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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 Agricultural Universities (Krishi Vidyapeeths) Act, 1983. The mandate of Agriculture Council is to coordinate four agricultural universities in Education, Research and Agricultural Extension and Communication. 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 SMB Systems Pvt. Ltd.(SMB), Mumbai.

1.5 Jurisdiction of Agricultural Universities

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

1.6 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 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 faculty 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. Accordingly, Minimum 65 % (6.5 out of 10 point scale) are compulsory for open category and Minimum 60 % (6.0 out of 10 point scale) for 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), Persons with Disability(PWD) and Orphan candidate.

Sr. No.	Subject	Eligibility
(A). Agriculture (Duration : 3 years -Six semesters) (Credit Load 70)		
01	Agronomy	M. Sc. (Agronomy) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Agronomy subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2022-23.
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 2022-23.
03	Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry	M. Sc. (Soil Sciences and Agricultural Chemistry/ Soil Science/ Agricultural Chemistry/ Land Resource Management) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Soil Sciences and Agricultural Chemistry subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2022-23
04	Biochemistry	M. Sc. (Agricultural Biochemistry / Biochemistry) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Biochemistry subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2022-23.
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 2022-23.
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 2022-23.
07	Seed Technology	M. Sc. (Seed Technology) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Seed Technology subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2022-23.
08	Agricultural Extension and Communication	M. Sc. (Agricultural Extension and Communication /Agricultural Extension Education/Extension Education) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Agricultural Extension and Communication subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2022-23.
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 2022-23.

10	Agricultural Entomology	M.Sc. (Agricultural Entomology) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Agricultural Entomology subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2022-23.
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 2022-23.
12	Agricultural Microbiology	M.Sc.(Agricultural Microbiology) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Agricultural Microbiology subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2022-23.
13	Animal Husbandry	M. Sc. (Animal Husbandry/ Animal Science) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Animal Husbandry subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2022-23.
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 2022-23.
15	Fruit Sciences	M.Sc.(Horticulture/Fruit Sciences) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Fruit Sciences subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2022-23.
16	Vegetable Science	M. Sc. (Horticulture / Vegetable Sciences) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Vegetable Science subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2022-23.
17	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 2022-23.
18	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 2022-23.
19	Irrigation Water Management	M. Sc. (Irrigation and Water Management) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Irrigation Water Management subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2022-23.
(B). Fisheries Science (Duration : 3 years -Six semesters) (Credit Load 70)		
20	Aquaculture	M.F.Sc.(Aquaculture) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Aquaculture subject

		conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2022-23 .
21	Fish Processing and Technology	M. F. Sc. (Fish Processing and Technology) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Fish Processing and Technology subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2022-23 .
22	Aquatic Environment Management	M. F. Sc. (Aquatic Environment Management) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Aquatic Environment Management subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2022-23 .
23	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 2022-23 .
24	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 2022-23 .
25	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 2022-23.
(C). Food Technology(Duration : 3 years -Six semesters) (Credit Load 75)		
26	Food Technology	M.Tech. (Food Technology) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Food Technology subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2022-23.
(D). Agricultural Biotechnology (Duration : 3 years -Six semesters) (Credit Load 70)		
27	Agricultural Biotechnology	M. Sc. (Agricultural Biotechnology) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Agricultural Biotechnology subject conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2022-23.
(E). Agricultural Engineering (Duration : 3 years -Six semesters) (Credit Load 70)		
28	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 2022-23.
29	Soil and Water Conservation	M.Tech. (Soil and Water Conservation) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Soil and Water Conservation subject in Agricultural Engineering faculty conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2022-23.

30	Process and Food Engineering	M.Tech. (Process and Food Engineering) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Process and Food Engineering subject in Agricultural Engineering faculty conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2022-23.
31	Farm Power and Machinery	M.Tech.(Farm Power and Machinery) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Farm Power and Machinery subject in Agricultural Engineering faculty conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2022-23.
32	Renewable Energy Sources	M.Tech.(Renewable energy Sources/ EOES) and having appearing the Common Entrance Test of Renewable Energy Sources subject in Agricultural Engineering faculty conducted by MAUEB, Pune for the year 2022-23.

- 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 have only from Agricultural universities.

