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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Maharashtra Council of Agricultural Education and Research (MCAER- Agriculture Council), Pune is a statutory organization constituted under Section 12 of the Maharashtra **A**gricultural Universities (Krishi **V**idyapeeths) Act, 1983. The mandate of Agriculture Council is to coordinate four agricultural universities in Education, Research and Agricultural Extension. As per the Government Resolution, Department of Agriculture, Dairy development, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries No. sankirn 1517/L. No. 60/7A, Dated 30.05.2018, Agriculture Council is coordinating four Agricultural Universities in admission process of non-professional degree courses.

1.2 As per the decision No. 04/96/2018 taken in 96th meeting of Agriculture Council the procedure for Ph. D. degree courses is being followed.

1.3 As per the Government Resolution, Department of Agriculture, Dairy development, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries No. MCAER/2010/L.No. 155/7A, Dated 20.10.2011, the Government of Maharashtra has been finalized 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. Similarly as per the Government Resolution of Department of Agriculture, Dairy development, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Circular No. Sankirn1514/L. No.100/7A, Dated 8/7/2019 and General Administration Department, GR No. BBC/2020/ L. No 295/16-B, Date. 24/11/2020, the Government of Maharashtra has been finalized the reservation and strategy of seats. As per the government resolution No. MCAER/1021/L. No. 145/7- A, Dated 15.11.2021 of Agriculture, Dairy Development, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Department, the allotment of courses/subjects on the basis of 100-point list(roster) under the admission process of Acharya (Ph. D.) degree courses and prescribing procedures for the same. The said GR are available at the website of MCAER

1.4 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 **Analytica Business Solutions, Pune**

1.5 Jurisdiction of Agricultural Universities

Sr. No.	Name of the Agricultural University	Districts
1.	Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri-413 722 Dist. Ahilyanagar [MPKV Rahuri]	**Ahilyanagar**, 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 [VNMKV Parbhani]	**Parbhani**, Hingoli, Nanded, Latur, Dharashiv, Beed, Jalna and Chatrapati Sambhajinagar.
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.

1.6 Definitions

1.6.1 Agriculture 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 'Agriculture University Quota' **['U' Quota].**

1.6.2 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].

1.6.3 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/Resident certificate /native certificate and birth 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.

1.6.4 Third Admission Round

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 on online manner, such an admission procedure should be referred to as 'Third Admission Round'. In the case of Third Admission Round, the candidate, who is not present at the respective college / institute during the admission process, shall not be eligible for third admission round.

1.6.5 "Application Form" means prescribed form filled up online by the Candidate for admission.

1.6.6 "Online Admission Allotment Round" means the process of allotment of admission to candidate under CAP on the basis of candidate merit, reservation and preference (Option).

2. DETAILS OF INSTITUTIONS AND DOCTORAL 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, Duration, Credit load and Eligibility

Ph. D. admissions are strictly on merit basis on marks obtained in the Common Entrance Test (CET) of respective subject (Discipline) for the current year conducted by Maharashtra Agricultural Universities Examination Board (MAUEB) and CGPA of the qualifying PG degree examination in the proportion of 70:30, respectively. Accordingly, Minimum 65 % (6.5 out of 10 point scale) are compulsory for open (Unreserved) category and Minimum 60 % (6.0 out of 10 point scale) for reserved category i.e. schedule caste (SC), schedule tribe(ST), VJ(a), NT(b), NT(c), NT(d), Other backward class (OBC), Special Backward Category (SBC), Economically weaker section(EWS), Socially and Educationally Backward Class (SEBC), Persons with Disability(PwD) and Orphan candidate.

Sr. No.	Subject	Eligibility
(A). Ph. D. Agriculture (Duration : 3 years -6 semesters) (Min. Credit 100)		
01	Agronomy	M. Sc. (Agronomy) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Agronomy subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
02	Agricultural Meteorology	M. Sc. (Agricultural Meteorology) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Agricultural Meteorology subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
03	Soil Science	M. Sc. (Soil Sciences and Agricultural Chemistry/ Soil Science/ Agricultural Chemistry/ Land Resource Management) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Soil Sciences subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27
04	Biochemistry	M. Sc. (Agricultural Biochemistry / Biochemistry) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Biochemistry subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
05	Plant Physiology	M. Sc. (Plant Physiology) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Plant Physiology subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
06	Genetics and Plant Breeding	M. Sc. (Genetics and Plant Breeding) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Genetics and Plant Breeding subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
07	Seed Science and Technology	M.Sc. (Seed Technology/ Seed Science and Technology) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Seed Science and Technology subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
08	Agricultural Extension Education	M.Sc. (Agricultural Extension and Communication /Agricultural Extension Education/Extension Education) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Agricultural Extension Education subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
09	Agricultural Economics	M.Sc. (Agricultural Economics) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Agriculture Economics subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
10	Entomology	M.Sc. (Agricultural Entomology/ Entomology) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Entomology subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for

Sr. No.	Subject	Eligibility
		the year 2026-27.
11	Plant Pathology	M.Sc. (Plant Pathology) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Plant Pathology subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
12	Microbiology	M.Sc.(Agricultural Microbiology/ Microbiology) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Microbiology subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
13	Livestock Production & Management	M. Sc. (Animal Husbandry/ Animal Science/ Livestock Production Management) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Livestock Production & Management subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
14	Dairy Science	M. Sc. (Dairy Science) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Dairy Science subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
15	Irrigation Water Management	M. Sc. (Irrigation Water Management) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Irrigation Water Management subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
(B). Ph. D. Horticulture (Duration : 3 years -6 semesters) (Min. Credit 100)		
16	Fruit Science	M.Sc.(Horticulture/Fruit Science) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Fruit Sciences subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
17	Vegetable Science	M. Sc. (Horticulture / Vegetable Science) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Vegetable Science subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
18	Floriculture and Landscaping	M. Sc. (Horticulture/ Floriculture and Landscaping) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Floriculture and Landscaping subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
19	Plantation Spices, Medicinal and Aromatic Crops	M. Sc. (Horticulture/ Plantation Spices Medicinal and Aromatic Crops) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Plantation Spices, Medicinal and Aromatic Crops subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.

Sr. No.	Subject	Eligibility
(C). Ph. D. Forestry (Duration : 3 years -6 semesters) (Min. Credit 100)		
20	Silviculture and Agroforestry	M.Sc. Forestry (Silviculture and Agroforestry/Plantation Technology/Agroforestry and Ecology/Silviculture/ Agroforestry) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Silviculture and Agroforestry subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
21	Forest Resource Management	M.Sc. Forestry (Forest Resource Management/Natural Resource Management/Forest Business Management/ Ecotourism) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Forest Resource Management subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
(D). Ph. D. Fisheries Science (Duration : 3 years -Six semesters) (Min. Credit 100)		
22	Aquaculture	M.F.Sc.(Aquaculture) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Aquaculture subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
23	Fish Processing Technology	M. F. Sc. (Fish Processing and Technology /Fish Processing Technology) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Fish Processing Technology subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27 .
24	Aquatic Environmental Management	M. F. Sc. (Aquatic Environmental Management) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Aquatic Environment Management subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
25	Fisheries Resources Management	M.F.Sc. (Fisheries Resource Management) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Fisheries Resources Management subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
26	Fish Nutrition and Feed Technology	M.F.Sc. (Fish Nutrition and Feed Technology) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Fish Nutrition and Feed Technology subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
27	Fisheries Extension	M.F.Sc. (Fisheries Extension) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Fisheries Extension subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
(E). Ph. D. Food Technology (Duration: 3 years -Six semesters) (Min. Credit 100)		
28	Food Processing Technology	M.Tech. (Food Technology/ Food Processing Technology) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Food Processing Technology subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.

