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IN AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES
IN MAHARASHTRA**

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1. INTRODUCTION :

- 1.1 The Maharashtra Council of Agricultural Education and Research (MCAER- State Council), Pune is a **statutory organisation constituted under Section 12** of the Maharashtra Agricultural Universities (Krishi Vidyapeeths) Act, 1983. As the Agricultural Council (MCAER) has been authorized by the provisions made in the Sub-section 3 (G) of Section 12 of the above-mentioned Act, a common rules and regulations have been formulated for the admission process of various degree courses, for the State Agricultural Universities.
- 1.2 As per the Government Resolution, Department of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, Dairy Science and Fisheries No. मकृवि २०१० / प्र.क्र. १५५ / ७ अ, दि.२०/१०/२०११ (**Appendix 'A'**) the Government of Maharashtra has been finalised the strategy of **reservation of seats for the degree, postgraduate and Ph.D.** courses offered by Agricultural universities procedure for the distribution of social reservations, and the admission procedure. The MCAER has been given the right to:
- grant permission to start the new Government, Government aided and Non grant Colleges,
 - finalise, prescribe and to execute the central admission process,
 - decide the weightages for the admission, carrying out admissions, and
 - decide the education fees and other fees for the degree, post graduate and Ph. D. courses for the four Agricultural Universities.
- 1.3 As per the Subject no.12 of the 88th meeting of MCAER conducted on 22/05/2013, the common admission process should be implemented in an **'online manner'**. In accordance with this, the responsibility of Online Admission Process has been bestowed upon Kalp Technologies Pvt. Ltd. ('KTPL'), Pune.

1.4 JURISDICTION OF AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES :

Sr. No.	Name of the Agricultural University	Districts
1.	Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri-413 722 Dist.Ahmednagar [MPKV Rahuri]	Ahmednagar, Nasik, Dhule, Nandurbar, Jalgaon, Pune, Solapur, Satara, Sangli and Kolhapur.
2.	Dr.Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola-444 104 [Dr.PDKV Akola]	Akola, Amravati, Yavatmal, Washim, Buldana, Wardha, Nagpur, Bhandara, Gondia, Gadchiroli and Chandrapur.
3.	Vasantrao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth, Parbhani-431 402 [MKV Parbhani]	Parbhani, Hingoli, Nanded, Latur, Osmanabad, Beed, Jalna and Aurangabad.
4.	Dr.Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli-415 712 Dist.Ratnagiri [Dr. BSKKV Dapoli]	Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg, Raigad, Thane, Palghar, Mumbai City and Mumbai Suburban.

1.5 Definitions:

1.5.1 University Quota ['U' Quota]

The candidates who possess the Domicile Certificate of Maharashtra. If doesn't have domicile, the candidates with Maharashtra State as their birth place in Maharashtra mentioned on their College / School Leaving Certificates or Birth Certificate issued by competent authority of Maharashtra State and those who have passed the qualifying (degree) Examination conducted in the respective jurisdiction of the Agricultural University of Maharashtra, seats reserved for such candidates shall be referred to as 'University Quota' [**'U' Quota**].

1.5.2 Maharashtra Quota ['M' Quota]

The candidates who possess the Domicile Certificate of Maharashtra. If doesn't have domicile, the candidates with Maharashtra State as their birth place in Maharashtra mentioned on their College / School Leaving Certificates or Birth Certificate issued by competent authority of Maharashtra, seats reserved for such candidates shall be referred to as '**Maharashtra Quota**' [**'M' Quota**]. Therefore, Candidates under the University Quota [**'U' Quota**] are also eligible for Maharashtra Quota [**'M' Quota**].

1.5.3 Other State quota ['OS' Quota]

The candidate or their parents are not staying in Maharashtra for at least three years in the period of past consecutive 10 years, and if a person has a Domicile Certificate from some other State of the country other than Maharashtra, then such candidates shall be referred to as Quota for Candidates from Other State.

1.5.4 Spot admission -

After the planned online rounds of admission are done, the candidate is expected to be present in person at the college / institute for the admission of seats that have become available / remained vacant; and the candidates who are present there are given admission based on reservation criteria and merit of the candidates, such an admission procedure should be referred to as 'Spot Admission'. In the case of spot admission, the candidate, who is not present at the respective college / institute during the admission process, shall not be eligible for spot admission.

2. DETAILS OF INSTITUTIONS AND DEGREE COURSES :

For the University ('U' Quota) and Maharashtra ('M' Quota) quota for the Ph.D. degree courses mentioned in Paragraph 2.1, the interested candidates should submit only one application form.

The medium of instruction and examination is English for all the Ph.D. courses.

2.1 FACULTIES, DURATION, CREDIT LOAD AND ELIGIBILITY:

Ph. D. admissions are strictly on merit basis on marks obtained form concern subject in the Ph.D. Common Entrance Test (CET) of respective faculty for the current year conducted by Maharashtra Agricultural Universities Examination Board (MAUEB) and CGPA of the qualifying postdegree examination in the proportion of 70:30 with weightages, respectively.

Sr. No.	Faculty	Duration	Credit Load	Eligibility
1	Agriculture	3 Years (6 Semesters)	70	M.Sc.(Agri.) / M.Sc.(Hort.) Degree in the concerned subject of the Agricultural Universities in Maharashtra or of any other Agricultural University recognised as equivalent thereto and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of concern subject in Agriculture / Horticulture faculty conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2017-18 .
2	Home Science	3 Years (6 Semesters)	70	M.Sc.(Home Science) Degree in the concerned subject of the Agricultural Universities in Maharashtra or of any other Agricultural University recognised as equivalent thereto and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of concern subject in Home Science conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2017-18 .