2.2 Other Conditions

- (i) The candidate should be in the merit list of Common Entrance Test (CET) 2022-23, 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	3	2	16
2.	Agricultural Meteorology	2*	--	2	--	4
3.	Soil Science & Agricultural Chemistry	4	5	3	2	14
4.	Biochemistry	2	--	--	--	2
5.	Agricultural Botany					

Sr. No.	Subjects	Intake capacity				Total
		MPKV, Rahuri	Dr. PDKV Akola	VNMKV Parbhani	Dr.BSKKV Dapoli	
	(a) Plant Physiology	4	2	1	2	9
	(b) Genetics & Plant Breeding	6	3	3	2	14
	(c) Seed Technology	2	--	1	--	3
6.	Agricultural Extension and Communication	4	3	3	2	12
7.	Agricultural Economics	4	3	3	2	12
8.	Agricultural Entomology	6	3	3	2	14
9.	Plant Pathology	6	5	3	2	16
10.	Agricultural Microbiology	4	--	--	--	4
11.	Animal Husbandry & Dairy Science					
	(a) Animal Husbandry	4	1	2	1	8
	(b) Dairy Science	4	1	1	1	7
12.	Horticulture					
	(a) Fruit Science	4	4	3	2	13
	(b) Vegetable Science	4	4	3	2	13
	(c) Floriculture and Landscaping	--	4	1	2	7
	(d) Plantation Spices, Medicinal and Aromatic Crops	--	--	--	2	2
13.	Irrigation Water Management	2	--	--	--	2
	Total	68	43	35	26	172

* Course is offered at College of Agriculture, Pune.

(B) Fisheries Science

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

(C) Food Technology

Sr. No.	Subject	Intake capacity
		VNMKV, Parbhani
1.	Food Science and Technology	5

(D) Agricultural Bio-Technology

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

(F) Agricultural Engineering

Sr. No.	Subject	Intake capacity				Total
		MPKV Rahuri*	Dr. PDKV, Akola	VNMKV, Parbhani	Dr. BSKKV, Dapoli	
1.	Irrigation and Drainage Engineering	3	2	2	2	9
2.	Soil and Water Conservation Engineering	3	2	2	2	9
3.	Process and Food Engineering	3	2	1	2	8
4.	Farm Power and Machinery	3	2	2	2	9
5.	Renewable Energy Sources	-	2	--	2	4
	Total	12	10	7	10	39

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

Note:

- 30% seats for all Ph. D. courses shall be filled in all India basis through Common Entrance Examination to be conducted by I.C.A.R., New Delhi (It includes 15% seats over and above the sanctioned intake capacity).
- The above SN.1 the said provision is applicable to government and aided Colleges having accreditation from Indian Council of Agricultural Research. List of non accredited departments are given in **Appendix 'A'**.
- 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 finalized with consideration of ICAR vacant seats. Otherwise the said vacant seats will be 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	68	43	35	26	172
2.	Fisheries	--	--	--	11	11
3.	Food Technology	--	--	5	--	5
4.	Agricultural Bio-Technology	--	3	--	--	3
5.	Agricultural Engineering	12	10	7	10	39
	Total	80	56	47	47	230

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
- The degree nomenclatures may be subject to change in accordance with ICAR, NCG-BSMA committee recommendations to be adopted from academic year 2022-23.

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 'SMB' – <https://maha.agriadmissions.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. SMB, Mumbai.
- (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), 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 2022-23.
- (b) (i) College (Last attended) Leaving Certificate 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) 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. Domicile Certificate of the candidate issued by competent authority from other State is compulsory.
 - (d) Certificate of Agriculturist issued by the Tehsildar or Naib Tehsildar for the year 2020-21 or 2021-22. 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) and Special Backward Category (SBC) should provide Caste validity certificate.
 - (g) Candidates from VJ(a), NT(b), NT(c), NT(d), Other backward class (OBC) tribes and Special Backward Category (SBC) should provide 'Non-Creamy Layer'

