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**INFORMATION BROCHURE
(Nursing Courses)**

**ONLINE
CBT (Computer Based Test)
COMMON ENTRANCE TEST
MH- DPN/PHN CET 2026**

FOR

**Admission to Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing and Diploma in Public
Health Nursing.
(For Academic Year 2026-27)**

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For MH-DPN/PHN CET 2026

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Admission to Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing and Diploma in Public Health Nursing

Online Entrance Examination (MH- DPN/PHN CET 2026)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

1.	Online Registration / Application form & Payment of registration fees through online payment gateway and Uploading of Document	:	24/01/2026 to 24/02/2026
2.	Issue of Admit Cards (Online)	:	Will be declared later on
3.	Date of Examination	:	05/05/2026
4.	Centre of examination	:	As indicated in Admit Card
5.	Online Display of Question Papers	:	Will be declared later on
6.	Online display of Model Answer keys	:	Will be declared later on
7.	Online submission of objections on Question Paper / Answer Key	:	Will be declared later on
8.	Publication of final key	:	Will be declared later on
9.	Declaration of Provisional Result/Mark & Provisional State Merit List on website "www.mahacet.org"	:	Will be declared later on

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Government of Maharashtra has established **"ADMISSIONS REGULATING AUTHORITY AND STATE COMMON ENTRANCE TEST CELL"** as per the provisions of Maharashtra unaided private professional Educational Institutes (Regulation of Admission & Fees) Act. 2015, (herein after the act). As per the act, the State Government has published the rules in Maharashtra Government Gazette No. MED-1016/CR 69/16/Edu-2, Dated 19/08/2016

The Commissioner of State CET Cell, has been designated as Competent Authority for conducting MH-DPN/PHN CET 2026 entrance examination and selection of candidates for admission to the concerned course for the academic year 2026-2027.

- 1.2 This procedure is applicable for MH-DPN/PHN CET 2026 for admissions of the year 2026-2027. No promise is implied therein for subsequent years and no expectations should be based on this procedure for future.
- 1.3 The desirous eligible candidates should frequently visit the site of State CET CELL www.mahacet.org for latest update of rules and information published by Government / MUHS, Nashik / Hon'ble courts from time to time.
- 1.4 Instructions in this information brochure regarding admission process are liable to change based on any order / Instruction / rules / directions by Indian Nursing Council / Central Government / State Government / Hon'ble Supreme Court and Hon'ble High Court from time to time.

2. DEFINITIONS. -

Unless the context other requires,

- a. **"Act"** means the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015 (Mah. XXVIII of 2015);
- b. **"Admission Reporting Institution"** means an institution where the Candidate shall report for confirmation for admission by submission of documents and payment of fees;
- c. **"Application Form"** means the prescribed form to be filled up online or offline by the candidate for admission to the Courses as defined in clause (e);
- d. **"CAP Seats"** means the seats filled in through the Centralized process of admission carried out by the Competent Authority/Commissioner State CET CELL;
- e. **"Course"** means the Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing and Diploma in Public Health Nursing conducted under Public Health Department
- f. **"Document Verification Centre"** means the city or town declared by the competent authority where the document verification is to be conducted;
- g. **"Eligible Candidates"** means the candidates who are eligible for said professional courses as notified by the Government, from time to time, under sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Act;
- h. **"HSC"** means the Higher Secondary School Certificate (**Standard XII**) examination conducted by Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education as per the provisions of the

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Maharashtra Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Boards Act, 1965 (Mah XLI of 1965) or its equivalent certificate awarded by a recognized Board;

- i. **“INC”** means the Indian Nursing Council;
- j. **“Institutional Quota”** means seats available for admission to eligible Candidates at Institution level as declared by the Government or appropriate authority from time to time;
- k. **“inter-se-merit”** means the order of merit in respect of various classes or category of Candidates;
- l. **“Minority Quota”** means seats earmarked for the Minority Community students from within the State of Maharashtra, belonging to the Minority Community to which the institution belongs;
- m. **“MUHS”** means the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences established under sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences Act, 1998 (Mah. X of 1999);
- n. **“MH-DPN/PHN-CET”** means the examination conducted by State CET Cell, Maharashtra State for admission to Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing and Diploma in Public Health Nursing.
- o. **“Non-Resident Indian (NRI)”** means, a person who is “not ordinary resident” as defined under sub-section (6) of section 6 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 and has been issued a Non-Resident Indian certificate accordingly by an Indian Mission or Post abroad and includes his child or ward as defined in the Guardians and Wards Act, 1890
- p. **“Overseas Citizen of India (OCI)”** means a candidate or a person registered as an Overseas Citizen of India as declared by the Central Government under section 7A of the Citizenship Act 1955, and includes Persons of Indian Origin (PIO).
Explanation — For the purposes of this clause, all the existing Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) card-holders registered under Notification of the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs No. F.No. 26011/04/98- F. I, dated 19th August 2002 and shall now be deemed to be Overseas Citizens of India, (OCI) cardholders by virtue of Notification of Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, No. 26024/9/2014-F.I, dated 9th January 2015.
- q. **“Qualifying Examination”** means BSc Nursing or GNM from recognized Institute.
- r. **“SSC”** means the Secondary School Certificate (**Standard - X**) examination conducted by Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education as per the provisions of the Maharashtra Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Boards Act, 1965 (Mah. XLI of 1965) or its equivalent certificate awarded by a recognized Board;
- s. **“EWS”** means Economically Weaker Section, include persons who are not covered under the scheme of reservation for SC, ST, DT-A, NT-B, NT-C, NT-D, OBC, SEBC and whose family has gross annual income below Rs. 8,00,000/- as per Government resolution of General Administration Department ROD-4019/C.R 31/ 16-A Dated 12 February 2019 And Government Resolution no. MED-1018/C.R 37/19/Edu-2, dated 07th March, 2019. This reservation is subject to Hon’ble Supreme Courts / High Courts decision in W.P (C) No. 961/2021 and related petitions.
- t. **“Specified Reservation”** means Reservation other than constitutional like Female, Hilly area, PWD and Defense are classified as specified Reservation. During allotment of seat in specified Reservation seat will be filled first.
- u. **“Orphan”** means a child— (i) who is without biological or adoptive parents or legal guardian; or (ii) whose legal guardian is not willing to take, or capable of taking care of the child; as defined in Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) act 2015 and Government Letter no. MED-1018/C.R.201/18/Edu-2, Dated 20th June, 2018.
- v. **“OMS”** means candidate who have passed 10th / 12th or both from Outside Maharashtra State and who is not Domicile of Maharashtra.

