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INFORMATION BROCHURE
(Fine Art Education Courses)

COMMON ENTRANCE TEST
MAH-AAC-CET 2026

FOR
Admission to First Year of Four-Year Full Time Degree
Course in Bachelor of Fine Art
(For Academic Year 2026-27)

STATE COMMON ENTRANCE TEST CELL, MUMBAI

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Important Information For Entrance Examination

Online registration & Confirmation of application form on website	29-01-2026 to 03-03-2026
Payment of Fees **Only** through online payment gateway.	29-01-2026 to 03-03-2026
Issue of Hall Ticket (Through Candidate login)	To be notified later
Date of MAH-AAC-CET 2026 Examination (General Knowledge, Design Practical, Memory Drawing Practical, Object Drawing Practical)	Tentative (10 APRIL 2026)
Centre of Examination	As Indicated in the Admit Card

EXAMINATION SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

Examination (General Knowledge, Design Practical, Memory Drawing Practical, Object Drawing Practical) 10.00 Am to 05.00 Pm

General Knowledge Examination Paper

❖ **Paper I :- Objective Type Theory (General Knowledge)**	**Time 1 Hour**
Reporting Time	09.30 a.m.
Gate Closure	09.40 a.m.
Entry in examination hall	09.50 a.m.- Long bell
Distribution of Question & Answer Sheets	09.55 a.m.
Last entry permitted in examination hall **(No candidate will be permitted after 10.00 a.m. under any circumstances. Candidate should enter into examination hall at 09.50 p.m. Candidate coming at 10.00 a.m. will be treated as late by 10 minutes.)**	10.00 a.m.
Examination commences	10.00 a.m.- Long bell
Paper I Concludes at	11.00 a.m.- Long bell
Instruction: Submit answer (O.M.R.) sheet of General Knowledge. Candidates may continue to sit for Paper II.	

❖ **Paper II :- Design Practical**	**Time 1 Hr. 30 Minutes**
Reporting Time	11.15 a.m.
Gate Closure	11.20 a.m.
Entry in examination hall	11.20 a.m.- Long bell
Distribution of Question &Answer Sheets	11.25 a.m.
Last entry permitted in examination hall **(No candidate will be permitted after 11.30 a.m. under any circumstances. Candidate should enter into examination hall at 11.20 a.m. Candidate coming at 11.30 a.m. will be treated as late by 10 minutes.)**	11.30 a.m.
Examination commences	11.30 a.m.- Long bell
Paper II Concludes at	01.00 p.m.- Long bell
Instruction: Submit answer sheet of Design practical. Candidates may continue to sit for Paper III.	

Lunch Break (01.00 p.m. to 02.00. p.m.)

❖ Paper III :- Memory Drawing Practical	Time 1 Hr. 30 Minutes
Reporting Time	01.45 p.m.
Gate Closure	01.50 p.m.
Entry in examination hall	01.50 p.m.- Long bell
Distribution of Question & Answer Sheets	01.55 p.m.
Last entry permitted in examination hall **(No candidate will be permitted after 02.00 p.m. under any circumstances. Candidate should enter into examination hall at 01.50p.m. Candidate coming at 02.00 p.m. will be treated as late by 10 minutes.)**	02.00 p.m.
Examination commences	02.00 p.m.- Long bell
Paper III Concludes at	03.30 p.m.- Long bell
Instruction: Submit answer sheet of Memory Drawing Practical. Candidates may continue to sit for Paper IV.	