certificate issued by a competent authority on 1 April, 2022 or issued after that date or valid till the day the application is submitted. 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. 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. An affidavit with on Rs. 100/- stamp paper covering the following points should be given by the freedom fighter or if the freedom fighter is no longer alive by the husband / wife of the freedom fighter:-
- (j) Defence Personnel Certificate from Zilla Sainik Board or Discharge Certificate from Commanding Officer of the regiment or Serviceman Certificate from competent authority.
- (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)
- (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 'D' 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 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 / 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 SMB, Mumbai 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, roster 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://maha.agriadmissions.in> on the dates specified in the admission schedule.
- 3.14 Important instructions to candidates for seeking admission are given in Appendix 'E'
- 3.15 As per Government Circular, Higher and Technical Education Department, No.संकीर्ण-2011/(103)/11/ मशि-3, Dt. 18/04/2011 the Candidate desirous of seeking admission for Ph.D. Degree Programme has to give the written promise regarding cleanliness in the Appendix 'F'
- 3.16 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 'SMB', Mumbai.
- 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
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| (a) First Seats for all the candidates of the State Agricultural Universities. | } | 50% Seats |
| (b) After Seats from amongst the students who have passed the qualifying examination from the Colleges / Institute situated in the University area | } | 'M' Quota. |
| | | 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.

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://maha.agriadmissions.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 'G'. 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 'SMB' / MCAER office via e-mail and phone.

- (iii) After ‘SMB’ 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 – www.maha.agriadmission.in and www.mcaer.org
- 4.20 Important instructions for the Dean/Associate Dean of the College/Institutes regarding the admission procedure have been mentioned in Appendix ‘H’.
- 4.21 If for any reasons such as ignorance, delay, any kind of technical failure or his/her any other personal reasons, the candidate stays deprived of admission then no grievance of any kind shall be taken into consideration.

5. DETAILS ABOUT THE RESERVED SEATS

As per the provisions made in the Indian Constitution, provisions made under the Maharashtra Agricultural Universities (Krishi Vidyapeeths) Act, 1983, and also as directed by government resolutions from time to time, specific seats have been reserved as per the seats available for concern subject of four agriculture universities.

Sr. No.	Social Reservation	Percentage	Sr. No	Special Reservation	Percentage
(1)	Scheduled Castes/ Nav-Budha (SC)	13	(9)	Children of Freedom Fighter (FF)	2
(2)	Scheduled Tribes (ST)	07	(10)	Persons with Disability Candidates (Low Vision, Hearing Impairment, Locomotor Disability or Cerebral Palsy (PWD)	5
(3)	Vimukta Jati (VJ)(a) (14 and others)	03	(11)	Children of Defence Personnel / Ex-serviceman (DP)	2
(4)	Nomadic Tribes (NT-b) (28 & others as listed prior to 1990)	2.5	(12)	Project Affected Person and their children as defined in the Maharashtra Resettlement of Project Displaced Act,1976 (PAP)	4
(5)	Nomadic Tribes(NT-c)	3.5	(13)	Agriculturist and those Children of Agriculturist who possess minimum qualification or experience in Agriculture. (AG)	6
(6)	Nomadic Tribes(NT-d) (Vanjar, Vanjari, Vanjara)	02	(14)	Female Candidates	30
Other			Other		
(7)	Other Backward Classes (OBC)	19	(15)	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
(8)	Economically Weaker Section (EWS)	10	(16)	Orphan children	1
Total		60			

NOTE:

- 5.1 Special Reservations in “Sr. no. 9 to 14” are inclusive of merit in both Open and Reserved Categories. Reservation in “Sr.no.16” is inclusive of merit in Open Categories.
- 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, dated 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 The Candidates belong to the ‘Special Backward Class category’ will be consider under Other Backward Class category those candidates previously included in Other Backward Class.
- 5.5 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 roster has been finalized and published on website www.mcaer.org and maha.agriadmissions.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.

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

8.1 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 and Communication 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.

11. SPORTS AND ALLIED ACTIVITIES

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

12. HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION

Hostel accommodation for a limited number of students is available at the hostels of the Colleges/Institutes of the Universities on merit basis.

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

As per rules and regulations of Government, the educational discount/ Scholarship/ Reimbursement of Education fees will be available for students admitted to Ph.D. degree courses.

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, bullying 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 'I' to follow scrupulously the provisions of UGC Regulations on curbing the means of Ragging in higher education institution 2009 and ensure that absolute discipline is maintained in the premises of educational Institute, Hostel campus and University campus etc.