Sr. No.	Faculty	Duration	Credit Load	Eligibility
3	Fisheries	3 Years (6 Semesters)	70	M.F.Sc. Degree in the concerned subject of the Agricultural Universities in Maharashtra or of any other Agricultural University recognised as equivalent thereto and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of concern subject in Fisheries conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2017-18 .
4	Food Technology	3 Years (6 Semesters)	75	M.Tech. (Food Technology) Degree of the Agricultural Universities in Maharashtra or of any other Agricultural University recognised as equivalent thereto and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of concern subject in Food Technology conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2017-18 .
5	Agricultural Bio-Technology	3 Years (6 Semesters)	70	M.Sc.(Agri.Bio-Tech.) Degree in the concerned subject of the Agricultural Universities in Maharashtra or of any other Agricultural University recognised as equivalent thereto and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of concern subject in Agricultural Bio-Technology conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2017-18 .
6	Agricultural Engineering	3 Years (6 Semesters)	70	M.Tech. (Agricultural Engineering) Degree in the concerned subject of the Agricultural Universities in Maharashtra or of any other Agricultural University recognised as equivalent thereto and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of concern subject in Agricultural Engineering faculty conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2017-18 .

Note:- The students will have to complete the deficiency courses as prescribed by respective University.

2.2 Other Conditions

- (i) The candidate should have passed the postgraduate degree examination with minimum 6.5 CGPA on 10.00 point Scale.
- (ii) Conversion formula for 4.00 to 10.00 point scale:

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

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

where y = points in 10.00 point scale and

x = points in 4.00 point scale

2.3 Ph.D. INTAKE CAPACITY :

2.3.1 (A) Agriculture :

Sr. No.	Subjects	Intake capacity				Total
		MPKV Rahuri	Dr.PDKV Akola	VNMKV Parbhani	Dr.BSKKV Dapoli	
1.	Agronomy	6	3	3	2	14
2.	Agricultural Meteorology*	2	--	--	--	2
3.	Soil Science & Agricultural Chemistry	4	3	3	2	12
4.	Biochemistry	2	--	--	--	2
5.	Agricultural Botany					
	(a) Plant Physiology**	4	2	1	2	9
	(b) Genetics & Plant Breeding	6	3	3	2	14
	(c) Seed Technology	4	--	1	--	5
6.	Extension Education	4	3	3	2	12
7.	Agricultural Economics	4	3	3	2	12
8.	Agricultural Entomology	6	3	3	2	14
9.	Plant Pathology	6	3	3	2	14
10.	Agricultural Microbiology	4	--	--	--	4
11.	Animal Husbandry & Dairy Science					
	(a) Animal Husbandry	4	1	2	1	8
	(b) Dairy Science	4	1	1	1	7
12.	Horticulture					
	(a) Fruit Science	4	4	3	2	13
	(b) Vegetable Science	4	4	3	2	13
	(c) Floriculture and Landscaping	--	2	1	2	5
13.	Irrigation Water Management	2	--	--	--	2
14.	Land Resource Management	--	2	--	--	2
15.	Food Technology	2	--	--	--	2
Total		72	37	33	24	166

* Course is offered at College of Agriculture, Pune.

** If the candidate for Plant Physiology is not available, the said seat may be allotted for Genetics & Plant Breeding.

(B) Home Science :

Sr. No.	Subject	Intake Capacity
		VNMKV, Parbhani
1.	Food and Nutrition	2

(C) Fisheries :

Sr. No.	Subjects	Intake capacity
		Dr.BSKKV, Dapoli
1.	Aquaculture	2
2.	Fish Processing & Technology	2
3.	Aquatic Environment Management	2
4.	Fisheries Resources Management	2
5.	Fish Nutrition and Feed Technology	1
6.	Fisheries Extension	2
Total		11

(D) Food Technology :

Sr. No.	Subject	Intake capacity
		VNMKV, Parbhani
1.	Food Science and Technology	2 [#]

The Candidates having appeared for CET of Food Science and Technology, Food Engineering, Food Chemistry & Nutrition and Food & Industrial Microbiology will be eligible for admission

(E) Agricultural Bio-Technology :

Sr. No.	Subject	Intake capacity
		Dr.PDKV, AKOLA
1.	Agricultural Biotechnology	3

(F) Agricultural Engineering :

Sr. No.	Subject	Intake capacity				Total
		MPKV Rahuri*	Dr.PDKV, Akola	VNMKV, Parbhani	Dr. BSKKV, Dapoli	
1.	Irrigation and Drainage Engineering	3	2	1	2	8
2.	Soil and Water Conservation Engg.	3	2	1	2	8
3.	Process and Food Engineering	--	2	1	2	5
4.	Farm Power and Machinery	--	2	1	2	5
5.	Renewable Energy Sources	--	2	--	2	4
	Total	6	10	4	10	30

* One seat in each subject will be filled in from in-service candidates working in Mahatma Phule Kirshi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri .

2.3.2. UNIVERSITIWISSE ABSTRACT OF THE Ph.D. INTAKE CAPACITY.

Sr. No.	Faculty	MPKV Rahuri	Dr.PDKV Akola	VNMKV Parbhani	Dr.BSKKV Dapoli	Total
1.	Agriculture	72	37	33	24	166
2.	Home Science	--	--	2	--	2
3.	Fisheries	--	--	--	11	11
4.	Food Technology	--	--	2	--	2
5.	Agricultural Bio-Technology	--	3	--	--	3
6.	Agricultural Engineering	6	10	4	10	30
	Total	78	50	41	45	214

Note:

- Subjectwise one seat for each subject over and above the intake capacity is reserved for the inservice candidates of Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola.
- One seat from the intake capacity in faculty of Fisheries in the subject of Fisheries Extension education is reserved for inservice candidate of Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Kokan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli. Also one seat for each subject in agriculture faculty over and above the

intake capacity of other subjects is reserved for inservice candidates of Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Kokan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli.