❖ Paper IV :- Object Drawing Practical	Time 1 Hour
Reporting Time	03.45 p.m.
Gate Closure	03.50 p.m.
Entry in examination hall	03.50 p.m.- Long bell
Distribution of Question & Answer Sheets	03.55 p.m.
Last entry permitted in examination hall **(No candidate will be permitted after 04.00 p.m. under any circumstances. Candidate should enter into examination hall at 03.50 p.m. Candidate coming at 04.00 p.m. will be treated as late by 10 minutes.)**	04.00 p.m.
Examination commences	04.00 p.m.- Long bell
Examination Concludes at	05.00 p.m.- Long bell

Exam MAH-AAC-CET 2026	Paper I General Knowledge	Paper II Design Practical	Lunch Break	Paper III Memory Drawing Practical	Paper IV Object Drawing Practical
Date	Tentative (10 APRIL 2026)			Tentative (10 APRIL 2026)	
Reporting Time	09.30 am	11.15 am		01.45 pm	03.45 pm
Gate Closure	09.40 am	11.20 am		01.50 pm	03.50 pm
Schedule	10.00 am to 11.00 am	11.30 am to 01.00 pm	**01.00 pm to 02.00 pm**	02.00 pm to 03.30 pm	04.00 pm to 05.00 pm
Marks	50	50		50	40
Duration	1 Hour	1 Hr. 30 Minutes		1 Hr. 30 Minutes	1 Hour

Note: -
- **The candidate seeking admission to Bachelor of Fine Art (Fine Art and Applied Art) degree courses it is mandatory that the candidate must appear for all papers (MAH-AAC-CET 2026).**

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. The Government of Maharashtra has established "ADMISSIONS REGULATING AUTHORITY AND STATE COMMON ENTRANCE TEST CELL" as per the provisions of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions & Fees) Act. 2015 (Mah. Act No. XXVIII of 2015), (herein after the Act).

1.2. The Commissioner of State CET Cell has been designated as Competent Authority for conducting MAH-AAC-CET 2026 and selection of candidates for admission to 4 Year Duration Full Time Under Graduate Degree courses in Visual Art (Bachelor of Fine Art) for the academic year 2026-2027.

1.3. In exercise of the powers conferred by section 23 of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015 (Mah. XXVIII of 2015), the Government of Maharashtra has notified the rules to regulate the admissions to the First Year of Full Time Professional Undergraduate Visual Art Courses (Bachelor of Fine Art). These rules are called the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions to the Full Time Professional Undergraduate Visual Art Courses) Rules, 2017. The admissions shall be carried out as per these Rules and its amendment from time to time. These rules are also applicable for admissions in Government and Government Aided professional educational institutions vide Government Resolution of Higher & Technical Education Department No. MIS-1111/CR 03/17) TE-6 Dated 24th April 2017.

1.4. Director, Directorate of Art, Maharashtra State, Mumbai shall act as Nodal Officer for the MAH-AAC-CET 2026.

DEFINITIONS. -

(a) "Act" means the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015 (Mah. Act XXVIII of 2015);

(b) "Admission Reporting Centre" means a center where the Candidate shall report for confirmation of admission by submission of documents and payment of fees;

(c) "All India Seats" means seats available to an eligible Indian National Candidate;

(d) "Application Form" means prescribed form filled up online by the Candidate for admission;

(e) "Autonomous Institution" means the institution to which autonomy is granted by the University Grants Commission;

(f) "CAP Seats" means the seats filled in through the centralized process of admission carried out by the Competent Authority;

(g) "Competent Authority" means the Commissioner of state CET appointed by the Government under section 10, for conducting CET through CAP for the admissions into Private Professional Educational Institutions;

(h) "Courses" means the full time undergraduate and post graduate Visual Art courses in Fine Art Drawing and Painting, Textile Design, Interior Decoration, Sculpture, Metal Works, Ceramics and Applied Art;

(i) "Eligible Candidates" means the candidates who are eligible for different professional courses as notified by the Government, from time to time under sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Act;

(g) "Facilitation Centre" means a center where the facilities like sale of application kits, filling online forms, verification of documents and grievances, etc., are provided;

(h) "HSC" means the Higher Secondary School Certificate (Standard XII) examination conducted by Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education or its equivalent certificate awarded by recognized Boards;

(i) "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;

(j) "Inter-Se-Merit" means the order of merit in respect of various classes/category of Candidates;

(k) "Minority Quota" means seats earmarked for the Minority Community students from within the State, belonging to the Minority Community to which the institution belongs;

