

**COMMISSIONERATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION
GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**

APPGCET-2026-27

ADMISSIONS INTO GENERAL PG PROGRAMMES

M.A., M.Sc., M.Com., M.Ed, M.P.Ed., etc., offered by State-funded Universities and their
Constituent / Affiliated Government, Private Aided, Private Unaided Colleges and Private
Universities in the State

Notification for Online Admissions-2026-27

As per G.O Ms. No. 44 Higher Education Dt: 23.08.2021 and G.O.Ms.No. 22, dated 04.05.2026, the Commissionerate of Higher Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh is authorised to conduct Admission Counselling for candidates seeking admission into First year of general Post Graduate Programmes such as M.A., M.Sc., M.Com., M.Ed, M.P.Ed., etc., offered by State-funded Universities under the administrative control of Higher Education Department and their Constituent / Affiliated Government, Private Aided, Private Unaided Colleges, including Minority Educational Institutions & Private Universities in the State through a computerised Single Window System of Counselling.

Definitions

- a) "**Post Graduate Programme**" means the general post graduate course such as M.A., M.Sc., M.Com., M.Ed, M.P.Ed., etc., offered by the State funded Universities under the administrative control of Higher Education department and their Constituent / Affiliated Government, Private Aided, Private Unaided Colleges and Private Universities (Convenor Quota only)
- b) "**Qualified Candidate**" means a person who has appeared for the APPGCET and has been assigned a rank in the common merit list and has the eligibility as per the criteria laid down by the concerned university
- c) "**Qualifying Examination**" means the examination of the minimum qualification prescribed for appearance or passing with requisite percentage of which entitles one to seek admission into relevant Post Graduate programmes of the respective university

Eligibility Criteria for Admission

Candidates satisfying the following requirements shall be eligible to appear for APPGCET:

1. The candidate should be an Indian National.
2. The candidate should have passed the appropriate qualifying examination or equivalent examination as of the date of his/her counselling.
3. The candidate should also have secured a rank in the APPGCET and satisfy other conditions for admission into the respective Post Graduate Programme of the respective university.
4. The candidates should satisfy the local/non-local status requirements as specified in G.O.Ms.No. 20, Higher Education (EC) Department, dated 12.05.2025 and its

amendments from time to time from the Government.

5. Admission to 85% of the seats in each course shall be reserved in the Educational Institutions for the local candidates of Andhra Pradesh. The remaining 15% of the seats shall be unreserved seats for the candidates of Local/ Non-local areas to be filled up as follows:
 - (i) All the candidates are eligible to be declared as local candidates in two local areas (AU and SVU) of Andhra Pradesh.
 - (ii) Candidates who have resided in the State for a total period of ten (10) years, excluding periods of study outside the State or whose parents have resided in the State for a total period of ten years excluding periods of employment outside the State.
6. Mere registration or obtaining a rank in the APPGCET examination does not entitle a candidate to be considered for admission automatically unless the candidate fulfills the requirements laid down for admissions prescribed by the concerned University / Government, including marks to be obtained in the qualifying examination.
7. Registration and exercise of web options doesn't entitle the candidate for allotment and his/her choice of allotment. Allotment of seats is purely on a merit basis and as per the rules of reservation as specified in the respective G.O.s issued from time to time.
8. This notification itself is a call for counselling. No separate call letters will be sent to the individual candidates.
9. Candidates shall note that mere appearance at the entrance test and obtaining a rank in the merit list does not entitle a candidate to be considered for admission automatically unless he/she also satisfies the prescribed rules and regulations of admission as per A.P. G.O.Ms.No.44(HE), dated 23.08.2021, and mere attending the web counselling does not guarantee a seat.
10. All the Rank obtained candidates of APPGCET-2026 with required/equivalent qualifications as per the respective university are informed to participate in web counselling for the seats available in Post Graduate programmes offered by State-funded Universities under the administrative control of the Higher Education Department and their Constituent / Affiliated Government, Private Aided, Private Unaided Colleges, including Minority Educational Institutions & Private Universities in the State on payment of Registration/Processing fee as given below.