- In Ph.D. Admission 11 seats for Agriculture (one seat in each subject), 4 seats for Agriculture Engineering, 4 seats for Food Technology and 1 seat for Home Science over and above the intake capacity is reserved for inservice candidate of Vasantnao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth, Parbhani.
- However, if among the the intake capacity above seats are found to be vacant then those shall be filled in during spot round, if the vacant position are communicated by university to MCAER, Pune before the said round.
- The desirous inservice candidates shall apply directly to the **Registrar of the respective university to get admission on the seats reserved for inservice candidates.**

3. INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES :

3.1 The candidates are required to read the prospectus and application form carefully before filling in the application form 'ONLINE'.

- 3.2 (i) Every applicant should fill only one application form on the website of 'KTPL' – 'maha-agriadmission.in' in 'online' manner. If a candidate submits more than one application form, the latest filled in and the application form complete in all respects shall be considered as valid.
- (ii) Do not send the copy of the application form or any other documents by Post / courier or hand delivery to anyone including MCAER, Agriculture University or M/S. KTPL, Pune.
- (iii) After filling the application form on the website, the candidate should scan his / her signature, his / her passport-sized photograph and original copies of all the necessary documents and upload them on the website. If a document is scanned in the authorized centers of M/S. KTPL, Pune then a fee of Rs. 5/- will be charged for it. A list of such authorized centers is available on the website - 'maha-agriadmission.in'.
- (iv) The application form fees for the candidates from the Open category and all the candidates from Out of Maharashtra State shall be Rs. 2000/- whereas for candidates from the reserved categories of Maharashtra shall be Rs. 1000/-. The said fees shall be paid through Net banking, Debit Card or Credit Card. Once the application form is filled, the facility of paying such a fee is made available on the website. The said fees are non-refundable.

3.3 The candidates should scan the following original documents and upload it through their Log-in on web site.

- (a) **Mark sheet / Grade card of qualifying examination.**
- (b) (i) **College (Last attended) Leaving Certificate** or or if the candidate has been admitted into some other course (except agriculture universities in Maharashtra) then Bonafide Certificate from that particular college..
- (ii) If the candidates from other States (out of Maharashtra) are unable to provide the College Leaving Certificate then in such a case provide the Migration Certificate from that particular college.
- (iii) The candidate admitted in last academic year in any Agricultural University in Maharashtra if again applies to seek the admission for the current academic year for the First Year Ph.D. Course then the **‘Bonafide Certificate’ issued from the last attended respective College/Institute** will be considered.
- (iv) **If such a candidate is given admission then it shall be necessary for him / her to submit the College Leaving Certificate within three months. If the said certificate is not submitted within the stipulated period then his / her provisional admission is liable to get cancelled.**
- (v) **Some of the Agriculture Universities other than Maharashtra State does not provide the Transfer Certificate, but such certificate is being sent directly to Colleges where student admitted. In this case, letter from respective University’s Registrar / Dean.**
- (c) (i) Domicile Certificate of the candidate issued by competent authority from Maharashtra State or College / School Leaving Certificate or Birth Certificate issued by competent authority of Maharashtra State mentioning the birth place from Maharashtra State.
- (ii) Domicile Certificate of the candidate from other State issued by competent authority of their respective State.
- (d) **Certificate of Agriculturist** issued by the Tehsildar or Naib Tehsildar for the year 2015-16 or 2016-17. The format of this certificate has been attached in **Appendix ‘B’**. It is necessary to mention in the certificate that the candidate or his / her parents or grandmother / grandfather (father’s parents) are agriculture land owners or farmers (those cultivating the land) and the main source of income for that

family is the income generated from cultivating this land or certificate issued by the Tehsildar or Naib Tehsildar in the prescribed format available with them.

- (e) **Caste Certificate** issued by the competent authority of the State in the prescribed format.
- (f) Candidates from VJ(a), NT(b), NT(c), NT(d), Other backward class (OBC) tribes and Special Backward Category (SBC) should provide **‘Non-Creamy Layer’ Certificate** issued by a competent authority on 1 April, 2017 or issued after that date or valid till the day the application is submitted.
- (g) Certificate of **‘Project Affected Person’** by the **District Resettlement Officer** or an officer authorized by the Government of Maharashtra (if authorized then with the letter about the authorization from a competent authority) stating that the candidate / candidate’s parents’/grand parents’ is project-affected and the farmland of their parents or grandfather has been acquired by Agricultural Universities / Irrigation / Electricity / Defense Projects of Maharashtra. It is necessary that the name of the person who should get the benefits of the concessions should be clearly mentioned on the certificate issued by the competent authority.
- (h) **Certificate of ‘Freedom Fighter’ signed by the Hon. Prime Minister / Chief Minister, Maharashtra State** stating that the mother / father of the applicant is a Freedom Fighter. Son / daughter of the Freedom Fighter or their son / daughter shall get the benefit of this certificate, but in such a case an affidavit with a Rs. 100/- stamp covering the following points should be given by the freedom fighter or if the freedom fighter is no longer alive then by the husband / wife of the freedom fighter.
 - (1) The candidate is the son / daughter of the son / daughter of the freedom fighter.
 - (2) The freedom fighter has not availed this concession for any of his / her relatives any time earlier, and after using it now, shall not do so ever any time in the future.