Sr. No.	Subject	Eligibility
(F) Ph. D. (Agri.) (Molecular Biology and Biotechnology**)** **(Duration: 3 years -Six semesters) (Min. Credit 100)**		
29	Molecular Biology and Biotechnology	M. Sc. (Agricultural Biotechnology / Biotechnology / Molecular Biology and Biotechnology) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
(G). Ph. D. Agricultural Engineering (Duration : 3 years -Six semesters) (Min. Credit 100)		
30	Irrigation and Drainage Engineering	M.Tech.(Irrigation and Drainage Engineering) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Irrigation and Drainage Engineering subject in Agricultural Engineering faculty conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
31	Soil and Water Conservation Engineering	M.Tech. (Soil and Water Conservation Engineering) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Soil and Water Conservation subject in Agricultural Engineering faculty conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
32	Processing and Food Engineering	M.Tech. (Processing and Food Engineering) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Processing and Food Engineering subject in Agricultural Engineering faculty conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
33	Farm Machinery and Power Engineering	M.Tech.(Farm Power and Machinery/ Farm Machinery and Power Engineering) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Farm Machinery and Power Engineering subject in Agricultural Engineering faculty conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
34	Renewable Energy Engineering	M.Tech.(Renewable energy Sources/ EOES/ Renewable Energy Engineering) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Renewable Energy Engineering subject in Agricultural Engineering faculty conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
35	Agriculture Structure and Environment Management	M.Tech.(Agriculture Structure and Environment Management) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Agriculture Structure and Environment Management subject in Agricultural Engineering faculty conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.

Sr. No.	Subject	Eligibility
(H). Ph. D. Post Harvest Management (Duration : 3 years -Six semesters) (Min. Credit 100)		
36	Fruits, Vegetable and Flower crops	M. Sc. (PHT/PHM) Fruits, Vegetable and Flower crops) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Fruits, Vegetable and Flower crops subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
37	Medicinal, aromatic, plantation, spices and forest crops	M. Sc. (PHT/PHM) Medicinal, aromatic, plantation, spices and forest crops and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Medicinal, aromatic, plantation, spices and forest crops subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
38	Meat, Poultry and Fish	M. Sc. (PHT/PHM) Meat, Poultry and Fish and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Meat, Poultry and Fish subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
39	Post Harvest Engineering	M. Sc. (PHT/PHM) Post Harvest Engineering/ Post Harvest and Food Process Engineering and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Post Harvest Engineering subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.
40	Food grains and seeds	M. Sc. (PHT/PHM) Food grains and seeds / Food Grains and Seeds Processing Technology and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Food grains and seeds subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2026-27.

Note: 1. The students will have to complete the deficiency courses as prescribed by respective University.

2. The post graduate degree of the other state candidates should be from ICAR accredited Agriculture University.

3. All the post graduate degrees mentioned in above eligibility should be only from Agriculture universities.

2.2 Other Conditions

(i) The candidate should be in the merit list of Common Entrance Test (CET) 2026-27, conducted by the MAUEB, Pune and 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:

$y = 1.5 + 2x$ for $x = 2$ to 3.5 and

$y = 8.5 + 3(x-3.5)$ for $x = 3.51$ 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	5	6	2	19
2.	Agricultural Meteorology	2*	--	2	--	4
3.	Soil Science	4	5	6	2	17
4.	Biochemistry	2	--	--	--	2
5.	Plant Physiology	--	2	2	2	6
6.	Genetics & Plant Breeding	6	3	6	2	17
7.	Seed Science and Technology	2	--	2	--	4
8.	Agricultural Extension Education	4	3	6	2	15
9.	Agricultural Economics	4	3	6	-	13
10.	Entomology	6	3	6	2	17
11.	Plant Pathology	6	5	6	2	19
12.	Microbiology	4	--	--	--	4
13.	Livestock Production and Management	4	1	2	1	8
14.	Dairy Science	4	1	2	1	8
15.	Irrigation Water Management	2	--	--	--	2
	Total	**56**	**31**	**52**	**16**	**155**

* Course is offered at College of Agriculture, Pune.

(B) Horticulture

Sr. No.	Subjects	Intake capacity				
		MPKV Rahuri*	Dr. PDKV, Akola	VNMKV, Parbhani	Dr. BSKKV, Dapoli	Total
1.	Fruit Science	4	4	3	2	13
2.	Vegetable Science	4	4	3	2	13
3.	Floriculture and Landscaping	--	4	1	2	7
4.	Plantation Spices, Medicinal and Aromatic Crops	--	--	--	2	2
	Total	**8**	**12**	**07**	**8**	**35**

(C) Forestry

Sr. No.	Subjects	Intake capacity
		Dr. BSKKV, Dapoli
1.	Silviculture and Agroforestry	1
2.	Forest Resource Management	1
	Total	**2**

(D) Fisheries Science

Sr. No.	Subjects	Intake capacity
		Dr. BSKKV, Dapoli
1.	Aquaculture	2
2.	Fish Processing and 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**

(E) Food Technology

Sr. No.	Subject	Intake capacity
		VNMKV, Parbhani
1.	Food Processing Technology	10

(F) Molecular Biology and Biotechnology

Sr. No.	Subject	Intake capacity
		Dr. PDKV, AKOLA
1.	Molecular Biology and Biotechnology	3

(G) Agricultural Engineering

Sr. No.	Subject	Intake capacity				
		MPKV Rahuri*	Dr. PDKV, Akola	VNMKV, Parbhani	Dr. BSKKV, Dapoli	Total
1.	Irrigation and Drainage Engineering	3	2	2	2	**9**
2.	Soil and Water Conservation Engineering	3	2	2	2	**9**
3.	Processing and Food Engineering	3	2	1	2	**8**
4.	Farm Machinery and Power Engineering	3	2	2	2	**9**
5.	Renewable Energy Engineering	-	2	--	2	**4**
6.	Agriculture Structure and Environment Management	-	-	-	2	**2**
	Total	**12**	**10**	**7**	**12**	**41**

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

(H) Post Harvest Management

Sr. No.	Subjects	Intake Capacity
		Dr. BSKKV, Dapoli
		Roha
1	Fruits, Vegetable and Flower crops	1
2	Meat, Poultry and Fish	1
3	Post Harvest Engineering	1
4	Medicinal, aromatic, plantation, spices and forest crops	1
5	Food grains and Seeds	1
	Total	**05**

Note:

1. Out of the above subjects, 30% of the seats in the subjects whose degrees are recognized by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) (including an additional 15% of the approved intake capacity) are reserved for the ICAR quota**.** The list of non-accredited subjects by ICAR and not listed subjects by ICAR are given in Appendix 'A'.

