

**MAHARASHTRA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES
EXAMINATION BOARD, PUNE**

INFORMATION BULLETIN



**COMMON ENTRANCE TEST - 2018
FOR
ADMISSION TO DOCTORAL PROGRAMME
IN
STATE AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES OF MAHARASHTRA
2018- 2019**

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 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 “**Admission Prospectus 2018-19**” published by the MCAER. The minimum cut off will be of **65 per cent (Sixty five)** of total merit for Ph.D admission.

2. Ph.D. Courses

The Ph.D. courses, along with eligibility, available in the SAUs are as given in the Table below. For information regarding availability of courses, number of seats at a particular PG centre/ University; please refer to the “Admission Prospectus” published by the MCAER.

(A) Agriculture

Stream Code	Degree 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 / Bio – Chemistry

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 Technology
16	Vegetable Science	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Horticulture / Vegetable Sciences / Post Harvest Technology
17	Floriculture and Landscaping	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Horticulture/ Floriculture and Landscaping / Post Harvest Technology
18	Plantation Spices, Medicinal and Aromatic Crops	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Horticulture/ Fruit Sciences / Vegetable Sciences/ Post Harvest Technology/ Plantation Spices Medicinal and Aromatic Crops / F & L
19	Irrigation Water Management	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Irrigation and Water Management.
20	Land Resource Management	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Soil Science and Agril. Chemistry/ Soil Science / Agril. Chemistry/ Land Resource Management
21	Food Technology	3 years (6 semesters)	M.Sc.(Agri.) in Food Science / Food Technology

(B) Home Science

22	Food and Nutrition	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Home Science with specialization in Food and Nutrition.
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(C) Fisheries

23	Aquaculture	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Aquaculture
24	Fish Processing and Technology	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Fish Processing and Technology
25	Aquatic Environment Management	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Aquatic Environment Management
26	Fisheries Resources Management	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Fish Resource Management
27	Fish Nutrition and Feed Technology	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Fish Nutrition and Feed Technology
28	Fisheries Extension	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Fishery Sciences with specialization in Extension Education.

(D) Food Technology

29	Food Science and Technology	3 years (6 semesters)	M. Tech in Food Technology / Food Sciences
30	Food Engineering	3 years (6 semesters)	M. Tech in Food Technology / Food Sciences
31	Food Chemistry and Nutrition	3 years (6 semesters)	M. Tech in Food Technology / Food Sciences
32	Food Trade and Business Management	3 years (6 semesters)	M. Tech in Food Technology / Food Sciences
33	Food and Industrial Microbiology	3 years (6 semesters)	M. Tech in Food Technology / Food Sciences

(E) Agril. Biotechnology

34	Agril. Biotechnology	3 years (6 semesters)	Master's degree in Agriculture Biotechnology
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(F) Agril. Engineering

35	Irrigation and Drainage Engineering	3 years (6 semesters)	M. Tech (Agril. Engg.) in Irrigation and Drainage Engineering
36	Soil and Water Conservation	3 years (6 semesters)	M. Tech (Agril. Engg.) in Soil and Water Conservation
37	Process and Food Engineering	3 years (6 semesters)	M. Tech (Agril. Engg.) in Process and Food Engineering
38	Farm Power and Machinery	3 years (6 semesters)	M. Tech (Agril. Engg.) in Farm Power and Machinery
39	Renewable Energy Sources	3 years (6 semesters)	M. Tech (Agril. Engg.) in Renewable energy Sources / M.Tech (EOES)

Note:

Candidate must fulfil the eligibility conditions as indicated above. The exact eligibility requirement criteria will be known at the time of counselling. The candidates are in general eligible for pursuing doctoral degree in the subject in which they have passed their post graduation with minimum CGPA of 6.5 in 10.0 point scale.

Conversion formula for 4.00 to 10.00 scale

$$y = 1.5 + 2x \text{ for } x = 2 \text{ to } 3.5 \text{ and}$$

$$y = 8.5 + 3 \{x - 3.5\} \text{ for } x = 3.51 \text{ to } 4.00$$

where, y = points in 10.00 point scale and

x = points in 4.00 point scale

The candidates should note that 4/5/6 years UG degree and 2 year PG degree with thesis work are the essential requirements for admission to doctoral degree programmes in the Agricultural Universities. The candidate having passed with 3 years UG degree programme are not eligible for Ph. D. Admission through CET-2018 (Ph.D).

3. Eligibility for CET

Candidate should fill up the online application form with due care and must ensure that he/ she fulfils the eligibility requirements for the examination as well as admission as detailed therein. No certificates are required to be attached at the time of submission of application. The eligibility of the candidate for the examination and admission is not checked until the dated of counselling/ personal appearance of the candidate when the related documents will be checked and verified. In case of admission through wait list, the documents will be checked and verified by the University concerned at the time of admission. In case the candidate is found ineligible at that or latter stage his/ her candidature would be summarily rejected.

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The candidate is eligible for the respective discipline only. He/ she can apply for only one CET.

Ph. D. CET is 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 is available on www.mcaer.org
The examination fees for CET to be paid will be as follows:

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

*** 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., 29/05/2018 (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/- per CET.**

5. Important Dates and Examination Schedule

- 1) **Date of Notification** : **14.05.2018**
- 2) **Last date of receiving online applications** : **30.05.2018**
- 3) **Last date of payment of fees online/ through cash** : **31.05.2018**
- 4) **Date of Provisional Merit list of eligible/ Non eligible candidates** : **05.06.2018**
- 5) **Date of Grievances for students** : **06.06.2018 to 10.06.2018**
- 6) **Date of Final Merit list of eligible/ Non eligible candidates** : **11.06.2018**
- 7) **Date of online Admit cards** : **25.07.2018**

* To be issued to those candidates whose applications have been accepted in the scrutiny. Admit cards will be available online. Candidates should click on [Online Admit Card link](#) to download the Admit Card.

8) Examination Programme:

Day	Streams	Date	Time (hrs.)
1.	All disciplines	05.08.2018	10.00 to 12.00

- 9) **Display of answer keys** : **11.08.2018**
- 10) **Declaration of Results (On MCAER Website)** : **15.08.2018**

6. Scheme of Examination

- 1) The Examination will be conducted for **200 marks**. The question booklet will contain 200 questions of objective nature along with answers in the form of 4 alternatives. There will not be any choice or option for questions, i.e. all questions have to be answered.
- 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) 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.

7. Syllabus of Examination

The syllabus for the CET in each of the stream is as per **National core group for PG syllabus** which being implemented in all four SAU's will be for CET examination.

8. Examination Centres

The examination centres for conduct of the 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 Centre	Streams	Centre Code No.
1.	Post Graduate Institute, MPKV Rahuri	All Streams	01
2.	Post Graduate Institute, Dr. PDKV, Akola	All Streams	02
3.	Post Graduate Institute, VNMKV, Parbhani	All Streams	03
4.	College of Agriculture, Dr. BSKKV, Dapoli	All Streams	04

9. 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 here-in above will be dealt with, when arising, fully and finally by the competent authority.

10. Filling and Submitting the Application Form.

Please note that **if you commit 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 incomplete applications and those without required documents will not be considered for examination. In such cases, the candidate will not have any right to claim the refund of examination fees. **Please keep a photocopy of the printout of the online application form for future correspondence if any.**

- i) Satisfy yourself about the eligibility requirements for appearing in the examination.
- ii) Folding, overwriting, cutting, damaging the form etc. may lead to rejection of the application. In such cases full responsibility will lay with the candidate.