If there are any doubts, complaints, difficulties regarding the above-mentioned points then refer to the prevailing government resolution in order to get clarification

- (i) Defence Personnel Certificate from Zilla Sainik Board or Discharge Certificate from Commanding Officer of the regiment or Serviceman Certificate from competent authority.
- (j) **'No-Objection Certificate'** of current academic year from the employer in case of inservice candidates.
- (k) Candidates applying through the Physically-disabled category should submit the **Certificate of Physically Handicapped** issued by the competent authority (District Civil Surgeon or equivalent Government Hospital / Medical Board designated in behalf).

3.4 Only such an application shall be considered as acceptable for admission, which has been filled completely in all respects, and has been upload on or before the last date notified in the admission timetable.

3.5 In accordance with the decision given by the Hon. High Court, Nagpur Bench on 24.12.2014 in response to the PIL no.63/2014 and subject to the government resolutions in respect to this, released from time to time, the Scheduled Tribes candidates should fulfill the following in regards to caste authentication.

- (1) Scheduled Tribes candidates should upload scan copy of the Caste Validity Certificate with the application form. OR
- (2) The Scheduled Tribes candidate who does not possess a Caste Validity Certificate and who has applied for the same to the Caste Scrutiny Committee, such candidates should upload scan copy of the acknowledgement receipt of the issue being presented in front of the Caste Scrutiny Committee and should upload a copy of the Letter of Guarantee given in Appendix 'C' on a stamp paper of Rs. 100/-.

The candidates who will not fulfill even one of the points mentioned in (1) and (2) along with Scheduled Tribes Caste Certificate, such candidates shall be termed ineligible to get admission on the seats reserved for Scheduled Tribes.

3.6 The scanned and uploaded documents should be readable; upload the documents only after ensuring this. If the uploaded documents are not readable then they shall not be considered as valid and the responsibility of the same shall completely be with the candidate.

Upload the self declaration certificate in **Appendix 'D'** regarding authenticity of uploaded original documents.

- 3.7 Applications shall be rejected on any one or more of the following deficiencies.**
- (a) (i) If the self attested **photo copy of Domicile Certificate/School Leaving Certificate containing place of birth from Maharashtra/birth Certificate issued by the competent authority from Maharashtra is not uploaded.**
 - (ii) If the domicile certificate is not enclosed by the Other State Candidate.
 - (b) If the candidate has not uploaded the **latest passport-sized photograph and own signature** on the website.
 - (c) If the **scan copy of the Mark Sheet / Grade Card** of the qualifying examination is not uploaded.
 - (d) If the **scan copy of the college (last attended) Transfer Certificate / Leaving Certificate / Migration Certificate** is not uploaded. (If the Candidate has secured admission for Ph.D. degree elsewhere, Bonafide Certificate of that Institute will be accepted. However, the Candidate should submit the original Leaving Certificate after securing admission within a period of three months.)
 - (e) If **'No Objection Certificate' of the Employer** is not uploaded by the inservice candidate.
 - (f) **If the prescribed fees is not paid.**
 - (g) **if not attached self declaration regarding authenticity in case of uploaded original copies.**
- 3.8 In case of a 'Tie' for admission,** the following criteria will be applied in the following sequence for deciding the merit number.
- (a) Higher Marks in MAUEB Common Entrance Test for Ph.D.
 - (b) **Higher CGPA** in Post Graduate Examination.
 - (c) No of years required to complete postgraduate degree programme.
 - (d) The candidate **elder** in age.
 - (e) First Online application Number.
- 3.9 Additional documents will not be accepted through courier, post, by hand after submission of application form on web site.**
- 3.10 (i) The candidates seeking admissions are required to give their options in the application form for various Colleges / Institutes offering Ph.D. courses by using the College code Numbers.
- (ii) **Candidates are advised to give maximum preferences in the option form.**
 - (iii) **Options once exercised cannot be changed.**
- 3.11 (i) The candidates are advised to fill in accurate information in all the columns.

- (ii) The KTPL or the MCAER, Pune shall **not be responsible for any discrepancy appearing in the application form** which may result in **deciding disadvantageous merit position** of the applicant.
- 3.12 After publication of Final Merit List, the admissions to all courses shall be given after taking into consideration, availability of seats, merit of the student in terms of marks, applicable reservations and the options exercised by the candidate(s).
- 3.13 Preferences given in the application form shall be first considered for allocation of seats from 'M' Quota at the State Level and subsequently for admission from 'U' Quota i.e. University Level Quota.
- 3.14 The list of candidates selected for admission from 'M' Quota and 'U' Quota will be available on the websites **www.mcaer.org** and **maha-agriadmission.in** on the dates specified in the admission schedule.
- 3.15 **Important instructions to candidates** for seeking admission are given in **Appendix 'E'**
- 3.16 As per Government Circular, Higher and Technical Education Department, No.संकीर्ण-2011/(103) /11/ मशि-3, Dt. 18/04/2011 the Candidate desirous of seeking admission for Ph.D. Degree Programme has to give the written promise regarding cleanliness in the **Appendix 'F'**
- 3.17 As per the G.R.No. संकीर्ण-1517/प्र.क्र.185/6-A, dt.5/6/2017 the Candidate whose name had not been included in the voters list are required to submit the undertaking and fill in the form No. 6, 7, 8 and 8-A at the time of admission and submit to the respective college.
- 3.18 In case of any litigation as regards the admission process, the English Version of the prospectus shall be considered as valid.

