

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Higher Education – Certain amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Post Graduate Common Entrance Test (APPGCET) and Admission Rules, 2021 for admission into first year of general Post Graduate Programs such as M.A., M.Com., M.Sc., etc., offered by State funded Universities and their constituent/Affiliated Colleges including Minority Educational Institutions in the State - Notification - Orders - Issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION (EC) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 22

Dated: 04-05-2026

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.44, Higher Education (EC) Dept., Date: 23.08.2021.
2. G.O.Ms.No.3, Higher Education (CE) Dept., Date: 27.02.2026.
3. G.O.Ms.No.32, General Administration (Cabinet-II) Department, Date: 20.03.2026.
4. From the Commissioner of Higher Education-A.P., Mangalagiri, Rc.No.01/CHE-AcadCell/Admissions/A.C-06/2026, dt:27.03.2026.

ORDER:

In the G.O 1st read above, the Government issued orders and notified the Rules for conducting (APPGCET) for admission into first year of general Post Graduate Programs such as M.A., M.Com., M.Sc., etc., offered by State funded Universities and their constituent/Affiliated Colleges including Minority Educational Institutions in the State.

2. In the G.O. 2nd read above, Government have issued orders creating the Commissionerate of Higher Education (CHE) by redesignating the post of Commissioner/Director of Collegiate Education as Commissioner of Higher Education (CHE) by merging the administrative functions of the Commissionerate of Collegiate Education and the Department of Technical Education (CTE), including its Polytechnic and TEQIP wings, now transferred from the Department of S&DT vide G.O. Ms. No. 4, SD&T Department , Dt.27-02-2026, under administrative control of Higher Education Department. Further, the Commissioner of Higher Education (CHE) is designated as the Competent Authority for the admissions process (counselling, seat allotment, counselling/ admission fee collection) for all UG/PG professional and general courses (EAPCET, ICET, OAMDC, PGECET, EdCET, Law CET etc) to ensure administrative accountability and synchronization while APSCHE would continue to conduct examinations and transferred all delegated executive and administrative powers of Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE) to Commissioner of Higher Education which are beyond the Act No.16 of 1988 and also ordered that necessary amendment orders to the relevant admission related GOs and subject matters related to private Degree/Law/ B.Ed/B.PEd/M.Ed/ M.PEd Colleges (UG/PG) will be issued, duly transferring the powers and functions from APSCHE to Commissionerate of Higher Education, separately.

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3. In the G.O. 3rd read above, the G.A. (Cabinet-II) Department have issued orders substituting the name of Commissioner of Collegiate Education as Commissioner of Higher Education and also transferring the subject of Technical Education from SD&T department duly amending the Second Schedule of A.P. Government Business Rules, 2018.

4. In the reference 4th read above, the Commissioner of Higher Education, Mangalagiri has submitted the proposal to the Government and requested to issue necessary orders for amending the relevant sections mentioned in the admission CET G.O.s in this regard.

5. Accordingly, the following notification will be published in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette, Dated:04.05.2026.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 3 and 15 of the Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admission and prohibition of Capitation Fee) Act, 1983 (Andhra Pradesh Act No. 5 of 1983), the Government hereby makes the following amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Post Graduate Common Entrance Test (APPGCET) and Admission Rules, 2021 for admission into first year of general Post Graduate Programs such as M.A., M.Com., M.Sc., etc., offered by State funded Universities and their constituent/Affiliated Colleges including Minority Educational Institutions in the State, with immediate effect for taking up admissions from the A.Y. 2026-27:-

In the said rules, -

1. In Rule 2, in sub-rule (i), for clause (c), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

“(c)“Competent Authority” means the Commissioner /Director of Higher Education.”.

2. in Chapter II APPGCET (ADMISSIONS), under rule A. “Constitution of APPGCET Admissions Committee:”, for sub-rule (b), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

“The Committee for APPGECT Admissions shall be constituted by the Competent Authority with the following members to advise the convener of APPGCET Admissions for smooth conduct of said admissions:

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- (i) Commissioner /Director of Higher Education (CHE) (Chairman);
- (ii) Convener of APPGCET Admissions ... (Member Convener);
- (iii) In-charge of Computer/Online systems in admission camp;
- (iv) Two representatives of Universities as nominated by the CHE;
- (v) Two representatives of Private Unaided Institutions offering Post Graduate Programs as nominated by the CHE;
- (vi) Two officers nominated by the CHE .”.

3. for Chapter III Funds for the conduct of the APPGCET, the following shall be substituted, namely,-

“(i) The amounts that are collected from the candidates towards the cost of the APPGCET application fee (for Test) shall be directly credited into the account of the Secretary, Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education. The registration fee for online web-based counselling shall be directly credited into the account of the Commissionerate/ Directorate of Higher Education (CHE).

(ii) The Convener APPGCET shall draw advances from the Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education to incur necessary expenditure for items/services connected with the APPGCET and submits for audit to the Local Fund (State) Audit and report thereof shall be submitted to the Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education.

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The Convener APPGCET Admissions shall draw advances from the Commissionerate/ Directorate of Higher Education (CHE) to incur necessary expenditure for items/services connected with the APPGCET and submits for audit to the Local Fund (State) Audit and report thereof shall be submitted to the Commissionerate/ Directorate of Higher Education (CHE).”.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**KONA SASIDHAR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Commissioner of Printing & Stationery, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada
(with a request to publish in the Extraordinary Gazette and supply 300
copies immediately).

The Commissioner of Higher Education, Mangalagiri.

The Secretary, A.P. State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE),
Mangalagiri.

The Member-Secretary & CEO, A.P. Higher Education Regulatory and
Monitoring Commission (APHER&MC), Tadepalli, Guntur District.

The Registrars of all Universities in the State under the administrative
control of Higher Education Department.

Copy to:-

The Law (B) Department, A.P. Secretariat, Amaravati.

The General Administration (SPF&MC) Department, A.P. Secretariat,
Amaravati.

The O.S.D. to Secretary to C.M., Chief Minister's Office, Amaravati.

The O.S.D. to Hon'ble Minister for HRD, Amaravati.

The O.S.D. to Chief Secretary, Chief Secretary's Office, Amaravati.

The P.S. to Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department,
A.P. Secretariat, Amaravati.

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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

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