3. SCHEME OF EXAMINATION

- 3.1. **Date of Examination:** The examination will be conducted at various centers across the state Maharashtra by Online mode (Computer Based Test). The schedule for the same will be declared in due course.
- 3.2. **Syllabus, Weightage and Pattern of Examination:** The syllabus for the MH-DPN/PHN –CET will be
- 3.2.1 The questions will be based on Syllabus of GNM (General Nursing and Midwifery) and Basic BSc Nursing course as declared by Indian Nursing Council from time to time. And English of the Std XII level of State board of Maharashtra
- 3.2.2 There will be no Negative Marking. The questions will be mainly application based.
- 3.2.3 MH-DPN/PHN CET 2026 will consist of 1 question paper of Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) and each Question will carry 1 mark, Details are as given below:

Subject	No. of Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ) based on	Mark(s) Per Question	Total Marks	Duration in Minutes
Based on GNM & Basic Bsc Nursing syllabus	70	1	70	90 Minutes
English	30	1	30	
Total	100	1	100	

- 3.2.4 The question will be set on
- a) Latest whole Syllabus of Std XII of English subject and GNM/Basic BSc Nursing course.
- MH-DPN/PHN CET 2026 result will be declared in Percentile for Online examination .
- 3.3. **Grievance Redressal :** Grievance Redressal at respective examination center will be handled by the “**Venue Officer**” appointed by the Competent Authority / Commissioner, State CET Cell.
- 3.4. The “**Venue Officer**” will function from 7.30 a.m. till the end of the Examination on the day of Examination. If there is any grievance during this period (regarding loss of time due to administrative error or any other examination related important matter), the candidate will report it to the invigilator of his/her examination block. It will be communicated to the “**Venue Officer**”. The “**Venue Officer**” will examine the Grievance on the spot and take necessary decision regarding the Grievance/s.
- 3.5. If a candidate has objection against any question in the question paper of this examination, the same may be submitted through candidate Login e “<http://www.mahacet.org>”, as per the schedule in the Information Brochure by paying fee of Rs.1000/- per objection. This fee is refundable if the objection is valid. If the objection is not valid, the fees will be forfeited. **Representations received by any other mode shall not be considered.**

- 3.6. **Language of Question Paper:** The medium for examination shall be English only
- 3.7. There will be single paper consisting of 2 sections GNM & Basic BSc Nursing Syllabus and English having total time duration 90 minutes.

Examination Center: The MH-DPN-PHN CET 2026 will be conducted by online mode (CBT-Computer Based Test) at almost all the district headquarters in the State of Maharashtra.. The candidates shall give preference for 04 examination centers (District) of their choice while filling the online application form.

The center once allotted shall not be changed under any circumstances.

Candidate should fill preference options for the preferred examination district while filling up the MH-DPN/PHN CET 2026 application form. State CET Cell, Mumbai will make attempt to allot the examination center within the District of the candidate, if not in the nearby districts of the candidate. State CET Cell, Mumbai reserves the rights for final allotment of the examination center to the candidate, which will be binding on the candidate.

4. ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION TO Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing and Diploma in Public Health Nursing courses.

- 4.1 All Candidates desirous to take admission for Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing and Diploma in Public Health Nursing course under state quota or Institutional quota must have appeared for MH- DPN/PHN CET 2026 and declared eligible by the Competent Authority
- 4.2 The candidate must be an Indian National. Nationality Certificate issued by District Magistrate or Additional District Magistrate or Chief Metropolitan Magistrate or valid passport or School Leaving Certificate of HSC/12th Std. indicating the nationality of the candidate as "Indian" shall constitute the proof of nationality.
- 4.3 Domicile of Candidate: The Candidates must be Domicile of Maharashtra
- 4.4 **All admissions to State / Institutional Quota will be through MH-DPN/PHN-CET only.**
- A candidate, who has passed the qualifying examination i.e. GNM or Basic BSc Nursing from an Institute situated in the state of Maharashtra will be eligible to take the exam.
- 4.5 The Candidate must have passed GNM or Basic BSc Nursing course from a recognized Institution situated in the State of Maharashtra.
- 4.6 The candidate must be registered with Maharashtra Nursing Council and should possess valid registration and renewal certificate.
- 4.7 Candidate Nurses working under Government/Corporation/Private Hospital service with at least 5 years of experience on the post of Staff Nurse as on the date of admission are eligible.