4. ADMISSION PROCEDURE :

- 4.1 The candidate should read all the information about the admission process given in the prospectus carefully.
- 4.2 The admission process for the State Agricultural Universities will be conducted by 'KTPL', Pune.
- 4.3 As per provisions of Article 5 of the Maharashtra Agricultural Universities (Krishi Vidyapeeths) Act 1983, the candidate, who is aspiring to get admission to the

Undergraduate courses, and his parents should be residing in Maharashtra State for at least 3 years in the past 10 years from the date of submitting the application form, and such candidates shall be deemed as eligible for admission. Hence, the candidates and their parents who have been residing in the State for less than 3 years in the past 10 years shall be considered as Out of State candidates and for them the admission capacity shall remain limited to 2% of the admission seats.

4.4 For admission for Ph.D. courses / programmes **after deducting seats to be** reserved for OS quota, the

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| <p>(a) First Seats for all the candidates of the State Agricultural Universities.</p> | } | <p>50% Seats
‘M’ Quota.</p> |
| <p>(b) After Seats from amongst the students who have passed the qualifying examination from the Colleges / Institute situated in the University area</p> | } | <p>50% Seats
‘U’ Quota.</p> |

4.5 Admission to all Ph.D. courses shall be on the basis of **70% of Marks obtained in Ph.D. Common Entrance Test conducted by Maharashtra Agriculture University Examination Board (MAUEB) and 30% marks of CGPA in graduation and weightages if any.**

4.6 The candidates who have a Domicile Certificate from Maharashtra State or the candidate on whose College Leaving Certificate the place of birth has been shown as from Maharashtra State or who has a birth certificate from a competent authority of Maharashtra State, but has cleared the qualifying examination from out of the State, such a candidate can be considered only for the ‘M’ Quota.

4.7 Admission to all the Ph.D. programmes **shall be on merit and provisional.**

4.8 (i) The merit list will be published on the **maha-agriadmission.in** and **www.mcaer.org** websites. Candidates can view the merit list on these websites.

(ii) The candidates shall not be communicated about the merit list separately through Post.

4.9 (i) The applicants who have complaints about the merit list should present their grievance ‘online’ using their ‘Login ID’ and ‘Password’ on or before the date mentioned in the Admission Programme.

(ii) If the applications for grievance from the candidates are not received in online format within the stipulated time period then his / her grievance shall not be taken into consideration.

- 4.10 The candidate should get the printed copy of the provisional admission allotment letter being issued on the website using his / her 'Log in' and 'Password', and he / she should be present at the college where he / she has been allotted admission, with the original copies of all the documents and enclosures, on or before the designated date; If Candidate is unable to attend allotted college physically due to serious medical reason, such candidate register their presents as per **Appendix 'G'**. otherwise, such a candidate shall be termed as absent for admission and his / her admission shall be considered as cancelled. Such a candidate shall not be eligible for the consecutive 'online' admission rounds, but he / she can be considered for the 'Spot Admission' round.
- 4.11 (a) As per the merit list, the candidate shall be given admission for the available seat on the date mentioned in the admission prospectus.
- (b) If it is found anytime after taking the admission that the candidate has taken admission by furnishing false information, such an admission shall be cancelled by the University.
- (c) If it is noticed that some University has not taken action in such a case then the Director General, MCAER shall be empowered to cancel such an admission.
- (d) If it is found anytime during the admission rounds or after the admission that the admission has been given because of some technical problem in the computer system, admission of such a candidate shall be cancelled by the Director General, MCAER.
- 4.12 (i) If while scrutinizing the original documents and certificates submitted during admission, it is found that the additional marks given are wrongly depicted then the admission of the candidate shall not be considered as valid by the respective college / institute.
- (ii) Dean / Associate Dean should immediately communicate about such a situation to 'KTPL' / MCAER Office via e-mail, phone or fax.
- (iii) After 'KTPL' has modified the final list, the said candidate then becomes eligible for admission into a new college / institute as per the marks secured by him / her.
- 4.13 (i) If any candidate has any grievance regarding the admissions then the candidate can send a complaint while the respective admission round is going on, to the Director General, MCAER.
- (ii) The Director General, MCAER will be capable of taking appropriate action after immediate verification of such grievances.
- 4.14 Admission taken for various courses shall be the final ones. A candidate who has taken admission in such a way shall not be eligible for any change in the University / College / course / subject.

- 4.15** If any candidate desires to refuse his / her admission and wishes to be considered for the next round of admissions then he / she should refuse the admission by paying Rs. 200/- online through Debit Card / Credit Card / Net Banking on the website Log-in.
- 4.16** If a candidate does not refuse his / her admission by paying fees of Rs. 200/- then he / she shall not be considered in the later rounds of admission other than for ‘Spot Admission Round’.
- 4.17** If Candidate cancelled / refused his admission then such Candidate will be eligible for other options in next online admission round except cancelled / refused option. Such admission will be cancelled during the period of refusal of admission.
- 4.18** **The refund of the Admission Cancellation Fees will be as mentioned below :**
- (i) If the student cancels his / her admission after the registration of admission and before the classes start then a minimum amount of Rs. 1,000/- shall be deducted in lieu of Admission Process Fees.
 - (ii) If the student cancels his / her admission after the registration of admission and after the classes have started then from the month the classes have started till the month when the admission was cancelled, session-based education fees and hostel charges on a per month basis (if hostel facility has been made available) for those many months shall be recovered from the respective student.
 - (iii) If a student, after getting the registration done, cancels his / her admission, which he / she has got in the admission round that was conducted after the classes had started then from the date the registration of admission was done till the month the admission was cancelled, session-based education fees and hostel charges on a per month basis (if hostel facility has been made available) for those many months shall be recovered from the respective student
- 4.19** The information about the admission procedure, the merit list of State level (‘M’ Quota) and University level (‘U’ Quota), and the current situation of the admissions as per the admission rounds shall be available on the websites - maha.agriadmission.in and www.mcaer.org
- 4.20** Important instructions for the Dean / Associate Dean of the college institutes regarding the admission procedure have been mentioned in Appendix ‘H’.
- 4.21** If for any reasons such as ignorance, delay, any kind of technical failure or his / her any other personal reasons, the candidate stays deprived of admission then no grievance of any kind shall be taken into consideration.