(l) "Non-Autonomous Institution" means those institutions which are not 'Autonomous Institutions';

(m) "Overseas Citizen of India (OCI)" means a candidate/person registered as an Overseas Citizenship 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) Cardholders 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) card holders by virtue of Notification of Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, No. 25024/9/2014-F. I. Dated 9th January, 2015;

(q) "Qualifying Examination" means examinations on the basis of which a candidate becomes eligible for admission or its equivalent examination;

(n) "SSC" means the Secondary School Certificate (Standard X) examination conducted by Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education or its equivalent certificate awarded by recognized Boards;

(o) "Supernumerary Seats" means seats which are over and above the Sanctioned Intake approved by the appropriate authority and the Government, from time to time;

(p) "Visual Art" means the undergraduate and postgraduate Educational Courses that are imparted in the Educational Institutions under the supervision of Directorate of Art.

3. SCHEME OF EXAMINATION

3.1. Date of Examination: The examination will be conducted at various centers in Maharashtra Schedule for the same will be notified later.

3.2. Schedule & Test Design: The MAH-AAC-CET 2026 will consist of three practical papers each paper is of 50 marks and one objective type theory paper which is of 40 marks.

Paper	Subject	No of Questions	Mark(s) per question	Total Marks
Paper I	Design Practical	1	50	50
Paper II	Object Drawing Practical	1	50	50
Paper III	Memory Drawing Practical	1	50	50
Paper IV	General Knowledge	40	1	40

There is no choice among the questions, i.e. all questions have to be answered.

- **The candidate seeking admission to Bachelor of Fine Art (Fine Art and Applied Art) degree courses it is mandatory that the candidate must appear for all papers.**
- Candidates will be provided with separate OMR answer sheets with question paper for General Knowledge. At the end of paper, candidate will hand over the OMR Answer sheet to the invigilator.

3.3. The candidate will be required to mark the correct answer by blackening the corresponding circle against the serial number of the question in the answer sheet with **black ink ballpoint pen only.** Out of four circles provided for selection of an answer against a question, the candidate should fill up one circle only. Each correct answer will be given mark/(s). There shall be no negative marking for wrong answers.

- **CHANGING AN ANSWER IS NOT ALLOWED:** The candidates must fully satisfy themselves about the accuracy of the answer before darkening the appropriate circle, as no change in the Answer once marked is allowed. The answer once marked is final; any change in the option once marked, done by any method, will amount to a invalid/incorrect response.

3.4. Candidate should completely darken one and the only one best response (circle)

e.g.	A	B	C	D
	●	○	○	○

- Candidate should not use any other method for answering i.e. half circle, dot, tick mark, cross etc. This may not be read by the scanner. Answer sheet of each candidate will be evaluated by computerized scanning method only (Optical Mark Reader). There will not be any manual checking during evaluation.

3.5. Grievance Redressal Committee: A Grievance Redressal Committee will be handled by the **"EXAMINATION OFFICER"** appointed by Competent Authority / Commissioner, State CET Cell.

The **"EXAMINATION OFFICER"** will function from 10.00 am till the end of the examination on the day of examination. If there is any grievances 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 **"EXAMINATION OFFICER".** The **"EXAMINATION OFFICER"** will examine the Grievances on the spot and take necessary decision regarding the Grievance/s

3.6. If a candidate has objection against marks obtained in CET examination, the same may be submitted through website www.mahacet.org as per the schedule in the Information brochure. Representation received after this period shall not be considered.

3.7. Syllabus of Examination: Syllabi of All Practical & Theory Subjects will be same as previous year.

3.8. Time & duration of Examination: There will be four papers. Schedule of examination is given in the Information brochure.

