. Students belonging to Other States	**:**	**Rs. 1500/-**

*** For claiming concession in examination fees under reserved category, the candidate must attach the caste certificate (in case of SC and ST candidates) and the non-creamy layer certificate valid up to last date of notification i.e., 20/10/2021 (in case of other reserved categories). In absence of necessary certificate as mentioned earlier, the candidate belonging to reserved category will be treated as "Open category" for the purpose of CET and should pay the fees of Rs. 1500/-.**

5. Important Dates regarding Ph.D.-CET-2021

1)	**Date of Notification**	:	**20.10.2021**
2)	**Last date of receiving online applications**	:	**08.11.2021**
3)	**Last date of payment of fees online/ through cash**	:	**12.11.2021**
4)	**Date of Display of Provisional list of Eligible/ Non eligible candidates**	:	**15.11.2021**
5)	**Date of Grievances for students**	:	**15.11.2021 to 20.11.2021**
6)	**Date of Display of Final list of eligible/ Non eligible candidates**	:	**21.11.2021**
7)	**Date of Issuing online Admit cards**	:	**30.11.2021**

Examination-Admit Cards/ Hall Tickets will be issued to only those candidates, whose applications have been accepted during the CET-scrutiny and link will be available online on **www.mcaer.org** to download and printing the same.

6. Examination Date:*

Sr. No.	Particular	Day & Date	Time (hrs.)
1.	All Streams	Thursday, 09.12.2021	10.00 to 12.00

* This examination schedule is subjected to change on prevailing COVID-19 outbreaks/ pandemic or any other unavoidable situation and as per the guidelines being issued by the Government or Govt. Authorities from time to time.

All the Candidates should scrupulously follow the SOPs/ Guidelines being issued (in view of COVID-19 pandemic situation), so as to take due care by physical distancing, use of masks and relevant health safety precautions while appearing for this examination.

7. Display of Answer-Keys : **15.12.2021**

8. Declaration of Results (On MCAER Website) : **17.12.2021**

9. Scheme of Examination

1) The Examination will be conducted for **total 200 marks**. The question booklet will contain 200 multiple-choice questions of objective nature along with 4 answer-options. There will not be any choice or option for questions.
2) The candidate has to mark the correct answer by blackening the corresponding Circle against the Serial Number of the question in the **OMR sheet** with **black ink ballpoint pen only.** Out of four circles provided for selection of an answer against a question, the candidate should fill up only one circle completely. **CHANGING AN ANSWER IS NOT ALLOWED**. The candidate must fully satisfy himself about the accuracy of the answer before darkening the appropriate circle. The answer once marked is final; any change in the option once marked, done by any method, will amount to an invalid/incorrect response. Each correct answer will be given one mark. **There shall be no negative marking for wrong answers.**

a. Scratching, overwriting, tick mark and multiple answers will be considered as wrong answers and no marks will be allotted to them.

b. Verification of marks obtained is permitted on applying for the same in writing within Official 7 (seven) working days from the date of declaration of the result along with a D.D. for Rs.750/- drawn in the name of Controller, MAUEB, Pune on any nationalized bank payable at Pune.

10. Syllabus of Examination

The syllabus for the CET in each of the stream is as per **National core group for PG syllabus,** which is being implemented in all four SAUs will be applicable for the said CET.

11. Examination Centers

The examination centers for conduct of the Ph.D.-CET are given in the Table below. The candidate may choose any one centre convenient to him/ her. However, the right of allotment of the centre is reserved by the Board. Requests for change of examination centre will not be entertained.

Sr. No.	Name of the Exam. Centre	Streams	Centre Code No.
1.	Post Graduate Institute, MPKV, Rahuri - 413722	All Streams	**01**
2.	College of Agriculture, Dr.PDKV, Akola - 444104	All Streams	**02**
3.	College of Agriculture, VNMKV, Parbhani - 431402	All Streams	**03**
4.	College of Agriculture, Dr.BSKKV, Dapoli - 415712	All Streams	**04**
5.	College of Agriculture, Shivajinagar, Pune - 411005	All Streams	**05**
6.	RCSM College of Agriculture, Kolhapur - 416004	All Streams	**06**
7.	College of Agriculture, Dhule - 424004	All Streams	**07**
8.	College of Agriculture, Nagpur - 444001	All Streams	**08**
9.	College of Agriculture, Latur - 413512	All Streams	**09**
10.	College of Agriculture, Badnapur, Dist. Jalna 431202	All Streams	**10**
11.	College of Horticulture, Mulde, Dist.Sindhudurg 416520	All Streams	**11**

12. Conduct and Discipline

1. Failure of the candidate in making full and correct statements in the application form and/ or suppression of any information would lead to disqualification of the candidate. Such candidate will be debarred from the examination/ entire selection process.
2. The candidate has to scrupulously follow the instructions given by the Supervisors/ Invigilators at all the stages of examination. Violation of such instructions may lead to cancellation of candidature.
3. Calculators, books, notebooks, written notes, pagers, mobile phones and any other electronic gadgets are not allowed inside the examination hall. Candidate found possessing such material, whether in use or otherwise will be deemed to have been using unfair means and would be liable to disciplinary action.
4. Adopting unfair means or engaging in malpractice in the examination shall render a candidate liable for punishment under "Maharashtra Prevention of Malpractices Act, Universities, Board and Other Specified Examination Act, 1982" and disqualify him/ her.
5. Any issue not dealt with herein above will be dealt with, when arising, fully and finally by the competent authority.

13. Filling and Submitting the Application Form

Please note that if applicant commits any mistake in filling the online Application Form, it cannot be corrected by this office. The Board will have no responsibility of any kind for such forms. The erroneous applications will not be considered for CET-examination. In such cases, the candidate will not have any right to claim the refund of examination fees.

Candidate should keep a photocopy/ print-out of the online application form applied and exam fees paid receipt for future correspondence, if required any.

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