2. If the information about ICAR vacant seats are received before finalization of Ph. D. admission seat matrix from respective universities, then the seat matrix will be finalize with consideration of ICAR vacant seats. Otherwise the said vacant seats will made available in third admission round.

2.3.2 University wise Abstract of Ph. D. Intake Capacity

Sr. No.	Faculty	MPKV Rahuri	Dr.PDKV Akola	VNMKV Parbhani	Dr.BSKKV Dapoli	Total
1.	Agriculture	56	31	52	16	**155**
2.	Horticulture	8	12	7	8	**35**
3.	Forestry				2	**2**
4.	Fisheries	--	--	--	11	**11**
5.	Food Technology	--	--	10	--	**10**
6	Molecular Biology and Biotechnology	--	3	--	--	**3**
7	Agricultural Engineering	12	10	7	12	**41**
8	Post Harvest Management	-	-	-	5	**05**
	Total	**76**	**56**	**76**	**54**	**262**

Note:

- If among the intake capacity above seats (in-service candidates) are found to be vacant then those shall be filled in during '**Third Admission Round**, if the vacant position are communicated by university to MCAER, Pune before the said round.
- The rights to change or any correction in the intake capacity are reserved with MCAER, Pune**.**

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 Analytica Business Solutions, Pune – https:// phd.agrimcaer.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 Analytica Business Sloutions, Pune – https:// phd.agrimcaer.in.

(iii) After filling the application form on the website, the candidate should scan his / her signature, his / her passport-sized photograph and copies of all the necessary documents and upload them on the website.

(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 (schedule caste (SC), schedule tribe (ST), VJ(a), NT(b), NT(c), NT(d), Other backward class (OBC), Special Backward Category (SBC), Economically weaker section (EWS), Socially and Educationally Backward Class (SEBC), Persons with Disability (PWD), Orphan 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 properly and upload it through their Log-in on web site.

(a) Mark sheet / Grade card of post graduate degree examination. Mark sheet of CET Examination conducted by MAUEB, Pune for academic year 2026-27.

(b) (i) College (Last attended) Leaving Certificate (If this certificate is not available, a certificate of completion of master's degree signed by the Deputy Registrar or Associate Dean will be considered at the time of filing the online admission form. However, in case of allotment of admission through admission round, it is mandatory for the student to submit the original leaving certificate of the college at the time of submitting the original documents to the college concerned. Otherwise, the allotment of admission of the candidate will be cancelled.) or if the candidate has been admitted into some other course (except bonafied certificate of first year degree courses of agriculture universities in Maharashtra which are prescribed in this prospectus) 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 or resident certificate or original resident and birth certificate or Nativity certificate issued by the competent authority to candidates from outside the state

(d) Certificate of Agriculturist issued by the Tehsildar or Naib Tehsildar for the year 2024-25 or 2025-26 or current year. 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) With reference to the order given by Hon'ble Supreme court Civil appeal No. 11234-48/2017, candidates from SC, ST, VJ(a), NT(b), NT(c), NT(d), Other backward class (OBC), Special Backward Category (SBC), Socially and Educationally Backward Class (SEBC) should provide Caste validity certificate. [According to General Administration Department, Government Resolution No. Sankirna-2024/Pr. Kr. 75 (Part-1)/Reservation-5 dated 02/07/2026, candidates belonging to Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC) and

Other Backward Classes (OBC) are allowed a six-month extension to submit their Caste Validity Certificate from the date of submission of their application for admission to professional courses for the academic year 2026–27. Hence, candidates belonging to these categories who have applied to the Caste Verification Committee for caste certificate verification but have not yet received their Caste Validity Certificate must upload the application receipt instead of the Caste Validity Certificate itself. As the last date for submitting the admission application is 30/11/2026, candidates must submit their Caste Validity Certificate within six months, i.e., by 29/05/2027. Similarly, pursuant to the Social Justice and Special Assistance Department, Government Circular No. CBC-2025/P.No.131/MAVAK, dated 04/09/2026, the admissions of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Vimukta Jatis, Nomadic Tribes, Other Backward Classes, and Special Backward Category have been confirmed. However, keeping in view the difficulties being faced by some of these candidates in submitting the Caste Validity Certificate, it shall be mandatory for such candidates to submit the Caste Validity Certificate for admissions in the respective educational institutions (Including Engineering, Medical, and other professional courses) within 3 months from the date of issuance of the said circular dated 04/09/2026, i.e., up to 03/12/2026.]

(g) Candidates from VJ(a), NT(b), NT(c), NT(d), Other backward class (OBC) tribes and Special Backward Category (SBC) and Socially and Educationally Backward Class (SEBC) should provide 'Non-Creamy Layer' certificate issued by a competent authority valid up to 31 March 2027. In case of seats reserved for Economically Weaker Section (EWS) Candidates, the candidate must have EWS certificate valid for current year as per the Government Resolution General Administrative Department No. SRV/4019 /Letter No.31/16-A, dated 31/05/2021. This certificate should be valid for the current academic year 2026-27. The said prescribed format of eligibility certificate for Economically Weaker Section is given in Appendix 'C' for ready reference.

(h) 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 / Defence 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.

(i) **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. However, in such a case, an affidavit on plain paper affixed with a Court Fee Stamp of ₹10, duly notarized, shall be submitted by the freedom fighter himself/herself, and if the freedom fighter is not alive, then by the spouse of the freedom fighter, stating that 'the candidate is the grandson/granddaughter of the son/daughter of the freedom fighter (The said affidavit shall be notarized.)

(j) If the candidate's father is defence personnel, a certificate in the prescribed format from the District Soldier Board (Zilla Sainik Board) or the competent Commanding Officer of the respective unit, taking into consideration the order of priority mentioned in **'Appendix D'** as per the guiding instructions of the Central Government.

(k) 'No-Objection Certificate' of current academic year from the employer in case of in-service candidates.

(l) Candidates applying through the Persons with Disability (PWD) category should submit the Certificate of Persons with Disability (PWD) issued by the competent authority (District Civil Surgeon or equivalent Government Hospital / Medical Board designated in behalf). (Percentage of PWD is not less 40 percent) However, the criteria of maximum percentage of disability as prescribed in the Rules published in the Gazette of India dated 14/05/2019 shall be applicable. The said Gazette has been made available on the official website.

(m) The candidate willing to take admission from orphan category is required to submit "Orphan certificate" in prescribed proforma issued from concern Divisional Deputy Commissioner, Women and Child Development on his/her letter head with the signature.

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 schedule**.**

3.5 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 'E' regarding authenticity of uploaded documents.

3.6 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/ resident certificate/ original resident and birth certificate or Nativity 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 PG examination is not uploaded.

(d) If the scan copy of the College (last attended) Transfer Certificate / Leaving Certificate [If this certificate is not available, a certificate of completion of master's degree signed by the Deputy Registrar or Associate Dean] / 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 in-service candidate.