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- 4.8 The candidate must have regular service of the said post as on the date of admission. Experience certificate and order copy stating regular service is Mandatory.
- 4.9 The Candidate must not be older than 50 years as on 31/07/2026.
- 4.10 The candidate must be medically fit and must submit a certificate of medical fitness at the time of Document Verification as per proforma . Colour blind candidates are eligible provided that colour corrective contact lens and spectacles are worn by such candidates. **[As per Indian Nursing Council]**
- 4.11 The candidate must have passed the SSC or equivalent examination from an Institution situated in the state of Maharashtra.
- Exemption – Candidate who has passed SSC or equivalent examination in 2017 or prior to that, from an institute outside the State of Maharashtra is also eligible to seek admission, provided he has passed HSC or qualifying examination from an institute in the State of Maharashtra and also possess Domicile Certificate issued by the authority, who is competent to issue such certificate in the State of Maharashtra for educational purpose gazette no. MED-1018/C.R. 405/18/Edu-2 dated 20/04/2019.
- 4.12 The candidate must have passed the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC/12th Standard) or equivalent examination, from an Institution situated in the State of Maharashtra.
- 4.13 **Candidates belonging to reserved category must have claimed so in his online registration form of Maharashtra State, failing which such a claim will not be entertained subsequently.** The candidate belonging to above **Categories** should produce **Caste Certificate, Caste Validity Certificate and Non-Creamy Layer Certificate, (wherever applicable)** at the time of physical document verification process. Candidate who fails to produce above said certificates will be considered as **Open Category Candidate** provided he/she fulfills the eligibility criteria of Open candidate as per MH-DPN/PHN CET 2026 information brochure.
- 4.14 **EWS CATEGORY RESERVATION:** -10% seats of the available seats shall be reserved for candidate belonging to EWS category.
- 4.15 A Reserve category candidate must claim his category at the time of registration; to claim such a category no document is required initially. A candidate belonging to a category but not having any physical document can also claim category reservation during registration process; however he/she must produce the said certificates at the time of document uploading / physical document verification / online document verification process so as to avail respective category claim.
- 4.16 A Candidate belonging to 'Creamy Layer' amongst the categories (VJ) DT -A, NT-B, NT-C, NT-D, OBC, SEBC and SBC must note that the provision of reservation is NOT applicable to him / her. A candidate claiming benefit of reservation under these categories will be required to produce Non-Creamy Layer Certificate as specified in the Government Resolutions from time to time. The certificate in prescribed proforma stating that it is valid

up to 31/03/2027—should be submitted at the time of document uploading / physical document verification process.

- 4.17 EWS candidates should produce eligibility certificate in prescribed format i.e State Government format issued by appropriate authority for academic year 2026-27 at the time of Document uploading / physical document / online document verification process.

Certificate issued in Central government format will not be accepted.

- 4.18 The candidate has to fulfill qualifications and eligibility criteria as mentioned in rules published by Government from time to time.

4.19 **PERSON WITH DISABILITY (PWD) QUOTA:**

4.19.1 5% Disability reservation to be considered for disabled candidates with a **disability of loco-motor** to the tune of 40% to 50% of the lower extremity and other eligibility criteria with regard to qualification will be same as prescribed for General category candidates. **[As per Indian Nursing Council]**

4.19.2 Candidate should mark as PWD in the online application form, failing which claim will not be granted. Candidate is required to submit the proof of his/her disability by way of a certificate issued by certificate issuing authority in the year 2026 at the time uploading of document and physical verification of documents.

4.19.3 **Instructions to Person with Disability Candidates:** All qualified persons with Disability PWD (PH) Category Candidates of MH-DPN/PHN CET 2026 are advised to get themselves examined at any one of the Medical Boards of any Government Medical College in the State of Maharashtra to obtain Disability PWD (PH) Certificate in advance. Candidates, who have attended any one of the Medical Boards of any Government Medical College in the State of Maharashtra, should submit / upload the disability certificate as per the prescribed format during online uploading of certificates

Candidate shall produce the same disability certificate at the time of physical / online document verification process. It is mandatory to bring disability certificate issued by anyone institution. Candidate without disability certificate will be considered as Non PWD candidate.

- 4.20 **Merely appearing and qualifying in MH-DPN/PHN CET-2026 does not confer any right to the candidate for admission to Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing and Diploma in Public Health Nursing courses. The selection and admission to nursing courses in any institution is subject to fulfilling the admission criteria, eligibility, rank in merit, medical fitness and such other criteria as may be prescribed by the State Government, University, Nursing Board and Indian Nursing council.**

5. ONLINE APPLICATION FORM: -

Application Form for MH-DPN/PHN CET 2026 will be filled through Online Mode only. The Information Brochure for MH-DPN/PHN CET 2026 and the User Manual for filling up the online

application form is available on web site www.mahacet.org Candidates are advised to download and print the user manual for filling up the online application form. The detailed procedure for online submission of application form is given in the user manual. All future correspondence shall be done through login of the candidate.

6. MH-DPN/PHN CET 2026 APPLICATION FEE PAYMENT:

Application form processing fees as stated in the table given below is to be paid through online mode/ Mobile Wallets for which the service charges, as per rules, shall be applicable in addition to the application form processing fees. This fee is non-refundable and non-transferable under any circumstances.

For General and EWS Category Candidates from Maharashtra State and all candidates from Outside Maharashtra State (OMS)	Rs.1300/-
For Candidates of Backward Class Categories [SC, ST, VJ/DT- NT(A), NT(B), NT(C), NT(D), OBC, SEBC, SBC]	Rs.1000/-
For PWD, Orphan and Other Gender candidates	Rs.1000/-

Candidates will be required to submit the Caste Certificate, Caste Validity and Non Creamy Layer Certificate, if applicable, at the Time of filling in CAP Application Form to be considered under the Category.