Submission of Application

As per G.O.Ms.No 44 Higher Education (CE) Department dated 23.08.2021, the

application process for admission into Post Graduate programmes i.e., M.A., M.Com., M.Sc., M.Ed., M.P.Ed., etc., offered by the State Public funded Universities and their constituent and Affiliated Colleges and Private Universities in the State, through the Common Admissions Portal, can be submitted in the following manner:

- a. Registration will be open from **03.09.2026** to **08.09.2026** for all the qualified candidates of APPGCET in the Common Admission Portal (CAP) using the link <https://cap.apcfss.in>.
- b. AADHAAR based authentication is compulsory while submitting an application directly in CAP.
- c. One time registration is sufficient to apply for single/multiple PG programmes (test codes) subject to the eligibility of the candidates in the respective test codes and as per the norms of the respective university. However, a separate fee has to be paid for each test code.
- d. Candidates have the option to change application details provided that they upload valid proof in support of the change through Help-line centers (HLCs).

Payment of Registration / Processing Fee

1. After confirming the basic data, the candidate shall upload all the required certificates and proceed to the online payment gateway for payment of fee.
2. The processing fee of Rs.750/- for OC/BC and Rs.550/- for SC/ST/PWD to be paid at the time of registration.
3. In the payment gateway, select any one mode of payment i.e., UPI, Credit Card or Debit Card or Net Banking, and enter credentials. The transaction charges will be levied as applicable.

Important Note

Payment of the processing fee may sometimes be delayed due to network issues, and payment made by the candidate may not be successful. In such cases, candidates need to pay the processing fee once again, and the amount debited due to failure of the transaction will be remitted back into the respective account within 7 working days from the date of payment.

If excess payments are not remitted within 7 working days, the candidate is informed to approach the nearest HLC, and action will be taken for a refund of excess fee, if paid any.

Original Certificates to be uploaded at the time of Registration (only in PDF Format)

- 1) Proof of Date of Birth (SSC or its Equivalent Memo).
- 2) Intermediate Certificate (Intermediate or its equivalent).
- 3) Degree Provisional / Original Certificate
- 4) Degree Marks Memos
- 5) Study Certificates from 9th Class to Degree / Qualifying examination.
- 6) EWS certificate valid for the year 2026-27 from Mee-Seva or Grama-Sachivalayam for OC candidates who claim reservation under the EWS category
- 7) Residence Certificate of candidate for a period of 7 years preceding the qualifying examination (Degree Examination) in case where the candidate has no institutionalized education.
- 8) Andhra Pradesh Residence Certificate of father/mother for a period of 10 years excluding the period of employment outside Andhra Pradesh from Tahsildar in respect of Non-Local Candidates.
- 9) Integrated Community Certificate, in case of BC/ST/SC, issued by the competent authority.
- 10) Income certificate of parents from all sources issued on or after 01.01.2023 or White Ration card (candidate name and either of the parent's name have to be reflected in the ration card) in case of candidates who claim tuition fee reimbursement.
- 11) Candidates claiming reservation under NCC/Sports/ PWD/ CAP shall upload the following as per the G.O.Ms. No.44, dated: 23.08.2021:
 - a) **PwBD** - Persons with Benchmark Disability (PwBD) category have to produce a certificate issued by the District Medical Board.
 - b) **CAP** - Children of Armed Personnel shall submit certificates from the Zilla Sainik Welfare Board viz., Discharge book & Identity card etc., for Verification.
 - c) **NCC** – Produce NCC certificates issued by competent authorities.
 - d) **Games & Sports** – Produce original certificates issued by competent authorities for the respective games and sports. The candidate should have represented the state of AP.
 - e) **Extracurricular activities**: Candidates claiming a reservation under this category shall produce relevant certificates.