16. FEES

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

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

Sr. No.	Item	Semester I	Semester II
	Total (A)	22800 + [300 [⊗]]	19700
B) Hostel			
1	Hostel Caution money	3000 [©]	--
2	Maintenance charges	3000	3000
3	Electricity Charges	3000	3000
4	Mess deposit.	2000 [©]	--
	Total (B)	11000	6000
	Grand Total (A+B)	33800 + [300[⊗]]	25700

Note:

- ⊗ The fees will be collected from students who passed qualifying examination from out of Maharashtra State.
- © The fees to be refundable whenever the student leaves the College/ Institute /Hostel.
- # The fees to be charged only once during the student's stay at the College/ Institute.

Special Instructions

- (1) Besides the above fees, Transcript fees of Rs.100/- will be collected at the time of registration at the end of last Semester by the University.
- (2) Various concessions / relaxations offered by the Govt. of Maharashtra to Female students & students of various reserved category shall be applicable *mutatis mutandis*.
- (3) Fees for Grade Card/examination are to be deposited to the respective University.
- (4) The student has to pay total fee if scholarship not sanctioned by govt.

17. ADMISSION SCHEDULE (2022-23)

17.1 Admission schedule for 2022-23 is as under

Sr. No.	Programme	Date
1.	Availability of online application form on website	16.01.2023
2.	Last date of submission of online application form along with scanned copies of the necessary/required documents	31.01.2023
3.	Display of provisional Merit List on SMB & MCAER website	02.02.2023
4.	Period of online grievances	03.02.2023 to 06.02.2023
5.	Display of Final Merit List on SMB & MCAER Web site	08.02.2023 (After Evening)
6.	(i) Display of First Round allotment list	10.02.2023 (After Evening)

Sr. No.	Programme	Date
	(ii) Period of reporting	13.02.2023 and 14.02.2023 (Up to 5.30 pm)
7.	(i) Display of Second Round allotment list (with conversion)	16.02.2023 (After Evening)
	(ii) Period of reporting	20.02.2023 to 21.02.2023 (Up to 5.30 pm)
8.	Display of Vacancy positions for Third Admission round	22.02.2023
9.	Third Admission Round (As per procedure mentioned in <u>Appendix 'J'</u>)	24.02.2023 and 25.02.2023
10.	Commencement of classes	27.02.2023

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 SMB, Mumbai.
- (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://maha.agriadmissions.in> shall be active from **16th January, 2023**.

(Raosaheb Bhagade)

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 2022-23	
4.	College/ Institute Leaving/ Transfer Certificate (last attended)/ Bonafide certificate of the College where admission has already been taken.	
5.	Caste Certificate issued by competent Authority designated in the State.	
6.	Caste validity certificate for candidates belonging to SC, ST, VJ(a), NT (b), NT(c), ND(d), Other Backward classes (OBC) and Special backward Classes (SBC).	
7.	Non Creamy Layer Certificate issued on or after 1 st April 2022 or valid upto the date of submission of application form by the Competent Authority.	
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) Whether the 'Certificate of the Freedom Fighter' issued in favour of parents/Grandparents of the Candidate is issued under the signature of the Hon. Prime Minister / Chief Minister, Maharashtra State.	
	(B) If yes, whether an Affidavit of the Freedom Fighter and if the Freedom Fighter is not alive then his/her wife/husband on the Stamp Paper of Rs.100/- has been enclosed?	
	(C) If yes, whether the following points have been mentioned in it?	
	(1) The candidate is son/daughter of the Freedom Fighter or son/daughter of son/daughter of the Freedom Fighter.	
	(2) The Freedom Fighter has not used this concession for any relative here before.	
	(3) The Freedom Fighter shall not use the concession for any relative hereafter, if the benefit is availed at this time.	
10.	'Certificate of Defence Personnel (DP)' issued by the Zilla Sainik Welfare	