5 DETAILS ABOUT THE RESERVED SEATS:

As per the provisions made in the Indian Constitution, provisions made under the Maharashtra Agricultural Universities (Krishi Vidyapeeths) Act, 1983, and also as directed by government resolutions from time to time, specific seats have been reserved for admission in the colleges / institutions –

Sr. No.	Reserved Category	Percentage	Sr. No	Other Reservation	Percentage
(1)	Scheduled Castes/ Nav-Budha (SC)	13	(1)	Children of Freedom Fighter (FF)	2.00
(2)	Scheduled Tribes (ST)	07	(2)	Physically Handicapped Candidates (Low Vision, Hearing Impairment, Locomotor Disability or Cerebral Palsy (PH)	3.00
(3)	Vimukta Jati (VJ)(a) (14 and others)	03	(3)	Children of Defence Personnel / Ex-serviceman (DP)	2.00
(4)	Nomadic Tribes (NT)(b) (28 & others as listed prior to 1990)	2.5	(4)	Project Affected Person and their children as defined in the Maharashtra Resettlement of Project Displaced Act,1976 (PAP)	4.00
(5)	Nomadic Tribes(NT)(c)	3.5	(5)	Agriculturist and those Children of Agriculturist who possess minimum qualification or experience in Agriculture. (AG)	6.00
(6)	Nomadic Tribes(NT)(d) (Vanjar, Vanjari, Vanjara)	02	(6)	Female Candidates	30.00
(7)	Other Backward Classes (OBC)	19	(7)	Candidates and their parents who have not resided in the State of Maharashtra at least 3 years during the period of 10 years immediately preceding the date on which admission is sought. (OS)	2.00
	Total	50			

NOTE :

- 5.1 Under the other reservation, Social Reservation in “Sr.no.1 to 6” are **inclusive of merit** in both Open and Reserved Categories.
- 5.2 As per the procedure described in Govt. Circular, General Administrative Department No. SRV-1097/प्र.क्र.३१/१८/१६-अ, dt. 16/3/1999 as appended in **Appendix ‘I’** to get and assure the categorywise percentage under female reservation under other reservation at Sr. No.6.
- 5.3 The Candidates belong to the Special Backward Class category will be consider under Other Backward Class category those candidates previously included in Other Backward Class.
- 5.4 The distribution of seats shall be done college-wise and subjectwise
- 5.5 The above-mentioned reservations shall be implemented as per the guiding principles given by the Government of Maharashtra from time to time.
- 5.6 During the admission process, if a candidate is not found for any one of the reserved categories then the said seat shall be filled in as per the procedure mentioned in the Government Resolution, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries Department, No. MAD 2010/P.No. 155 / 7A dated 20/10/2011. The said government resolution is attached herewith as Appendix – ‘A’.

6 WEIGHTAGES :

0.05 points weightage will be granted for each research paper/note in 10 point scale which have been published in [NAAS- National Academy of Agricultural Science] accredited reputed journal. Mandatory to attached Front Page and Index Page of the Journal in which the Research Paper/Note is published. If research paper/note published online recently, in this case it is compulsory to attached research paper/note with acceptance letter.

Maximum limit of weightage shall not be more than 0.24 points.

7 SYSTEM OF EDUCATION :

- ❖ The State Agricultural Universities have adopted course 'Credit System' under the 'Semester Pattern'. In this system each academic year is divided into Two Terms not shorter than 20 weeks, called as 'semester'. Subjects to be taught are divided into self contained units called Courses.
- ❖ These are taught in a semester through lectures, practicals, library reading, field work, assignments, etc.
- ❖ The choice of courses, number of credits to be taken by a student are decided in consultation with advisory committee, keeping in view the existing rules and the performance of the students. If the performance of a student in a particular course is not upto the mark, he may repeat the course whenever, it is offered as per the course layout.
- ❖ Academic rules and regulations updated time to time due to necessity changes. Such updated rules and regulations will be applicable to students.

8 REGISTRATION :

After verification of application form and original certificates by the Dean of the Post Graduate Institute / College or the Associate Dean of the College, candidate will be allowed to register. Registration shall consist of the following steps:-

- (1) Payment of fees in the office of the Dean, Post Graduate Institute or Associate of the concerned college.
- (2) Enrolment of students in various courses in consultation with the advisory committee & Heads of the Departments.
- (3) Deposition of roster form duly filled in and signed by the student, teacher, the advisors and Head of the Department on the same day or within the prescribed time with the Dean, Post Graduate Institute or Associate Dean of the college, failing which the registration shall be invalid.