6.1 Implementation of APAAR ID as the Primary Identifier for CET EXAMINATIONS & CENTRALIZED ADMISSION PROCESS (CAP)

In alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the vision of a 'Digital India,' the Ministry of Education (MoE) is implementing the Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR) ID system for students. This initiative aims to create a seamless, lifelong digital identity for every student, promoting transparency, accountability, and efficiency in academic record management.

All candidates are hereby informed that, the mobile number and email ID used for CET registration should remain active until the completion of the Centralised Admission Process. With a view to simplifying the application process for the Common Entrance Test (CET) 2026, all eligible candidates are hereby instructed to ensure that all the documents mentioned below are duly updated before applying for the Common Entrance Test (CET) 2026 or within the prescribed time, so as to avoid any discrepancies, grievances, or the possibility of rejection of the application at a later stage.

(a) Aadhaar Card

The Aadhaar Card should be updated with the correct name, date of birth, latest photograph, address, and father's name

(b) APAAR ID (Automated Personal Academic Account Registry)

APAAR ID is mandatory for CET registration. Candidates who have not yet generated their APAAR ID should create it through Digi Locker.

(c) UDID Card for Persons with Disabilities (PwD Candidates)

The UDID Card (for persons with disabilities) must be valid, updated as required, and renewed.

Candidates who require a scribe must submit the details of two (02) scribes during the CET registration process.

6.2 Registration Process Completion:

On successful payment of the application fee, a confirmation of the same will be displayed online. Candidates shall print the receipt for future references. After successful payment, Candidate shall take the print out of his/her online application form for MH-DPN/PHN CET -2026.

6.2 Keep a copy of MH-DPN/PHN CET 2026 Application No., Log-In ID & Password.

7. INFORMATION BROCHURE AND ONLINE APPLICATION FORM

- 7.1** The Competent Authority shall issue Notice regarding online application form process. The information Brochure containing procedures for Online Common Entrance Test for admission to Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing and Diploma in Public Health Nursing course in State of Maharashtra will be made **available on website www.mahacet.org**. An applicant seeking admission through MH-DPN/PHN CET 2026 will be required to submit **single prescribed online application form**.
- 7.2** Cost of online application form of MH-DPN/PHN CET 2026 & Examination fee is **Rs. 1300/-** for unreserved and EWS category candidates and **Rs.1000/-** for candidates from constitutional reservation. The fees for Orphan and Other gender candidates will be **Rs.1000/-**. This amount is not refundable.
- 7.3** MH-DPN/PHN CET 2026 will be conducted online at various centers across Maharashtra State. The exam will be conducted across all major districts in the state of Maharashtra.
- 7.4** The Information Brochure and online registration form will be available as per schedule declared on website. Before filling online application form candidates should download information brochure of MH-DPN/PHN CET 2026 and read the same carefully. The Applicants must possess the required criteria and educational qualification as mentioned in the Information Brochure of MH-DPN/PHN CET 2026 .
- 7.5** Before submission of Application Form the candidate should read carefully the conditions given under **"Declaration by the Candidate"** Candidate should agree to the below given conditions before submitting the application form.

"Declaration by the Candidate"

- i) I hereby solemnly and sincerely affirm that each and every statement made and the entire information given by me in the application form is true and correct.
- ii) I have not concealed any material information, however if any information submitted herein is found fraudulent, incorrect or untrue, I understand that I am liable to criminal persecution and I also agree to forgo my seat in Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing and Diploma in Public Health Nursing Course. I also understand that my selection and admission to the course is also liable to be cancelled.

- iii) I have carefully read the rules & regulations of MH-DPN/PHN CET 2026 Information brochure and I agree to abide by them. I hereby accept in entire the legality, validity and correctness of these rules. I understand by submitting this application I have accepted the correctness, validity and/or justifiability of all these and that had I not accepted the correctness and validity of these rules, I would not have submitted this application and further that it will not be open hereinafter to challenge and/or question validity and/ or correctness of any rule or part thereof.
- iv) I undertake to submit all the required original certificates at the time of uploading of document / physical document verification process as well as at the time of admission to a college as per the rules, failing which I understand that my claim for selection shall not be granted.

If the candidate agrees for aforesaid conditions then only he/she should click the "I Agree" Button so that his/her application form will be accepted.

- 7.6 The details of Online Application / Registration Procedure & Process of Online submission of application form are given in Annexure "C". Applicants should follow these procedure/guidelines at the time of filling online application form.**

Admit Card:

- 7.7 DOWNLOAD OF ADMIT CARD:** Candidates will have to visit the www.mahacet.org website for downloading the admit cards for online test. Intimation for downloading the admit card will also be sent through email/SMS.
- Once the candidate clicks the relevant link, he/she can access the window for admit card download.
- Candidate needs to affix recent recognizable photograph on the admit card preferably the same as provided during registration and appear at the examination centre with
- (i) Admit card
 - (ii) Photo Identity Proof
 - (iii) PWD certificate if claimed.
- 7.8** The Admit Cards will be available for downloading from the www.mahacet.org website after login. The date for the same will be declared in due course.
- 7.9** Candidate has to go to the Examination Centre with print out of the downloaded Admit Card and any original Photo ID proof as given in the admit card (Aadhar Card / Driving license / PAN Card / Passport). Photograph/soft copy of the admit card and ID proof will not be accepted
- 7.10** Issue of Admit Card is merely an enabling document for appearing at the MH-DPN/PHN CET 2026 examination and does not imply that the candidate satisfies all the requirements of eligibility conditions of admission.
- 7.11** CANDIDATES REPORTING LATE (i.e. after the reporting time specified on the admit card) for the Examination will not be permitted to take the examination. The reporting time mentioned on the admit card is prior to the Start time of the test. Though the duration of the examination is 1 hour 30 minutes, candidates may be required to be at the venue for about 3 hours including the

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time required for completion of various formalities such as verification and collection of various requisite documents, logging in, giving of instructions etc.