Sr. No.	Details of Certificate / Documents	Yes (✓) / No (×)
	Officer/Discharge Certificate issued by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment or Serviceman Certificate issued by the Competent Authority.	
11.	<p>‘Certificate of Persons with Disability (PWD)’ issued by District Civil Surgeon or equivalent Government hospital/ Medical board.</p> <p>[The percentage of disability shall not be less than 40% in case of candidate seeking reservation for Persons with Disability (PWD) category.]</p>	
12.	<p>‘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.</p>	
13.	<p>‘Certificate of Agriculturist (AG)’ for the year 2020-21 or 2021-22 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’)</p>	
14.	<p>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).</p>	
15.	<p>No-Objection Certificate of current academic year from the employer in case of in-service candidates</p>	
16.	<p>Self-Declaration letter in the prescribed format (Appendix ‘D’) confirming the authenticity of the uploaded copies of documents.</p>	
17.	<p>Undertaking in Appendix ‘F’ regarding cleanliness habits</p>	
18.	<p>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)</p>	

Appendix 'A'

List of Non-accredited Courses/Subjects by ICAR, New Delhi in respect to Ph. D. courses

Sr. No.	Courses/Subjects	Agriculture University
1	Agriculture: Agriculture Economics	Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri
2	Agriculture: Irrigation Water Management	
3	Agriculture: Animal Husbandry	
4	Agriculture: Dairy Science	
5	Agriculture Engineering: Process and Food Engineering	
6	Agriculture Engineering: Farm Power and Machinery	
7	Agriculture: Animal Husbandry	Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola
8	Agriculture: Dairy Science	
9	Agriculture: Animal Husbandry	Vasantnao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth, Parbhani
10	Agriculture: Dairy Science	
11	Agriculture: Agriculture Metrology	
12	Agriculture Engineering- Farm Power and Machinery	
13	Agriculture: Animal Husbandry	Dr. Balasaheb Swant Kokan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli
14	Agriculture: Dairy Science	
15	Agriculture-Horticulture: Fruit Science	
16	Agriculture-Horticulture: Vegetable Science	
17	Agriculture-Horticulture: Floriculture & Landscaping	
18	Agriculture-Horticulture: Plantation, Spices, Medicinal & Aromatic Crops	

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.

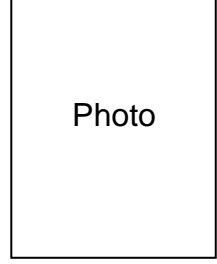
Place: _____	SEAL	Signature: Name: Designation:
Date: _____		

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'

Government of Maharashtra



Certificate No:

Eligibility certificate for Economically Weaker Section for year.....

(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, 12 February 2019 and Government Resolution General Administrative Department No. SRV-4019/L.No.31/16-A, dated 23 December 2020)

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 : Signature :
Date : Name :
Designation:

(This certificate has been issued on the basis of following proof/evidences/documents)
1.
2.
3.

Appendix 'D'

'Self-Declaration related to uploaded Original documents'



I Son / Daughter of agedresident 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 'E'

'Important Instructions to Candidates'

- (1) Before filling up the application form candidate shall check the 'Application Flow Chart' of admission process available on <https://maha.agriadmissions.in> website.
- (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://maha.agriadmissions.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/ RTGS/ NEFT/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 'G'. 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 'K'.
- (17) Upload the self declaration certificate in Appendix 'D' 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 'L' for Ph. D. admission process.

Appendix 'F'

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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If the W/C (Toilet) is not available give the specific reason.
5	Habit of Hand wash	Before Food- Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No. <input type="checkbox"/> If yes- With Soap <input type="checkbox"/> With Water <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> If Toilet- Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes- With Soap <input type="checkbox"/> With Water <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
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 'G'

AUTHORITY LETTER

I the undersigned Shri./Smt.. Application Form No. for Ph. D. admission process for the year 2022-23, 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,

Appendix 'H'

'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 SMB 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 SMB and by fax 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 'K' 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 'I'

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 or 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 'J'

Procedure for 'Third Admission Round'

The 'Third Admission Round' will be implemented by following the below mentioned procedure during dated 24th and 25th February , 2023 in the respective Colleges / Institute for the available vacant seats due to such Candidate who have not reported / registered even after receipt of Provisional Allotment Letter.

The details regarding the category wise last merit and up to date category wise vacant positions available during the every earlier admission round will be displayed by SMB systems private limited, Mumbai (SMB) on the website, www.mcaer.org and <https://maha.agriadmissions.in> on 22/02/ 2023.