Schedule for Phase - I of APPGCET Admissions - 2026-27

S. No	Detail	Dates
1	Notification	01.09.2026
2	Registration of students	03.09.2026 to 08.09.2026
3	Special category verification	09.09.2026
4	Online Certificate Verification @HLCs	04.09.2026 to 12.09.2026
5	Exercise of web options	11.09.2026 to 15.09.2026
6	Change of Web options	16.09.2026
7	Allotment of Seats	22.09.2026
8	Reporting of students to the allotted College	22.09.2026 to 25.09.2026
9	Commencement of classes	23.09.2026

Registration Process and Verification of Certificates

- After filling the application form with all relevant details and on successful payment of processing fee, application number will be sent to the registered mobile number, furnished at the time of filling the Registration Form.
- Candidates whose certificate data is already verified through web services can proceed for exercising web-options as per schedule.
- For candidates whose certificate data is incomplete/irrelevant, an SMS will be sent to upload the certificates for verification again.
- For further clarifications, candidates can also attend **HLC (Help Line Centre)** from **04.09.2026 to 12.09.2026**.
- By entering the Application Number, date of birth, and One Time Password the candidate can exercise the web options.
- Candidates belonging to special categories, i.e., PWD/ CAP/ NCC/ SPORTS/ Extra-Curricular Activities shall attend any of the specified Help Line Centers for certificate verification on the specified date indicated in the schedule, which will be held only once for APPGCET Admissions for 2026-27.
- Unless the candidate fills in the application details online and exercises web options, he/she will not be considered for allotment of a seat.
- Candidates are informed to attend at any one of the below **05 Helpline Centers**:
 1. Dr. V. S. Krishna Government Degree College (A), Visakhapatnam
 2. Government College (A), Rajamahendravaram
 3. SRR & CVR Government Degree College (A), Vijayawada
 4. Government Degree College (A), Anantapuram and
 5. Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati

- ***ALL THE CANDIDATES NEED NOT go to help line centers for verification of certificates. In case of candidates whose data is verified, displayed, and agreed, they can directly proceed for the web option exercise as per the schedule.***
- For any help such as non-receipt of login ID, Application Number or any other corrections, candidates are requested to contact the nearest Help Line centers with valid proof.
- Detailed instructions for option entry, i.e., the instruction manual for candidates, can be accessed through “<https://cap.apcfss.in>”.

Verification of Certificates for Special Category Candidates

All special category candidates shall attend for certificate verification (**Physical Mode**) at any of the following three Help Line Centres(HLCs) on **09.09.2026 from 10.00 am to 03.00 pm**.

- 1) Dr. V. S. Krishna Government Degree College (A), Visakhapatnam
- 2) SRR & CVR Government Degree College (A), Vijayawada
- 3) Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati

The candidates are informed to attend the certificate verification with all original PWD/CAP/NCC/Sports/Extra-curricular-activities certificates issued by competent authorities, as applicable. In case of candidates who fail to attend on the said dates at the said centres for Physical Verification shall not be eligible to claim the reservation under these categories.

Allotment of Seats

- a) Admission to all seats in the State-funded universities and their constituent / affiliated Government Colleges in the state
 - Admissions will be made in the order of merit on the basis of the rank assigned in the relevant branch in the APPGCET-2026
 - Admissions through online web-based counselling only.
 - There will be two categories of seats in all the State funded Universities and their constituent / affiliated Government Colleges :
 - Regular Category and
 - Self-supporting Category
 - The candidates who are admitted under the Self-supporting category are not eligible for government schemes.
 - The Fee Structure for the Self-supporting category seats as decided by the concerned university will be higher than the fee structure for Regular Category seats.
- b) Admission to all seats allotted to Private (Aided / Unaided) Colleges offering PG

programmes in the State :