7.12 **IDENTITY VERIFICATION**

In the examination hall admit card along with original and a photocopy of the candidate's currently valid photo identity (bearing exactly the same name as it appears on the admit card) such as PAN Card / Passport / Driving License / Voter's Id Card / Aadhar card with a photograph should be submitted/shown to the invigilator for verification. The candidate's identity will be verified with respect to his/her details on the admit card, in the Attendance List. If identity of the candidate is in doubt the candidate may not be allowed to appear for the Examination.

Ration Card are **not** valid id proofs for this examination.

Note: Candidates have to produce/show in **original** the photo identity proof and show the photo identity proof along with Examination admit card while attending the examination, without which they will not be allowed to take up the examination. Candidates must note that the name as appearing on the admit card (provided during the process of registration) should exactly match the name as appearing on the photo identity proof. If there is any mismatch between the name indicated in the Admit card and Photo Identity Proof the candidate will not be allowed to appear for the examination. In case of candidates who have changed their name, will be allowed only if they produce original Gazette notification / affidavit in original.

Candidates are NOT to be allowed if they do not bring the following material.

- a. Original Admit Card with Photograph Pasted on it.
- b. Original Photo ID proof as given in the admit card.

8. **CONDUCT OF ONLINE MH-DPN/PHN CET 2026 :**

8.1 Candidates should go through the contents of this brochure carefully to acquaint themselves with the provisions laid down and the procedures prescribed thereto.

8.2 MH-DPN/PHN CET 2026 will be online examination & will be conducted at various centers across Maharashtra State. This examination will consist of one question paper of 100 Multiple Choice Questions, each carrying one mark. The Multiple Choice Questions will be of **Single Best Response** type. The syllabus for Common Entrance Test shall include the subjects of GNM & basic BSc Nursing course as declared by Indian Nursing Council and English for HSC examination as prescribed by Maharashtra State Board of Secondary & Higher Secondary Education, Pune. The distribution of MCQ's at the common entrance test are as follows:

Sr.	Subject	No. of questions	Max. Marks
1.	GNM & Basic BSc Nursing syllabus as per INC	70	70

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2.	English as per HSC state Board	30	30
Total		100	100

- 8.3 Duration of paper will be of 1 hour & 30 minutes(90 Minutes). Medium of examination will be English.
- 8.4 No candidate will be allowed to appear for the examination unless he/she holds downloaded Admit Card and Photo ID proof as mentioned above.
- 8.5 The date for Online Entrance Examination will be declared in due course.
- 8.6 The candidate will follow the instructions given at the Online examination centre.

8.7 Details about Online Test Pattern (Provisional):

- 8.7.1 A login screen will be displayed to the candidate. The candidate has to log in using Login ID, Roll No. and Password.
- 8.7.2 Exam name, duration will be displayed and the Candidate has to Click 'Proceed' Button.
- 8.7.3 **The candidate's profile (name, roll no. etc.) will be displayed and the candidate has to click 'confirm' Button after selecting 'I Agree' Checkbox if the profile is correct. Thereafter the instructions will be displayed on the screen. The candidate should ensure that the profile displayed on the screen is that of himself / herself. In case of any discrepancy, the same may be brought to the notice of the Test Administrator / Invigilator prior to the start of examination.**
- 8.7.4 A candidate should read the instructions carefully and indicate that he has done so by 'checking' the box at the bottom of the screen, after which the 'I am ready to begin' button is activated.
- 8.7.5 After clicking on the 'I am ready to begin' button, the actual test time will begin.
- 8.7.6 Each question is followed by 4 **alternatives / options**.
- 8.7.7 The questions will be available in **English**.
- 8.7.8 Only one question will be displayed at a time.
- 8.7.9 The clock has been set at the server and the countdown timer at the top right corner of the screen will display the time remaining to complete the exam. When the clock runs out the exam ends by default-the candidate is not required to end or submit his exam.
- 8.7.10 The question palette at the right of the screen shows one of the following statuses of each of the questions numbered:



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The Marked for Review status simply acts as a reminder that the candidate has set to look at the question again. If an answer is selected for a question that is marked for Review, the answer will be considered in the final evaluation.

- 8.7.11 To select a question to answer, the candidate can do one of the following:
- (a) Click on the question number on the question palette at the right of the screen to go to that numbered question directly. Note that using this option does NOT save the answer to the current question.
 - (b) Click on 'Save and Next' to save answer to current question and to go to the next question in sequence.
- 8.7.12 To select the answer, click on one of the option buttons.
- 8.7.13 To change the answer, click another desired option button.
- 8.7.14 To save the answer, the candidate MUST click on 'Save & Next'.
- 8.7.15 To mark a question for review, select 'Mark for Review' checkbox and click 'Save and Next'. If an answer is selected for a question that is 'Marked for Review', the answer will be considered in the final evaluation.
- 8.7.16 To change an answer to a question, first select the question and then click on the new answer option followed by a click on the 'Save and Next' button.
- 8.7.17 Questions that are saved or marked for review after answering will ONLY be considered for evaluation.
- 8.7.18 Under no circumstances should a candidate click on any of the 'keyboard keys' once the exam starts as this will lock the exam.
- 8.7.19 A candidate can only change his / her answer before clicking the 'Submit' button.
- 8.7.20 After the expiry of the exam duration, candidates will not be able to attempt any question or check their answers. A candidate's answers would be automatically saved by the computer system even if he has not clicked the 'Submit' button.
- 8.7.21 There might be slight changes in the procedure and colour scheme. The final instructions will be provided in due course of time / at the venue.