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 Associate Dean of the College/Institute is 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 respective College/Institute along with all necessary original documents and prescribed fees between 10.00 hrs to 13.00 hrs during 24th and 25th February, 2023.
- (2) The Associate Dean/Principal of the respective College/Institute shall prepare the Merit List of reported eligible candidate's category wise during 10.00 to 13.00 hrs and display the same on the Notice Board.
- (3) After considering the above merit list of eligible candidate, operate the admission process for the available vacant seats. The Associate Dean / Principal shall note that, the seats reserved for the reserved category shall be filled in from the reserved category candidates only. If it is noticed that the candidate from the reserved category is not available then as per guidelines given in Appendix 2 'Admission Process' in the Government Resolution of Department of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries Department No.MCAER2010/L. No. 155/7-A, dated 20/10/2011 the available vacant seats should be filled in on Merit from the other eligible and reported candidates on the last day of the 'Third Admission Round' i.e. 25th February, 2023 only. However the Associate Dean/Principal must take care not to give any chance to register any grievance/complaint by the candidate from the reserved category under any circumstances that he/she did not get admission on the vacant seat

reserved for that reserved category. The said Government Resolution is available on MCAER website and SMB, Mumbai.

- (4) In case of high meritorious but late reported candidate, the admission shall be given on priority on the available vacant seat at that time only in that respective College/Institute.
- (5) After confirming the selection of the suitable candidate for admission, the admission shall be given to that Candidate and the same shall be reported 'online' by operating the website of SMB private limited, Mumbai (SMB). The SMB, Mumbai is responsible for creating the facility in the log-in of the respective College/Institute.
- (6) The Associate Dean/Principal of the College/Institute is hereby informed to operate the third admission round during dated 24th and 25th February, 2023 up to 16.30 hrs every day.
- (7) The Associate Dean/Principal must furnish the information of admitted candidate by fax / email to the Director (Education), MCAER, Pune and SMB, Mumbai every day before 17.00 hrs.
- (8) The SMB will make available the Provisional Allotment Letter to the admitted Candidate during 'Third Admission Round' for the administrative purpose.
- (9) The vacant seat(s) created due to cancellation of admission by the candidate or any other reason during 'Third Admission Round' should be displayed on the website at the same time and day. However it should be made available for admission and filled on the next day. (On the last day of 'Third Admission Round' the aforesaid point is not applicable)

Appendix 'K'

'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 'L'

Nodal Officers for Ph. D. degree Admission process 2022-23

Sr. No.	Courses/Colleges	Name of Nodal Officer	Contact number of Nodal Officer	E-mail ID
1	Agri- MPKV, Rahuri	Dr. S. B. Bhanage	02426-243207/ 8275440647	sunilbhanage1963@gmail.com
2	College of Agriculture, Shivajinagar, Pune	Dr. V. A. Sthool	9421067994/ 02025537033	amfupune@gmail.com
3	Agri- PGI, Dr. PDKV, Akola	Shri. V. T. Kogde	0724-2258826	
4	Agri- VNMKV, Parbhani	Dr. R. V. Chavan	9423615460	chavanrv74@gmail.com
5	Agri-Dr. BSKKV, Dapoli	Shri. R. S. Gujar	9421188264	adacddapoli@rediffmail.com
6	Fisheries- Dr. BSKKV, Dapoli	Dr. K. J. Chudhari	9422441178	Chaudhari.ketan@gmail.com
7	Food Technology- VNMKV, Parbhani	Dr. R. B. Kshirsagar	9834905580	adptechnology@gmail.com
8	Agricultural Bio-Technology, Dr. PDKV, Akola	Shri. V. T. Kogde	0724-2258826	
9	Agriculture Engineering, MPKV, Rahuri	Dr. V. A. Salave	02426-243207/ 9422069877	vasalve@rediffmail.com
10	Agriculture Engineering, Dr. PDKV, Akola	Shri. V. T. Kogde	0724-2258826	
11	Agriculture Engineering, VNMKV, Parbhani	Dr. S. R. Garud	9481734569	shyamrgarud@vnmkv.ac.in
12	Agriculture Engineering, Dr. BSKKV, Dapoli	Shri. S. D. Dalvi	9511778368/ 9422372068	sunildalvi65@gmail.com
13	Horticulture- Dr. BSKKV, Dapoli	Dr. R. J. Khandekar	8275454979	rgk.bskkv@rediffmail.com adcodh@ediffmail.com