(f) If the prescribed fees is not paid.

(g) If not attached self declaration regarding authenticity in case of uploaded copies.

3.7 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) Date and time of online application form submitted first.

3.8 Additional documents will not be accepted through courier, post, by hand after submission of application form on web site.

3.9 (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.

3.10 (i) The candidates are advised to fill in accurate information in all the columns.

(ii) The M/s Analytica Business Solutions, Pune 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.

3.11 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, roaster and the options exercised by the candidate(s).

3.12 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.

3.13 The list of candidates selected for admission from 'M' Quota and 'U' Quota will be available on the websites www.mcaer.org and https:// phd.agrimcaer.in on the dates specified in the admission schedule.

3.14 Important instructions to candidates for seeking admission are given in Appendix 'F'

3.15 As per Government Circular, Higher and Technical Education Department, No.sankirana -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 'G'

3.16 As per the G.R.No.sankiran-1517/L. No.185/6-A, dated 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.

3.17 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 'ANALYTICA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, PUNE ' – https:// phd.agrimcaer.in

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 Ph. D. 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 intake seats of concern subject of four Agricultural Universities.

4.4 Out of the seats remaining after the reserved seats for Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi and candidates from other States

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

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 Postgraduation 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 All the admissions shall be as per merit and shall be of temporary / provisional type. In case of Postgraduate courses roaster will be applied for allotment of subject as per GR No. MAU/1021//L.N.145 / 7- A, dated 15/11/2021 of Agriculture, Dairy Development, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Department. (Admissions to reserved seats under the Defense / Ex-Servicemen quota will be governed strictly according to the Defense Priority Order). The procedure of seat distribution for social reservation of degree, Post Graduate degree and Ph. D. degree programme of Agriculture Universities has finalized as per the Government Resolution, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries Department, No. MAD 2010/P. No. 155 / 7A dated 20/10/2011. As per said GR, the seat distribution of social reservation will be as per available seats of concern subject in four agriculture universities.

4.8 (i) The merit list will be published on the https:// phd.agrimcaer.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 (i) 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 'H' **.** Otherwise, such a candidate shall be termed as absent for admission and his/her admission shall be considered as cancelled.

(ii) Such a candidate shall not be eligible for the consecutive 'online' admission rounds, but he/she can be considered for the **'**Third Admission Round'**.**

4.11 (i) As per the merit list, the candidate shall be given admission for the available seat on the date mentioned in the admission prospectus.

(ii) 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.

(iii) 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.

(iv) 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 M/s Analytica Business Solutions, Pune / MCAER office via e-mail and phone.

(iii) After 'M/s Analytica Business Solutions, Pune' 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 'Third Admission Round'.

4.17 If candidate cancelled/refused his/her 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 – **https:// phd.agrimcaer.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 'I'.

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 as per the seats available for concern subject of four agriculture universities.

Sr. No.	Social Reservation	Percentage
(1)	Scheduled Castes/ Nav-Budha **(SC)**	13
(2)	Scheduled Tribes **(ST)**	07
(3)	Vimukta Jati (VJ)(a) (14 and others)	03
(4)	Nomadic Tribes **(NT-b)** (28 & others as listed prior to 1990)	2.5
(5)	Nomadic Tribes **(NT-c)**	3.5
(6)	Nomadic Tribes**(NT-d)** (Vanjar, Vanjari, Vanjara)	02
(7)	Other Backward Classes **(OBC)**	19
(8)	Socially and Educationally Backward Class (SEBC)	10
	Total	**60**
Other		
(9)	Economically Weaker Section (EWS)	10

Sr. No	Special Reservation	Percentage
(10)	Children of Freedom Fighter **(FF)**	02
(11)	Persons with Disability Candidates (Low Vision, Hearing Impairment, Locomotor Disability or Cerebral Palsy **(PwD)**	05
(12)	Children of Defence Personnel / Ex-serviceman **(DP)**	02
(13)	Project Affected Person and their children as defined in the Maharashtra Resettlement of Project Displaced Act,1976 **(PAP)**	04
(14)	Agriculturist and those Children of Agriculturist who possess minimum qualification or experience in Agriculture. **(AG)**	06
(15)	Female Candidates	30
Other		
(16)	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
(17)	Orphan children	01

NOTE:

5.1 Under special reservation, special reservation numbers 10 to 15 are included in the category number 1 to 9.

5.2 The merit candidate selected on Orphan seat will be considered from his/her Social Reservation category.

5.3 As per the procedure described in Govt. Circular, General Administrative Department No. SRV-1097/Letter No.31/98/16-A, darted 16/3/1999 to get and assure the categorywise percentage under female reservation under special reservation at Sr. No.15. The said GR is available on MCAER website.

5.4 Initially, the caste of the candidates holding the certificate of special backward class will be considered eligible for the reservation of the backward class in which it was included.

5.5 The seats of social and special reservation for M/U quota will be allotted except the seats of ICAR and OS.

5.6 The seat allotment (Seat Matrix) will be as per the available seats of concern subject of four agriculture universities. For the said purpose, the roaster has been finalized and published on website www.mcaer.org and phd.agrimcaer.in

5.7 The above-mentioned reservations shall be implemented as per the guiding principles given by the Government of Maharashtra from time to time.

5.8 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. In this GR, the methodology for redistribution of reserved seats is mentioned. According to this after redistribution, total seats are called as 'Convert to Reserve' (CR). For such seats all candidates from social category are eligible. If candidates are not available for seats for 'Convert to Reservation', then these seats finally converted for open category. Such seats are called as 'Convert to Open' (CO). All candidates from Maharashtra are eligible for such seats.

5.9 The seats for economically weaker section has reserved from open category. If candidates are not available for seats for economically weaker section, then these seats will be converted to open category.

5.10 There is a provision of two per cent reservation for candidates from outside states. However, seats are not available to these candidates due to low subject-wise admission capacity. If candidates are not obtained from the state, such seats will be made available to candidates from outside states through the third (last) round.

5.11 Under the Maharashtra Act,16 of 2024, the reservation for Socially and Educationally Backward Classes Act, 2024, ten per cent of the total seats for admission to educational institutions and private educational institutions other than minority institutions have been reserved separately for socially and educationally backward classes. However, this reservation shall be subject to the future judgment of writ petition no. 3468/2024 and others filed at the Hon'ble High Court, Mumbai

6. WEIGHTAGES

0.05 points weightage will be granted for each research paper in 10 point scale which have been published only in **NAAS** (National Academy of Agricultural Science) scored Journal. It is Mandatory to attach cover page (where mentioned ISSN number and NAAS Score), Index Page of the Journal and first page of research paper in which the Research Paper is published. Maximum limit of weightage shall not be more than 0.24 points.

7. SYSTEM OF EDUCATION

(i) 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.

(ii) These are taught in a semester through lectures, practicals, library reading, field work, assignments, etc.

(iii) The choices 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.

(iv) 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

(i) 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.

(ii) If a student is medically unfit, the Dean / Associate Dean will inform the concerned student and his parent/guardian for rectification of the defects.