8.8 Instruction regarding online examination

- 8.8.1 The possibility of occurrence of some problem in the administration of the examination cannot be ruled out completely which may impact test delivery and/or result from being generated. In that event, every effort will be made to rectify such problem, which may include movement of candidates, delay in test. Conduct of a re-exam is at the absolute discretion of test conducting body. Candidates will not have any claim for a re-test. Candidates not willing to move or not willing to participate in the delayed process of test delivery shall be summarily rejected from the process.
- 8.8.2 Decision of State common entrance test cell, Mumbai in all matters relating to examination will be final and binding on the candidate.
- 8.8.3 State common entrance test cell, Mumbai would be analyzing the responses (answers) of individual candidates with those of other candidates to detect patterns of similarity of right and wrong answers. If in the analytical procedure adopted State common entrance test

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cell, Mumbai in this regard, it is inferred / concluded that the responses have been shared and scores obtained are not genuine / valid, State common entrance test cell, Mumbai reserves right to cancel the candidature of the concerned candidates and the result of such candidates (disqualified) will be withheld.

- 8.8.4 Instances for providing incorrect information and/or process violation by a candidate detected at any stage of the examination process will lead to disqualification of the candidate from the examination process and he/she will not be allowed to appear examination process in the future.
- 8.8.5 All eligible candidates are required to take MH-DPN/PHN CET 2026 at their own cost.
- 8.8.6 Question paper will be made available Online the dates will be declared in due course and Model Answer keys also will be made available Online in due course at website www.mahacet.org.
- 8.8.7 Online submission of objections against any question in the question paper / answer key of this online examination if any, the same may be submitted through website www.mahacet.org from will be declared in due course. Representation received by any other means or received after this period shall not be considered.

9. NORMALIZATION AND PERCENTILE METHOD

Document on Normalization will be available on the website **www.mahacet.org** in due course of time.

Special Note:

- 1) Percentile score is not the same as percentage of marks obtained.
- 2) Candidate applying for MH-DPN/PHN CET 2026 is deemed to have accepted this Method.

10. DECLARATION OF PROVISIONAL RESULT / MARKS :

- 10.1 The Competent Authority shall conduct the Entrance Examination, evaluate the answer sheets and prepare the Provisional result / Marks.
- 10.2 The Competent Authority shall declare the provisional result / marks scored by candidates of MH-DPN/PHN CET 2026 on website www.mahacet.org in due course. The candidates should download the copy of provisional result / marks by login at website www.mahacet.org.
- 10.3 Normalization and Percentile Method: Document on normalization will be available on website www.mahacet.org in due course of time.
- 10.4 Note: Percentile score is not the same as percentage of marks obtained.
- 10.5 Candidate applying for MH-DPN/PHN CET 2026 is deemed to have accepted this method.
- 10.6 In case of any typographical error in result / marks, regarding name, age, gender, category etc. it will be corrected at the time of physical document verification at allotted college.
- 10.7 Provisional State Merit will be declared in due course on the Website of State CET CELL. The Candidates will have to download statement of mark from the website of

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State CET CELL till the last date of online preference form filling process.

- 10.8 The validity of State Merit List number based on MH-DPN/PHN CET 2026 examination shall be only applicable for the current admission session i.e. academic year 2026-26 , and cannot be carried forward for the next session of admission for DPN/PHN course.

11. LEGAL JURISDICTION

All disputes pertaining to the conduct of examination and selection shall fall within the jurisdiction of Courts, at Mumbai only. The Commissioner, State CET CELL shall be the legal person in whose name the Government of Maharashtra may sue or may be sued.

12. CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

- 12.1 Failure of the candidate in making full and correct statements in the application form and/or suppression of any information would lead to disqualification of the candidate, even at later date. Such a candidate will be debarred from the entire selection process.
- 12.2 It is responsibility of every candidate to submit proper documents. Any attempt to submit documents which are not genuine will lead to cancellation of the admission of the candidate, forfeiture of the fees, deposits and expulsion of the candidate from the college by the Competent Authority or by his authorised official. The name of such candidate/s shall be deleted from the State Merit List and he/she will not be eligible for further rounds of the selection process and will be debarred from the selection process. If deemed fit even criminal proceeding may be initiated by the Competent Authority against such candidates / their parents.
- 12.3 If any candidate / authorised representative or person accompanying is found obstructing the counseling and / or admission process, or trying to influence in unlawful manner/ creating nuisance, the candidate shall be liable for disqualification from the process of selection and appropriate legal action will be taken. The decision taken by the Competent Authority in this respect shall be final and binding.
- 12.4 The student while studying in the Health Sciences Courses, if found indulging in antinational activities, unlawful activities or ragging in any form, contrary to the provisions of relevant Acts and Law enforced by Government, will be liable to be expelled from the college by the Dean/Principal of the College.
- 12.5 Pursuant to orders in w.p. (Civil) No. 656 of 1999, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, has directed the Department of Human resources Development and Education, Govt. of India, to take all necessary steps to curb the menace of ragging and take severe action against the students involved in such activities.
- 12.6 As per the provisions of Maharashtra Act XXXIII known as "Maharashtra Prohibition of ragging Act of 1999", students indulging in ragging can be punished under the Act resulting in suspension, expulsion from the college and imprisonment.
- 12.7 Any issue not dealt here in above will be dealt with when arising, fully and finally by the competent Authority. Any amendment made by Government of India / Government of Maharashtra / Hon'ble courts from time to time will be implemented.