9 MEDICAL EXAMINATION :

- ❖ Medical Examination is compulsory for all the students admitted during the first year and the same should be got done from the Civil Surgeon at the district headquarter / Medical Officer at the Rural Hospital / Primary Health Centre as directed by the University/Dean/Associate Dean before the end of first semester.
- ❖ If a student is medically unfit, the Dean / Associate Dean will inform the concerned student and his parent/guardian for rectification of the defects.
- ❖ **If a student is found medically unfit, he is liable to be discontinued from the University.** Such cases would be reported to the Registrar for taking necessary action.
- ❖ If a student fails to appear for the Medical Examination arranged by the University / Dean / Associate Dean, concerned student will have to get himself medically examined from the above medical authority at his own expenses and produce examination report within the period specified by the college authorities.
- ❖ **In case he fails to produce the medical examination report within the specified time, his result shall not be declared.**

10. ATTENDANCE :

- ❖ Every student shall attend all lectures, practicals, library work, extension education visits, study tours and the meetings with advisory committee and concerned teachers.
- ❖ **If a student fails to attend 80% of the total number of lectures, laboratory practicals or field tutorial classes in a course held and deemed to have held during a semester irrespective of his date of registration, he shall not be eligible to appear for semester end examination** and shall be awarded 'F' grade.
- ❖ Such students shall repeat the course when offered.

11. SPORTS AND ALLIED ACTIVITIES :

Facilities for sports and allied activities are available at all the colleges.

12. HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION :

Hostel accommodation for a limited number of students is available at the hostels of the colleges of the Universities on merit basis. Every student admitted to Colleges is not necessarily given or promised admission to the hostel attached to that College.

13. MEDALS, CASH PRIZES AND AWARDS :

The medals, awards, and cash prizes are awarded to the meritorious students who top at the various Master degree examinations as per the University regulations as approved by the Executive Council.

14. SCHOLARSHIP AND CONCESSIONS :

- Government of India Scholarship to reserved category students,
 - Free Studentship to the students of Economically Backward Classes,
 - Government of India National Loan Scholarship,
 - Government of India Merit-cum-means Scholarship (ICAR) / Government of India Post matric Scholarship to SC and ST candidate (ICAR),
 - Merit-cum-Means Scholarship (Government of Maharashtra), etc.
- are available at various constituent/affiliated colleges and will be awarded as per rules in vogue.

15. DISCIPLINE :

- (i) The cases of unfair means and the cases of misbehavior will be dealt with as per the Rules and Regulations of the University in vogue and as amended from time to time.
- (ii) **In accordance with the provisions made under University Statutes, 1990, a student while studying in the College if allegedly found involving in the activities like ragging, bulleying or kidnapping and any other act of indiscipline shall immediately be suspended from the College as well as the Hostel without any notice by the Dean / Associate Dean of the College and liable to be expelled from the College by the Vice-Chancellor on the detailed report of the Director of Instruction of the University, as per the instructions of the Dy. Director General (Education), ICAR, New Delhi vide letter No. 6(29)/2007-A. and P., dt. 18/1/2008 regarding the directives issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on Special Leave to appeal (C) [24295 & 24296-99 of 2004] vide judgment dt. 10/12/2007 and also vide letter No.AGU-2009/pr.a.kra.58/7-A, Dt.06/05/2009 from Dept.of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries, Mantralaya, Mumbai.**
- (iii) Student shall abide by the rules & regulations enforced and approved by the State Council.
- (iv) **Any kind of indiscipline and misbehavior amounting to ragging activities is an offence punishable under the provisions of UGC Regulations on curbing the means of Ragging in higher education institution 2009.**

- (v) **Anti Ragging Act** : In case of ragging, for **24 X 7 Anti Ragging help line contact toll free No. 1800-180-5522**, Email:helpline@antiragging.net and web site : '<http://www.ugc.ac.in>'.
- (vi) Each student and his parent / guardian shall have to furnish an affidavit in **Appendix 'J'** to follow scrupulously the provisions of **UGC Regulations on curbing the means of Ragging in higher education institution 2009** and ensure that absolute discipline is maintained in the premises of educational Institute, Hostel campus and University campus etc.

16. FEES :

Fees payable by the students for Ph.D. programmes. (In Rupees)

Sr. No.	Item	Semester I	Semester II
	A) College / Institute fees.		
1	Tuition Fee	12000	12000
2	Registration fee	500	500
3	Eligibility Fee [#]	500 / 800 ⊗	--
4	Caution Money	2000 [⊙]	--
5	Library fees	1000	1000
6	Subscription towards Students' Council Activities		
	i) Sports, Gymkhana and allied activities.	1000	1000
	ii) Co-operative Society (Share + Membership fee)	200 [#]	--
	iii) Annual Prize Distribution Function	800	--
	iv) College / Institute magazine	400	--
	v) 'Krida Mahotsav' Sport Fee	100	--
7	Medical Examination Fee.	200	--
8	Identity Card	100 [#]	--
9	Student's Aid Fund	200 [#]	--
10	Grade Card	200	200
11	Examination Fee	3500	-
12	Students Safety Insurance Premium.	100	--
13	Thesis checking Fee	--	5000
	Total (A)	22800 + [300 [⊗]]	19700
	(B) Hostel		
1	Hostel Caution money	3000 [⊙]	--
2	Maintenance charges	3000	3000
3	Electricity Charges	3000	3000
4	Mess deposit.	2000 [⊙]	--
	Total (B)	11000	6000
	Grand Total (A+B)	33800 + [300[⊗]]	25700

Note:-

- ⊗ The fees will be collected from students who passed qualifying examination from out of Maharashtra State.

© The fees to be refundable whenever the student leaves the College/ Institute /Hostel.

The fees to be charged only once during the student's stay at the College/ Institute.