(iii) 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.

(iv) 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.

(v) In case he fails to produce the medical examination report within the specified time, his result shall not be declared.

10. ATTENDANCE

(i) Every student shall attend all lectures, practicals, library work, Agricultural Extension Education visits, study tours and the meetings with advisory committee and concerned teachers.

(ii) 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.

(iii) Such students shall repeat the course when offered.

(iv) Recording daily attendance via the Biometric Attendance System is mandatory for all students.

11. SPORTS AND ALLIED ACTIVITIES

Facilities for sports and allied activities are available at all the Colleges/Institutes.

12. HOSTEL ACOMMODATION

Hostel accommodation for a limited number of students is available at the hostels of the Colleges/Institutes of the Universities on merit basis(Subject to the availability of seats).

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/Doctoral degree examinations as per the University regulations as approved by the Executive Council.

14. SCHOLARSHIP AND CONCESSIONS

- Students belonging to scheduled castes and various backward classes as well as economically backward classes who have secured admission are required to go to the

state government's https:/mahadbt.maharashtra.gov.in portal for various scholarships/schemes implemented by the state government and register online application as per the criteria of the scheme.

- For online scholarship/freeship, students need to apply for scholarship or freeship etc. on the MahaDBT portal within one month from the date of final admission in the colleges designated through the admission process.

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/Institute 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/Institute 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/pra.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	20000	20000
2	Registration fee	500	500
3	Eligibility Fee#	500 / 800 ⊗	--
4	Caution Money	2000©	--
5	Library fees	1500	1500
6	Subscription towards Students' Council Activities		
	i) Sports, Gymkhana and allied activities.	1500	1500
	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	2000	2000
12	Students Safety Insurance Premium.	125	--
13	Thesis checking Fee	--	5000 &
14	E-Processing Fee	800	800
15	Disaster Management Fee	10	-
16	Educational Visit & Skill Development Fee	1000	1000
17	Convocation Fee		1500 $
	Total (A)	32135 + [300⊗]	34000
B) Hostel			
1	Hostel Caution money	3000©	--
2	Maintenance charges	5000	5000
3	Electricity Charges	5000	5000
4	Mess deposit.	3000©	--
	Total (B)	16000	10000
	Grand Total (A+B)	**48135 + [300⊗]**	**44000**

- **Above fees will be accepted only online**

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.

& Fees are to be paid once in the fourth semester.

$ The said fee is to be paid together in the final semester of the Ph. D course (Degree Certificate, Final Marksheet, and Convocation Dress).

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.
(4) The student has to pay total fee if scholarship not sanctioned by govt.

17. ADMISSION SCHEDULE (2026-27)

17.1 Admission schedule for 2026-27 is as under

Sr. No.	Programme	Date
1.	Availability of online application form and seat distribution matrix on website	19-11-2026
2.	Last date of submission of online application form along with scanned copies of the necessary/required documents	30-11-2026
3.	Display of provisional Merit List	01-12-2026 (After 5.30 pm)
4.	Period of online grievances	02-12-2026 to 04-12-2026
5.	Display of Final Merit List	06-12-2026 (After 5.30 pm)
6.	(i) Display of First Round allotment list	09-12-2026 (After 5.30 pm)
	(ii) Period of reporting	10-12-2026 to 12-12-2026
7.	(i) Display of Second Round allotment list (with conversion)	16-12-2026 (After 5.30 pm)
	(ii) Period of reporting	17-12-2026 to 19-12-2026
8.	Display of Vacancy positions for Third Admission round	22-12-2026
9.	**Third Admission Round** (As per procedure mentioned in **Appendix 'K'**)	24-12-2026 to 30-12-2026
10.	Commencement of classes	30-12-2026

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 Third Admission Round by the concerned Institute from the Final Merit list published by the Analytica Business Solutions, Pune' – https:// phd.agrimcaer.in.

(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 for admission and education regulations shall be referred.

18. The website **https://phd.agrimcaer.in** shall be active from **19th November, 2026.**

Rahul Ranjan Mahiwal (IAS)
Director General
Maharashtra Council of Agriculture
Education & Research,
Pune-411 007.

CHECK LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR ADMISSION

Sr. No.	Details of Certificate / Documents	Yes (√) / No (×)
1.	a) Domicile Certificate issued by competent authority from Maharashtra State /College Leaving Certificate/ Birth Certificate issued by competent authority of Maharashtra State mentioning the birth place from Maharashtra State.	
	b) Domicile certificate / Residential certificate / Community, Nativity and Date of birth certificate from Other State Candidate.	
2.	Mark sheet / Grade Card of PG degree.	
3.	Mark sheet of CET Examination conducted by MAUEB, Pune for academic year 2026-27	
4.	College/ Institute Leaving/ Transfer Certificate (last attended)[If this certificate is not available, a certificate of completion of master's degree signed by the Deputy Registrar or Associate Dean]/ Bonafide certificate of the College where admission has already been taken.	
5.	Caste Certificate issued by competent authority designated in the State Caste for candidates belonging to SC, ST, VJ(a), NT (b), NT(c), ND(d), Other Backward classes (OBC), Special backward Classes (SBC), Socially and Educationally Backward Class (SEBC).	
6.	Caste validity certificate for candidates belonging to SC, ST, VJ(a), NT (b), NT(c), NT(d), Other Backward classes (OBC), Special backward Classes (SBC), Socially and Educationally Backward Class (SEBC); Candidates belonging to socially and educationally backward classes, Other Backward Class and SC, VJ, NT, SBC who have submitted an application to the Caste Verification Committee for verification of caste certificate, but have not yet received the caste validity certificate, should upload the receipt of such application in place of caste validity certificate	
7.	For candidates belonging to VJ(a), NT (b), NT(c), NT(d), Other Backward classes (OBC), Special backward Classes (SBC), Socially and Educationally Backward Class (SEBC), a certificate issued by the competent authority—valid up to 31 March 2027—certifying that the candidate does not fall under the 'Advanced (Creamy Layer)' category shall be admissible.	
8.	For Economically Weaker Section (EWS) Candidates: the EWS certificate issued from Tahsildar in the prescribed format given in 'Appendix C' and valid for current year.	
9.	**A) Certificate of 'Freedom Fighter' signed by the Hon. Prime Minister / Chief Minister, Maharashtra State** stating that the applicant's mother, father, grandmother, or grandfather was a Freedom Fighter.	