ANNEXURE “A”

PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWD) RESERVATION

PROFORMA OF CERTIFICATE FOR PERSON WITH DISABILITY (PWD) CANDIDATE

(On letter Head of institution)

Certificate No. _____ Dated _____

This is to certify that Mr./Ms. _____ Aged _____ years

Son/daughter of Mr. _____

R/o _____

is suffering from _____ (Name of the Disease) and

has Permanent Physical Impairment (PPI) of Left/Right/Both Lower Limb. He/She is Loco-motor disabled and has the

percentage of _____ (in figure) _____ (in words) of (40%-50%)

disability of lower limbs.

He/She is Eligible / NOT Eligible for admission in B.Sc Nursing course as per the INC guidelines, subject to his being otherwise medically fit.

Recent Passport
size photograph
of the candidate
duly attested by
the issuing
authority

Sign. & Name _____ Chairman	Sign. & Name _____ Specialist / Medical Officer (Orthopedics)	Sign. & Name _____ Nursing Expert
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Annexure “B”

General Instructions for filling online application Form

Applicants are requested to follow the detailed procedures/guidelines as indicated below:

A) IMPORTANT POINTS TO BE NOTED BEFORE REGISTRATION : Before applying online, applicants should-

- Hall Ticket of CET Examination 2026 will only be generated for the course for which candidate has filled the CET Application form. CET application form filled for one course cannot be considered for other course. Hence, candidates are being requested to fill the form correctly for the course for which he/she want to take admission by appearing CET Examination.
- Check for Eligibility Criteria mentioned in the Information Brochure.
- Scan their photograph and signature ensuring that both the photograph and signature adhere to the required specifications as given under Guideline for photograph & signature Scan and Upload.
- Have a valid e-mail ID and Mobile No., which should be kept active till the completion of this Admission Process. In case the candidate does not have the valid personal e-mail id, he/she should create his/her new E-mail ID and Mobile Number before applying on line and must maintain that e-mail account and mobile no till the process is over.
- Arrange for Application Fees (Non- refundable), Bank Transaction charges for Online Payment of application fees/intimation charges will have to be borne by the Applicant/Candidate.

B) How to apply for Registration: - On Line Application form filling and Registration Procedure for MH-DPN/PHN CET

- Applicants to visit CET website <https://cetcell.mahacet.org/> and open the given link. For filling the Online Application Form, they should click on the option "APPLY ONLINE" which will open a new screen.
- To register application, choose the tab "Click here for New Registration" and enter Name, Contact details and E-mail ID. A Provisional Registration Number and Password will be generated by the system and displayed on the screen. Applicant should note down the Provisional Registration Number and Password in their Note book and preserve it. An Email and SMS indicating the Provisional Registration Number and Password will also be sent on the Mobile Number given by the candidate.
- In case the applicant is unable to complete the application form in one go, he/she can save the data already entered by choosing "SAVE AND NEXT" tab. Prior to submission of the online application applicants are advised to use the "SAVE AND NEXT" facility to verify the details in the online application form and modify the same if required. Visually impaired candidates should fill the application form carefully and verify/get the details verified to ensure that same are correct prior to Final Submission of the On Line Application form.
- Applicants are advised to carefully fill and verify the details filled in the online application themselves as no change will be possible/ entertained after clicking the FINAL SUBMIT BUTTON. Candidates should modify the details filled in if required before finally submitting

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- The Name of the applicant or his/her Father/Husband etc. should be spelt correctly in the application as it appears in the SSC/HSC/equivalent Certificates/ Mark sheets. Any change/ alteration found may disqualify the Candidature.
- Applicants should validate their filled in details and Save their filled in application by clicking the 'Validate Your Details' and 'Save & Next' button.
- Applicants can proceed to upload Photo & Signature as per the specifications given in the Guidelines for Scanning and Upload of Photograph and Signature.
- Applicants can proceed to fill other details of the Application Form.
- Click on the Preview Tab to preview and verify the entire application form before FINAL SUBMISSION.
- Modify details, if required, and click on 'FINAL SUBMIT ONLY' after verifying and ensuring that the photograph, signature uploaded and other details filled by you are correct.
- Click on 'Payment' Tab and proceed for payment.
- Click on 'Submit' button.

C) Payment of Examination Fees

- i. The application form is integrated with payment gateway and the payment process can be completed by following the instructions.
- ii. The payment can be made by using Debit Cards (RuPay/Visa/MasterCard/Maestro). Credit Cards, Internet Banking, IMPS, Cash Cards/ Mobile Wallet.
- iii. After submitting your payment information in the online application form, PLEASE WAIT FOR THE INTIMATION FROM THE SERVER. **DO NOT PRESS BACK OR REFRESH BUTTON IN ORDER TO AVOID DOUBLE CHARGE.**
- iv. On successful completion of the transaction, an e-Receipt will be generated.
- v. Non-generation of 'e-Receipt' indicates PAYMENT FAILURE. On failure of payment, applicants are advised to login again using their Provisional Registration Number and Password and repeat the process of payment.
- vi. Applicants are required to take a printout of the e-Receipt and online application form containing fee details and preserve it properly. Please note that if the same cannot be generated, online transaction may not have been successful.
- vii. For Credit Card users: All charges are listed in Indian Rupee. If you use a non-Indian credit card, your bank will convert to your local currency based at prevailing exchange rates.
- viii. To ensure the security of your data, please close the browser window once your transaction is completed.
- ix. There is facility to print application form containing fee details after payment of fees. Candidates are advised to take a print out of the application form containing fee-details and preserve it.
- x. The copies of the CET Application Form, Fee Receipt and Hall ticket will be required for Admission Purpose, Hence the Candidate should keep them in safe custody