Special Instructions :

- (1) Besides the above fees, Transcript fees of Rs.100/- will be collected at the time of registration at the end of last Semester by the University.
- (2) Various concessions / relaxations offered by the Govt. of Maharashtra to Female students & students of various reserved category shall be applicable *mutatis mutandis*.
- (3) Fees for Grade Card/examination are to be deposited to the respective University.

17. ADMISSION PROGRAMME :

17.1 Calendar for admission to Ph.D. Courses for the year 2017-18.

Sr. No.	Programme	Last Date
1.	Availability of online application form on website	18/09/2017
2.	Last date of submitting the application form and along with that uploading the scanned copies of the necessary documents	25/09/2017
3.	Display of provisional Merit List on KTPL & MCAER Web site	28/09/2017
4.	Last date of receipt of grievances.	01/10/2017
5.	Display of Final Merit List on KTPL & MCAER Web site	03/10/2017
6.	(i) Display of First Round allotment list	05/10/2017
	(ii) Last date of reporting	07/10/2017 (upto 5.30 pm)
7.	(i) Display of Second Round allotment list (with conversion)	10/10/2017
	(ii) Last date of reporting	12/10/2017 (upto 5.30 pm)
8.	Display of Vacancy positions	13/10/2017
9.	Spot Admission Round (As per procedure mentioned in <u>Appendix 'K'</u>)	14/10/2017 &
		15/10/2017
10.	Commencement of classes	12/10/2017

NOTE-

- (1) **Admission process will be continued at concerned Colleges / Institute even on Sundays and Government holidays.**
- (2) **All the vacancies created by various reasons after Second round of admission will be filled in through the Spot Admission Round by the concerned Institute from the Final Merit list published by the KTPL Pune.**
- (3) No call letters will be sent to the candidates for the admission programme.

17.2 The prospectus contains only the gist of the Admission Rules and also of Academic Regulations for different Ph.D. Degree Programmes. For more details, the Rules and Regulations shall be referred.

18. The website maha-agriadmission.in shall be active from 18th September,2017.

**As approved by }
Director General }**

**DR. S. J. KAKDE
Director (Education)
Maharashtra Council of Agriculture
Education & Research,
Pune-411 007.**

CHECK LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR ADMISSION

Sr . No.	ITEMS	YES / NO
(1)	(i) Domicile Certificate/School Leaving Certificate containing place of birth from Maharashtra / Birth Certificate issued by the competent authority from Maharashtra.	
	(ii) Domicile certificate / Residential certificate / Community, Nativity and Date of birth certificate from Other State Candidate.	
(2)	Mark sheet / Grade Card of qualifying examination.	
(3)	College/ Institute Leaving/ Transfer Certificate (last attended)/ Bonafide certificate of the college where admission has already been taken.	
(4)	Caste Certificate issued by competent Authority designated in the State.	
(5)	Caste Validity Certificate or receipt of submission to Scheduled Tribe Caste Scrutiny committee with undertaking on the Stamp Paper of Rs.100/- as per mentioned in Appendix 'C' for Scheduled Tribe Candidates.	
(6)	Non Creamy Layer Certificate issued after 1 st April 2016 or valid as on date of admission.	
(7)	(A) Whether the ' Certificate of the Freedom Fighter ' issued in favour of parents / Grand parents of the Candidate is issued under the signature of the Hon. Prime Minister / Chief Minister, Maharashtra State.	
	(B) If yes, whether an Affidavit of the Freedom Fighter and if the Freedom Fighter is not alive then his/her wife/husband on the Stamp Paper of Rs.100/- has been enclosed?	
	(C) If yes, whether the following points have been mentioned in it ?	
	(1) The candidate is son/daughter of the Freedom Fighter or son/daughter of son/daughter of the Freedom Fighter.	
	(2) The Freedom Fighter has not used this concession for any relative here before.	
	(3) The Freedom Fighter shall not use the concession for any relative hereafter, if the benefit is availed at this time.	
(8)	'Certificate of Defense Personnel (DP)' issued by the Zilla Sainik Welfare Officer/ Discharge Certificate issued by the Officer Commanding the Regiment or Serviceman Certificate issued by the Competent Authority.	
(9)	'Certificate of Physically Handicapped (PH)' issued by District Civil Surgeon or equivalent Government hospital/ Medical board. [The percentage of disability shall not be less than 40% in case of candidate seeking reservation for physically handicapped category.]	
(10)	'Certificate of Project Affected Person (PAP)' issued by District Resettlement Officer/ Rehabilitation Officer / OR the competent officer, empowered (with letter of competent officer if empowered) of Government of Maharashtra in the prescribed form that his/her parents'/grand parents' land has been acquired by the Government for Agricultural University/ Irrigation/ Power/ Defence Project having the name of beneficiary.	
(11)	'Certificate of Agriculturist (AG)' for the year 2015-16 or 2016-17 issued by the Tahsildar/ Naib Tahsildar OR issue in the format available with Tahasildar / Naib Tahasildar showing that the applicant or his/her parents or grand parents (Paternal) is/ are owner or tenant, holds agricultural land and whose main source of income is derived from personal cultivation of land.	
(12)	Research paper/note published in [NAAS- National Academy of Agricultural Science] accredited reputed journal. (With Front Page and Index Page of the Journal) If research paper/note published online recently, in this case research paper/note with acceptance letter.	
(13)	'No objection Certificate' of current academic year from employer if employed	
(14)	Self-Declaration letter in the prescribed format (Appendix 'D') confirming the authenticity of the uploaded original copies.	
(15)	Undertaking in ' Appendix F ' regarding cleanliness habits	