Sr. No.	Details of Certificate / Documents	Yes (√) / No (×)
	B) An affidavit, stating that the candidate is the son/daughter of a son or daughter of a Freedom Fighter, executed on plain paper affixed with a Court Fee Stamp of ₹10/–, either by the Freedom Fighter or, if the Freedom Fighter is not alive, by the spouse of the Freedom Fighter. The affidavit must be notarized.	
10.	'Certificate of Defence Personnel (DP)' issued by the Zilla Sainik Welfare Officer/Discharge Certificate issued by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment or Serviceman Certificate issued by the Competent Authority. (The order of priority mentioned in 'Appendix D' as per the guiding instructions of the Central Government should be mentioned in the certificate.)	
11.	'Certificate of **Persons with Disability (PWD)**' issued by District Civil Surgeon or equivalent Government hospital/ Medical board. [The disability percentage, in the case of a student seeking reservation under the Persons with Disability (PwD) category, shall not be less than 40%. However, the criteria regarding the maximum permissible percentage of disability shall be as per the rules specified in the Gazette of India dated 14/05/2019]	
12.	'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' farmland has been acquired by the Government for Agricultural University/ Irrigation/ Electricity / Defence Project of Maharashtra having the name of beneficiary.	
13.	'Certificate of Agriculturist (AG)' for the year 2024-25 or 2025-26 or for current year 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 grandparents (Paternal) is/are owner or tenant, holds agricultural land and whose main source of income is derived from personal cultivation of land. (Appendix 'B')	
14.	Research paper published only in NAAS (National Academy of Agricultural Science) scored Journal. (With Front Page, Index Page of the Journal, where the ISSN number and NAAS rating mentioned and first page of research paper).	
15.	No-Objection Certificate of current academic year from the employer in case of in-service candidates	
16.	Self-Declaration letter in the prescribed format (Appendix 'E') confirming the authenticity of the uploaded copies of documents.	
17.	Undertaking in Appendix 'G' regarding cleanliness habits	
18.	As per Government Resolution Women and Child Development Department, GR No. Orphan-2018/L. No. 182/KA-03, Dated 23/08/2021, the certificate of orphaned child issued by Divisional Deputy Commissioner (Women and Child Development) on their letter head with the prescribed proforma of **"Orphaned Certificate"**("A"/"B"/"C" category)	

Appendix 'A'

List of Ph. D. subject's non-accredited or not held by Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi.

Sr. No.	Courses/Subjects	Non-accredited/Not available at ICAR	Agriculture University
1	**Agriculture:** Irrigation Water Management	Not available	Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri
2	**Agriculture:** Livestock Production and Management	Not available	
3	**Agriculture:** Dairy Science	Not available	
4	**Agriculture:** Livestock Production and Management	Not available	Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola
5	**Agriculture:** Dairy Science	Not available	
6	Agriculture: Livestock Production and Management	Not available	Vasantrao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth, Parbhani
7	**Agriculture:** Dairy Science	Not available	
8	**Agriculture:** Livestock Production and Management	Not available	Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli
9	**Agriculture:** Dairy Science	Not available	
10	**Agriculture-Horticulture:** Fruit Science	Non-accredited	
11	**Agriculture-Horticulture:** Vegetable Science	Non-accredited	
12	**Agriculture-Horticulture:** Floriculture & Landscaping	Non-accredited	
13	**Agriculture-Horticulture:** Plantation, Spices, Medicinal & Aromatic Crops	Non-accredited	
14	**Agriculture Engineering**- Agriculture Structure and Environment Management	Non-accredited	
15	**Fisheries Science :** Aquaculture	Non-accredited	
16	**Fisheries Science :** Aquatic Environment Management	Non-accredited	
17	**Fisheries Science :** Fish Nutrition and Feed Technology	Non-accredited	
18	**Fisheries Science :** Fisheries Extension	Non-accredited	
19	**Post Harvest Management (All Courses)**	Not available	

Appendix 'B'

PROFORMA FOR CERTIFICATE OF BEING AN AGRICULTURIST

(To be signed by an Officer not below the rank of Naib Tahsildar)

This is to certify that Shri./Smt. _____ (Name of land holder) is father/mother, grandfather/grandmother(Paternal side) of Shri./Miss. _____ (Name of Candidate) of _____ Village _____ Tahsil _____ District holds _____ hectare of land in the capacity as owner and the area of the land held by him/her does not exceed the economic holding as defined in as per the provision in Section _____ of _____ Act* of 19_____. Further certified that his/her main source of income is derived from cultivation of land held by him/her.

Signature:

Place: _____ Name:

Date: _____ SEAL Designation:

NOTE:

(1) * Mentioned full name of concern Act here.

(2) The sign and seal should be of authorized certifying officer.

(3) 'Agriculturist' means a person who owns agricultural land, the area of which does not exceed the economic holding as defined in the Tenancy and Agricultural Land Act of the Revenue Region he/she belongs to.

(4) In case candidate himself holds land, his name will appear as landholder.

Appendix 'C'

Photo

Government of Maharashtra

Certificate No:

Eligibility certificate for Economically Weaker Section for Current year 2026-27

(For the purpose of 10% reservation prescribed for Economically Weaker Section vide Government Resolution General Administrative Department No. SRV-4019/L.No.31/16-A, dated, 31May 2021)

This is to certify that Shri/Smt/Kum ---------- is son /daughter/ward of ---------- ----------He/She is resident of village / city ----------Taluka ---------- District -------- and he /she belongs to ----------caste/sub caste /class which is not included in the cadres mentioned in the Maharashtra State Public services, Schedule Caste, Schedule Tribes, Denotified Tribes (Vimukta Jati), Nomadic Tribes, Special Backward category and Other Backward Classes Act, 2001 (Maharashtra Act No 8 of 2004).

As per norms prescribed Vide Government of Maharashtra, General Administration Department, and Government Resolution No. No. SRV-4019/L.No.31/16-A, dated, 12 February 2019. His /Her gross family annual income from all source is Rs……../- which is less than Rs.8,00,000/-. Therefore, it is certified that he/ she is within category of Economically Weaker Sections.

Place :

Date :

Signature :

Name :

Designation:

(This certificate has been issued on the basis of following proof/evidences/documents)

1.
2.
3.

Appendix 'D'

Order of priority for granting admission to the wards of serving and Defense Personnel on their reserved seats by incorporating the revised internal priority (Inter-se Priority) rules in the admission information brochure as per the guiding instructions of the Central Government:

Priority 1	Widows / Wards of Defense Personnel killed in action (during war).
Priority 2	Wards of Defense Personnel disabled in action and boarded out from service.
Priority 3	Widows / Wards of Defense Personnel who died while in service and whose death was attributable to military service.
Priority 4	Wards of Defense Personnel disabled in service and boarded out from service with disability attributable to military service.
Priority 5	Wards of Ex-servicemen and serving personnel who are recipients of Gallantry Awards: * Param Vir Chakra * Ashok Chakra * Maha Vir Chakra * Kirti Chakra * Vir Chakra * Shaurya Chakra * Sena Medal, Nao Sena Medal, Vayu Sena Medal * Mention-in-Despatches.
Priority 6	Sons / Daughters (Wards) of Ex-Defense Personnel.
Priority 7	Wife of: 1. Defense Personnel disabled in the line of duty (in war or operation) and boarded out from service. 2. Defense Personnel disabled while in service and boarded out from service due to disability attributable to military service. 3. Ex-servicemen and serving personnel who are recipients of Gallantry Awards.
Priority 8	Sons / Daughters (Wards) of serving Defense personnel.
Priority 9	Wife of serving Defense personnel.