3.9. Language of Question Paper: The medium for examination shall be English for all papers.

3.10. Examination Centre: The MAH-AAC-CET 2026 will be conducted at various centers in the State of Maharashtra. The eligible candidates can select the examination city of their choice while filling the online application form.
The center once allotted to the Candidate shall not be changed under any circumstances. **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 First Year VISUAL ART COURSES (FINE ART AND APPLIEDART)
All the candidates passed / appearing at the qualifying examination i.e. HSC/12th Standard examination or its equivalent examination with English as a language subject and score minimum aggregate marks 45% (40% for reserved category) and having Indian Nationality are eligible for appearing for MAH-AAC-CET 2026. There is no age limit for admission and appearing to MAH-AAC-CET 2026.

(A) Candidature Type. -

(1) Maharashtra State Candidature. - A Candidate can claim only one type of Maharashtra State Candidature Type i.e. from Type A to E.

Type	Eligibility Criterion
Type-A	(i) Candidates passing SSC and also HSC from a recognized institution in Maharashtra State; (ii) Candidate who is either Domicile of Maharashtra and/or is born in Maharashtra;

Type-B	A Candidate who does not fall in Type-A above, but who or whose Father or Mother is domiciled in the State of Maharashtra and possess Domicile Certificate.
Type-C	A Candidate who does not fall in either Type-A or Type-B but whose Father or Mother is an employee of the Government of India or Government of India Undertaking and who has been posted and reported to duty in Maharashtra State before the last date for submission of Application Form for CAP.
Type-D	A Candidate who does not fall in any of the above Type-A, Type B and Type-C but whose Father or Mother is an employee or retired employee of the Government of Maharashtra or Government of Maharashtra Undertaking.
Type-E	Candidates passing SSC and/or HSC Examination from a recognized institution located in a disputed Maharashtra Karnataka Border Area and whose Mother tongue is Marathi.

(2) All India Candidature-The Candidates having Indian Nationality are eligible under this Category.

(3) Minority Candidature - The Candidate belonging to a particular Linguistic or Religious Minority Community from State of Maharashtra and as notified by the Government are eligible under this Category.

(4) NRI Candidature – The Candidate who fulfils the conditions as defined in clause (n) of section 2 of the Act are eligible under this category.

{NRI candidates are exempted from CET-2026 Examination. They need not apply for CET Examination. They can directly register for CAP after the completion of CET Examination & after the declaration of CET Result.}

NRI candidates will have to register as foreign candidate in official CET portal. The registration link will be provided to the candidates.

❖ **Steps involved in the Admission Process of NRI/OCI/PIO/CIWGC/Foreign National Students/ will be as under:**

Candidates who are desirous to apply for NRI quota should note that the definition for NRI has changed as per Government of Maharashtra Ordinance **VI of 2025, dated 25/06/2025**. The new definition is as follows-

> **"(n) "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 ;"**

A. Steps for Admission Process for all courses under Fine Art Education :

1. Online Registration:
- Candidates must register on the Foreign Candidate Registration (FCR) Portal (https://fn.mahacet.org).
- Students register on Integrated Web Portal using valid email ID and mobile number.

2. Profile Creation:
- After registration, applicants must fill and complete the application form including personal details, academic details, upload the required documents, and select their preferred course type and college list.

3. Application Submission and Eligibility Fee Payment:
- A non-refundable eligibility fee of USD 50 must be paid through secured payment gateway while submitting the application.
- The application will be evaluated for eligibility; if found eligible, a Provisional Eligibility Certificate (PEC) will be issued online.
- This certificate can be used by applicant to initiate the visa process.

4. One time Processing Fee Payment:
- After receiving PEC, candidates opting to continue must pay a one-time non – refundable processing fee of USD 1,150.
- This fee is non-refundable under any circumstances, except in the following specific cases: if the student's visa application is rejected by the Indian Mission. In all other situations, the One-time
- Processing Fee shall remain strictly non-refundable.
- Upon payment of the one-time processing fee, it is confirmed that the student will be admitted to one of the colleges authorized to accept NRI/PIO/OCI/FN candidates.

5. Document Verification: All documents are verified online via integrated web portal.

6. Choice Filling and Confirmation:
- Candidates can modify their preference list until the last date as per the admission schedule.
- After freezing the list, applications will be forwarded to the respective colleges online.