- The seats in each PG programme in each Private College will be divided into two categories :
 - Category - A seats - 70 % of the sanctioned intake (Convenor Quota)
 - Category - B seats - 30 % of the sanctioned intake (Management Quota)
 - Category - A Seats (Convenor Quota) :
 - The Fee structure for Category - A seats will be fixed by APHERMC from time to time
 - These will be filled with eligible candidates who satisfy the local/non-local status through online web-based counselling in the order of merit on the basis of APPGCET - 2026 rank in the relevant discipline
 - After conducting all Phases of counselling, The vacant seats, if any, will be filled under spot admission category by the institutions ensuring merit and transparency.
- c) Admission to all seats allotted to Private Universities offering PG programmes in the State :
- The seats in each PG programme in each Private University will be divided into two categories :
 - Category - A seats - 35 % of the sanctioned intake (Convenor Quota)
 - Category - B seats - 65 % of the sanctioned intake (Management Quota)
 - Category - A Seats (Convenor Quota) : :
 - The Fee structure for Category - A seats will be fixed by APHERMC from time to time
 - These will be filled with eligible candidates who satisfy the local/non-local status through online web-based counselling in the order of merit on the basis of APPGCET - 2026 rank in the relevant discipline
 - After conducting all Phases of counselling, the vacant seats, if any, will be filled under spot admission category by the institutions ensuring merit and transparency.
 - **There are no spot admissions for any PG programme offered by any State-funded Universities and their constituent / affiliated Government institutions in the state**

Rule of Reservation for Admissions

The following Reservations have to be strictly followed during the admission of APPGCET -2026 :

1. Reservation for Local Candidates:

- The candidates should satisfy the local/non-local status requirements as specified in G.O.Ms.No. 20, Higher Education (EC) Department, dated 12.05.2025 and its amendments from time to time by the Government.
- Admission to 85% of the seats in each course shall be reserved in the

educational institutions for the local candidates of Andhra Pradesh.

- A candidate for admission shall be regarded as a local candidate in relation to a local area.

(a) If he/she has studied in an educational institution or educational institutions in such a local area for a period of not less than four consecutive academic years ending with the academic year in which he/she appeared or as the case may be, first appeared in the relevant qualifying examination, or

(b) Where, during the whole or any part of the four consecutive academic years ending with the academic year in which he/she appeared or, as the case may be, first appeared for the relevant qualifying examination, he/she has not studied in any educational Institutions, if he/she has resided in that local area for a period of not less than four years immediately preceding the date of commencement of the relevant qualifying examination in which he/she appeared or, as the case may be, first appeared.

- The following categories of candidates are eligible to apply for admission to the remaining 15% of un-reserved seats:

(a) All the candidates eligible to be declared as local candidates in two local areas (AU and SVU) of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Candidates who have resided in the State for a total period of 10 years excluding periods of study outside the State or either of whose parents have resided in the State for a total period of ten years excluding period of employment outside the State.

(c) Candidates who are children of parents who are in the employment of this State or Central Government, Public Sector Corporations, Local Bodies, Universities and other similar quasipublic Institutions, within the State.

(d) Candidates who are spouses of those in the employment of the State or Central Government, Public Sector Corporations, Local Bodies, Universities and Educational Institutions recognized by the Government or University OR other competent authority and similar quasi-Government Institutions within the State.

- If a local candidate in respect of a local area is not available to fill any seat reserved or allocated in favour of a local candidate in respect of that local area, such seat shall be filled if it had not been reserved.

- **State wide Universities/institutions:**

a. Sri Padmavathi Mahila Viswa Vidyalayam (SPMVV), Tirupati

b. Dravidian University (DU), Kuppam

c. Dr. Abdul Haq Urdu University (AHUU)-Kurnool

d. Dr. YSR Architecture & Fine Arts University, Kadapa

e. Cluster University, Kurnool

- In these universities, admissions to 85% of available seats shall be reserved in favour of local candidates of Andhra University and Sri Venkateswara University regions in the ratio of 65.62 and 34.38 respectively. The rest of 15% of the seats shall be un-reserved for candidates of local/non local areas to be filled as per the mentioned above.
2. 10% Supernumerary seats under EWS in each programme on sanctioned intake as mentioned in the G.O. Ms. No. 44, dated: 23.08.2021

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