D) GUIDELINES FOR PHOTOGRAPH & SIGNATURE SCAN AND UPLOAD

Before Applying On Line, Candidate should scan (digital) image of his/her recent photograph and signature as per the specifications detailed below:

1) PHOTOGRAPH IMAGE:

- a. Photograph must be a recent, passport size, color picture.
- b. The picture should be in color, taken against a light-coloured, preferably white background.
- c. Look straight at the camera with a relaxed face.
- d. If the picture is taken on a sunny day, have the sun behind you, or place yourself in the shade, so that you are not squinting and there are no harsh shadows.
- e. If you have to use flash, ensure there's no "red-eye". The light should be even and balanced to avoid shadows on the face.
- f. Background behind the face should be properly illuminated to avoid shadows in the background
- g. If you wear glasses make sure that there are no reflections and your eyes can be clearly seen.
- h. Photographs taken wearing Caps, Hats and Dark Glasses are not acceptable. Religious headwear is allowed but it must not cover your face. Your face should be clearly visible.
- i. Dimension 200 x 230 pixels is preferred. The photograph should be of the size of 2- inch x 2- inch (51 mm x 51 mm).
- j. Fluorescent or other lighting with unbalanced colour may cause unwanted colour cast in the photo. Appropriate filters can eliminate improper colour balance
- k. Size of Photo file should be between 20kb-50kb.
- l. Ensure that the size of the scanned image is not more than 50KB. If the size of the file is more than 50KB, then adjust the settings of the scanner such as the DPI resolution, No. of colours etc. during the process of scanning.
- m. Make sure photo presents full head from top of hair to bottom of chin; height of head should measure 1 inch to 1-3/8 inches (25 mm to 35 mm). Make sure eye height is between 1-1/8 inches to 1-3.
- n. Candidate should also ensure that Photo is uploaded at the place of Photo and Signature at the place of Signature. If the photo is not uploaded at the place of Photo Admission for Examination will be rejected/denied. Candidate him/herself will be responsible for the same.
- o. Candidate must ensure that Photo to be uploaded is of required size and the face should be clearly visible.

2) SIGNATURE IMAGE:

- a. The applicant has to sign on white paper with Black Ink pen.
- b. The signature must be signed only by the applicant and not by any other person.
- c. The signature will be used to put on the Hall Ticket and wherever necessary.
- d. The applicant's signature obtained on the call letter and attendance sheet at the time of the examination should match with the uploaded signature. In case of mismatch of signature, the applicant may be disqualified.
- e. Dimensions 140 x 60 pixels is preferred.

- f. Size of file should be between 10kb-20kb.
- g. Ensure that the size of the scanned image is not more than 20KB.
- h. Signature in CAPITAL LETTERS shall NOT be accepted.
- i. Candidates should ensure that the signature uploaded is clearly visible.

3) SCANNING THE PHOTOGRAPH & SIGNATURE

- a. Set the scanner resolution to a minimum of 200 dpi (Dots per Inch).
- b. Set Color to True Color.
- c. File Size as specified above.
- d. Crop the image in the scanner to the edge of the Photograph/Signature, then use the upload editor to crop the image to the final size (as specified above).
- e. The image file should be JPG or JPEG format. An example file name is: image01.jpg or image01.jpeg Image dimension can be checked by listing the folder files or moving the mouse over the file image icon. Applicants using MS Windows/MS Office can easily obtain photo and signature in .jpeg format not exceeding 50KB & 20KB respectively by using MS Paint or MS Office Picture Manager. Scanned photograph and signature in any format can be saved in .jpg format by using 'Save As' option in the File menu and size can be reduced below 50KB (photograph) & 20KB (Signature) by using crop and then resize option [Please see point (i) & (ii) above for the pixel size] in the 'Image' menu. Similar options are available in other photo editor also.
- f. If the size and format are not as prescribed, an error message will be displayed.
- g. While filling in the Online Application Form the applicant will be provided with a link to upload his/her Photograph and Signature.

4) PROCEDURE FOR UPLOADING THE PHOTOGRAPH AND SIGNATURE

- a. There will be two separate links for uploading Photograph and Signature.
- b. Click on the respective link "Upload Photograph/ Upload Signature".
- c. Browse and Select the location where the Scanned Photo/Signature file has been saved.
- d. Select the file by clicking on it.
- e. Click the 'Open'/'Upload' button
- f. An online application which is incomplete in any respect such as without Photograph and Signature uploaded in the online application form/unsuccessful fee payment will not be considered as valid.

Note: -

In case the face in the photograph or signature is unclear, the application/admission in Examination will be rejected. After uploading the Photograph/signature in the on line application form candidates should check that the images are clear and have been uploaded correctly. In case the photograph and signature is not prominently visible, the candidate may edit his/her application and re-upload his/her photograph or signature, prior to submitting the form.

After registering on-line candidates are advised to take printout of their system generated on-line Application Form. CET Application form is an essential document for Admission. The candidates should carefully preserve it in hard copy and soft copy format.

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