Appendix 'E'

'Self-Declaration related to uploaded Original documents'

Applicant's Photo

I ..... Son / Daughter of ..... aged .....,resident of ……..…….. with Aadhar Card No. (If Available)…….…… hereby declare that the originals of documents uploaded on website are factual. I fully understand the consequences of giving false information. If the information is found to be false, I shall be liable for prosecution and punishment under Indian Penal Code and / or any other law applicable thereto.

Place : …… Applicant's Signature ……

Date : …… Applicant's Name : ……

Appendix 'F'

'Important Instructions to Candidates'

(1) Before filling up the application form candidate shall check the 'Application Flow Chart' of admission process available on **https:// phd.agrimcaer.in** .

(2) Understand properly the admission schedule given at Point No. 17 in the prospectus.

(3) Candidate is required to fill up personal and academic information in the online application form which is available on websites www.mcaer.org and https:// phd.agrimcaer.in

(4) After filling the application form on the website, the candidate should scan his / her signature, his/her passport-sized photograph and copies of all the necessary documents and upload them on the website.

(5) 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.

(6) 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, Persons with Disability candidate and Orphaned candidate of Maharashtra of Maharashtra shall be Rs.1000/-. The said fees shall be paid through Net banking/ Debit Card/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.

(7) The Candidate should scan and upload passport size photograph on online application form.

(8) Press the submit button after confirming the information in the application form is correct, the documents are uploaded and admission fee is paid. The candidate should take note that, once the application form is submitted, no changes and corrections will be made in the application form. No changes will be made in the preference list after submitting application form.

(9) (a) After publication of the 'Provisional Merit List', every candidate shall check online and confirm whether his/her Name, Category, Marks, Weightages etc. are correct or otherwise.

(b) In case of any discrepancies, the candidate shall send the required certificates /scanned copy as proof within the prescribed time limit by using his/her 'Log in ID' & 'Password'.

(10) (a) Every candidate shall peruse the 'Admission List' on the dates as per the time table of admission.

(b) The candidate whose name appears in the Allotment List' shall collect the 'Provisional Allotment Letter' through his/her log in.

(11) (a) The candidate who are allotted & has desire to confirm their admission such candidate will have to report in respective Collage with allotment letter (Provisional), original documents & prescribed fees on or before the last date & within time specified on allotment letter.

(b) The admission of such candidate will be confirmed by college authorities only after checking & verifying the original documents.

(12) (a) The candidate desiring for admission has to produce all original documents along with required fees.

(b) The candidate eligible to get refund of fees from the State Government is advised not to pay the necessary fees.

(c) If any candidate desires to refuse his / her admission then he / she should refuse the admission by paying Rs. 200/- online through Debit Card/Credit Card/Net Banking on the website Log-in.

(13) (a) If the Candidate desires to cancel his admission after registration he/she has to submit the request application addressed to the Associate Dean/Principal.

(b) In such case, the Candidates are advised to collect the fees as per Point 4.18 given in Prospectus and all original documents from respective College/Institute.

(14) If the Candidate is hospitalized and can't move to attend the allotted College to take admission, personally during the scheduled time period. In such case the Candidate shall get his/her admission in his/her absentia if the Candidate authorises the person to take the admission. The authorised person is advised to produce provisional allotment letter, medical certificate along with all the necessary documents, fees and authority letter while attending the College. Prescribed format of the Authority Letter is given in Appendix 'H'. This provision will be also applicable for candidate, who is admitted in hospital during the Third Admission round.

(15) While filling up the online application form the candidate is advised to fill the correct information as per his/her original documents or otherwise his/her provisional allotment letter for admission shall be rejected.

(16) The candidate desires to donate his/her body parts after his/her death has to fill up the body parts donation form given in Appendix 'L'.

(17) Upload the self declaration certificate in Appendix 'E' regarding authenticity of uploaded documents is compulsory

(18) As per the G.R.No. sankirn-1517/L. No.185/6-A, dt.5/6/2017 the Candidate admitted to the Undergraduate courses and 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 at the time of admission.

(19) The changes will be happens in admission schedule or admission procedure due to natural disaster or technical problems. The notices/ circulars are available on mcaer website time to time if any changes. Therefore it is necessary to visit mcaer website time to time for updated information during admission process.

(20) The name and contact number of the nodal officers are given in Appendix 'M' for Ph. D. admission process.

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Appendix 'G'

Form for filling up the information by the candidate desirous of seeking admission regarding the habit of cleanliness and facilities available at his/her home

1	Name	.....
2	Permanent Residential Address	....
3	Family information	No. of family members. : No. of members utilising the W/C (Toilet) - :
4	Availability of W/C (Toilet)	Yes ☐ No ☐ If the W/C (Toilet) is not available give the specific reason. .....
5	Habit of Hand wash	Before Food- Yes ☐ No. ☐
		If yes- With Soap ☐ With Water ☐ Other ☐
		If Toilet- Yes ☐ No ☐
		If yes- With Soap ☐ With Water ☐ Other ☐
6	Undertaking	I have read the appeal made by the Organisation regarding importance of W/C (Toilet) and its day to day use. I will convince all my Family Members regarding importance of W/C (Toilet) manage to construct the W/C (Toilet and manage to construct the W/C (Toilet) within a period of three months (If not available) and I promise that all my family members will use W/C (Toilet) regularly.

Date:

Signature

Appendix 'H'

AUTHORITY LETTER

I the undersigned Shri./Smt.. .... Application Form No. ..... for Ph. D. admission process for the year 2026-27, am in receipt of provisional allotment letter for ..... admission round to be scheduled from ..... to ..... .

I would like to bring to your kind information that I am hospitalised since ..... in the .... (Name and address of hospital) and unable to attend physically the said admission round in the .... (Name of college and address).

Therefore authorising Shri./ Smt. .... who is my ..... to attend for the said allotment round who has signed before me and having his identity proof too.

The necessary medical certificate and all other documents alongwith fees I have handed over to him.

Requested for permission and kind consideration.

Yours,

(Signature and Name of authorised person)

(Signature and Name of the Candidate)

To,

Associate Dean / Principal,

_____

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Appendix 'I'

'Important Instructions to Associate Dean / Principal'

(1) The original documents regarding candidate's category, marks, Transfer Certificate / Leaving certificate etc. shall be checked thoroughly by ensuring last date of admission strictly.

(2) (a) If all the original documents are found to be correct, the name of the candidate shall be registered for admission.

(b) Communicate the name of the candidate whose admission is confirmed to M/s Analytica Business Sloutions, Pune – https:// phd.agrimcaer.in through 'College log in'.

(c) The fees shall not be collected from the eligible Candidates in whose case the said fees is to be refunded by the Government.

(3) If the candidate desires to cancel his admission after registration the procedure mentioned in the prospectus at point No.4.18 shall be adopted and immediately upload the information regarding cancellation of admission through college 'log in' and send by e-mail to the M/s Analytica Business Sloutions, Pune – https:// phd.agrimcaer.in and by email to Director (Education), MCAER, Pune.

(4) If the Candidates fails to produce/submit required document(s) at the time of admission then the Associate Dean/Principal shall reject his/her admission and mention the ground for rejection of admission by using log-in ID and password.

(5) The Associate Dean/Principal has to update the information regarding admission/rejection and cancellation of the candidate(s) upto a period of continuously five months from the commencement of first round of admission by using log-in ID and password.

(6) If the Candidate is hospitalized and can't move to attend the allotted College to take admission/refuse, personally during the scheduled time period. In such case if the authorized person produced allotment letter of that Candidate, medical certificate along with all the necessary original documents, fees and authority letter at the time of admission/refusal. In reference to above, the candidate is also eligible if he admitted in hospital during third admission round.

(7) The candidate desires to donate his/her body parts after his/her death has to fill up the body parts donation form during admission in given Appendix 'L' and College has to take note on Student identity as 'Organ Doner'

(8) The Candidate whose name had not been included in the voters list, take undertaking and fill in Form, No. 6, 7, 8 and 8-A from such candidate for including their name in voter list and take action as per circular, Department of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, Dairy Science and Fisheries No. sankirn- 1517 / L. No.185 / 6-A, dated 5/6/2017.

Appendix 'J'

AFFIDAVIT BY THE STUDENT

I, *(full name of student with admission / registration / enrolment number)* s/o d/o Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____, having been admitted to _____*(name of the institution)* _____, have received a copy of the UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009, (hereinafter called the ''Regulations'') carefully read and fully understood the provisions contained in the said Regulations.

2) I have, in particular, perused clause 3 of the Regulations and am aware as to what constitutes ragging.

3) I have also, in particular, perused clause 7 and clause 9.1 of the Regulations and am fully aware of the penal and administrative action that is liable to be taken against me in case I am found guilty of or abetting ragging, actively or passively, or being part of a conspiracy to promote ragging.

4) I hereby solemnly aver and undertake that

a) I will not indulge in any behaviour or act that may be constituted as ragging under clause 3 of the Regulations.

b) I will not participate in or abet or propagate through any act of commission of omission that may be constituted as ragging under clause 3 of the Regulations.

5) I hereby affirm that, if found guilty of ragging, I am liable for punishment according to clause 9.1 of the Regulations, without prejudice to any other criminal action that may be taken against me under any penal law or any law for the time being in force.

6) I hereby declare that I have not been expelled or debarred from admission in any institution in the country on account of being found guilty of abetting or being part of a conspiracy to promote, ragging; and further affirm that, in case the declaration is found to be untrue, I am aware that my admission is liable to be cancelled.

Declared this _____ day of _____ month of _____ year.

_____
Signature of deponent
Name :

VERIFICATION

Verified that the contents of this affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and no part of the affidavit is false and nothing has been concealed or misstated therein.

Verified at *(place)* on this the *(day)* of *(month), (year).*

Signature of deponent

Solemnly affirmed and signed in my presence on this the *(day)* of *(month), (year)* . after reading the contents of this affidavit.

OATH COMMISSIONER

Appendix 'K'

Procedure for 'Third Admission Round'

The details regarding the category wise last merit and up to date category wise vacant positions available during every earlier admission round will be displayed by Analytica Business Solutions,Pune, on the website, https:// phd.agrimcaer.in on 22/12/ 2026.

If seats remain vacant due to allotted candidates not registering or for other reasons, a third admission round for such vacant seats will be conducted at the headquarters of the Agricultural Universities on the following date.

Name of University	Date
Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli	24/12/2026
Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri, Dist. Ahilyanagar	26/12/2026
Vasantrao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth, Parbhani	28/12/2026
Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola	30/12/2026

The name of candidate appeared in the State/University merit list but not admitted during the current academic year for the any degree course are eligible for the ''Third Admission Round'.

The eligible candidate and the concerned authorities of the Agricultural University are advised to consider the following points for the ''Third Admission Round'.

(1) The candidates are instructed to observe the available vacant seats displayed on the above websites and report personally to the Head Quarter of the respective Agriculture University along with all necessary original documents and prescribed fees between 09.00 hrs to 11.00 hrs in order to seek admission to a college within that Agricultural University's jurisdiction.

(2) The concerned authorities of the Agricultural University should prepare the merit list of the candidates present between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM and publish it on the notice board.

(3) Firstly, considering the serial number of the point-based roster and the available seats accordingly, admissions should be given in the respective category on the basis of merit.

(4) Admissions to vacant seats in reserved categories should be given on a priority basis only to candidates of the respective category. If candidates of the concerned reserved category are not available, admissions should be given in order of merit to other candidates present, in accordance with the procedure given in Appendix 2 of the Government Resolution,

Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Department, No. MCAER 2010/L.No.155/7-A, dated 20/10/2011. This Government Resolution is made available on the website of the MCAER and M/s. Analytics Business Solutions, Pune. However, the concerned Dean / Associate Dean should ensure that under no circumstances should a complaint arise from candidates of the reserved categories that they did not get admission to reserved seats.

(5) Once the selection of the eligible candidate for admission is finalized, registration should be done on the website https://phd.agrimcaer.in and admission should be granted to the concerned candidate through 'Log In'. For this purpose, an appropriate facility will be available in the 'Log In' of the concerned Agricultural University on the website.

(6) The Agricultural Universities must furnish the information of admitted candidate by email to the Director of Education, MCAER, Pune and M/s Analytica Business Sloutions, Pune before 17.00 hrs.

(7) The M/s Analytica Business Sloutions, Pune will make available the Provisional Allotment Letter to the admitted Candidate during 'Third Admission Round' for the administrative purpose.

Appendix 'L'

'Body Parts Donation Form' (Optional)

Name – Mr. /Ms. .... Application No. ..... hereby voluntarily declared that I wish to donate my body parts after my death.

Place: Signature : _____

Date : Name _____

Form No. _____

Appendix 'M'

Nodal Officers for Ph. D. degree Admission process 2026-27

Sr. No.	Courses/Colleges	Name of Nodal Officer	Contact number of Nodal Officer	E-mail ID
1.	Agri- MPKV, Rahuri	Dr. C.B.Wayal	02426-243207/ 9405186366	cbwayal@gmail.com
2.	Meteorology, College of Agriculture, Shivajinagar, Pune	Dr. R. H. Shinde	02025-537033/ 8275473198	adacpune@gmail.com amfupune@gmail.com rhshinde20@gmail.com
3.	Agriculture Engineering, MPKV, Rahuri	Dr. S. B.Gadge	02426-243207/ 9890769453	gadge_shailendra@yahoo.com
4.	Agri- PGI, Dr. PDKV, Akola	Shri. V. T. Kogade	9403048450	adpgi@pdkv.ac.in
5.	Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Dr. PDKV, Akola	Shri. V. T. Kogade	9403048450	adpgi@pdkv.ac.in
6.	Agriculture Engineering, Dr. PDKV, Akola	Shri. V. T. Kogade	9403048450	adpgi@pdkv.ac.in
7.	Agri- VNMKV, Parbhani	Dr. R. V. Chavan	9423615460	adpgpbn@gmail.com
8.	Food Technology- VNMKV, Parbhani	Dr. K. S. Gadhe	9421459461	kailasgadhe69@gmail.com
9.	Agriculture Engineering, VNMKV, Parbhani	Dr. V. K. Ingle	9900931214	vkingle@vnmkv.ac.in
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