7. Seat Allocation & Merit List:
- Colleges will review applications and either accept or waitlist them based on the merit through their login portal.
- Course-wise, category-wise, and combined merit lists will be published on the State CET Cell Portal and college website.
- Seats are allotted based on eligibility and availability.

8. Seat Acceptance & College Fee Payment Confirmation:
- Candidates can view multiple seats offers from various colleges but can accept only one offer on the portal.
- To confirm admission, the candidate must pay the college fees in USD as per the college's collection method (via nodal account or directly to college).
- Non-payment within the deadline will lead to seat cancellation and it may be offered to the next eligible candidate.

❖ **List of documents to be uploaded on the Portal:**

B. PIO-OCI Person Of Indian Origin/ Overseas citizens of India (PIO/OCI) Applicant
- Passport Size Photograph
- Passport of the Candidate/ Country ID Card of the Candidate
- Student's Signature
- Statement of Marks or Certificate of Passing SSC/Qualifying Equivalent Examination/ 10th Mark sheet
- Statement of Marks or Certificate of Passing HSC/Qualifying Equivalent Examination/ 12th Mark sheet
- Passing Provisional Certificate
- Birth Certificate
- Migration Certificate (Start of Admission)
- PIO / OCI Card
- Proof of Residence
- Eligibility Certificate from the Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi (AIU) if candidate passed Qualifying examination from abroad.

C. NRI Non-Resident Indian Applicant
- Passport Size Photograph
- Passport of the Candidate/Country ID card of the Candidate
- Passport, Nationality Certificate of candidate and Parents/ Guardian
- In Case of Guardian, certificate issued by the court having power to make order as to guardianship.
- Student's Signature
- Statement of Marks or Certificate of Passing SSC/Qualifying Equivalent Examination/ 10th Mark sheet
- Statement of Marks or Certificate of Passing HSC/Qualifying Equivalent Examination/ 12th Mark sheet
- Passing Certificate
- Birth Certificate
- Migration Certificate (Start of Admission)
- Eligibility Certificate from the Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi (AIU) if candidate passed Qualifying examination from abroad.
- Residence of NRI
- Proof of Residence
- True copy of foreign bank account passbook (copies of main page indicating bank name & address, name & address, with entries of last preceding 6 months prior to admission) of candidate/Parents/Guardian
- Certificate issued by an Indian Mission/ Post abroad regarding Non-Resident Indian status of candidate/Parents.

D. Foreign National Applicant
- Passport Size Photograph
- Passport of the Candidate/ Country Id Card of the Candidate
- Student's Signature
- Statement of Marks or Certificate of Passing SSC/Qualifying Equivalent Examination/ 10th Mark sheet
- Statement of Marks or Certificate of Passing HSC/Qualifying Equivalent Examination/ 12th Mark sheet
- Passing Certificate
- Birth Certificate
- Migration Certificate (Start of Admission)
- Proof of Residence

- Eligibility Certificate from the Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi (AIU) if candidate passed Qualifying examination from abroad.

E. NRI of Gulf Children of Indians workers in Gulf countries (CIWGC) Applicant
- Passport Size Photograph
- Passport of the Candidate/ Country ID Card of the Candidate
- Student's Signature
- Statement of Marks or Certificate of Passing SSC/Qualifying Equivalent Examination/ 10th Mark sheet
- Statement of Marks or Certificate of Passing HSC/Qualifying Equivalent Examination/ 12th Mark sheet
- Passing Certificate
- Birth Certificate
- Migration Certificate (Start of Admission)
- Proof of Residence
- Passport of Parent or Sponsor
- In Case of Guardian, certificate issued by the court having power to make order as to guardianship.
- Residence of permit (VISA copy)
- Work Permit or Letter of employment
- Six-month Bank True copy of foreign bank account passbook (copies of main page indicating bank name & address, name & address, with entries of last preceding 6 months prior to admission) of candidate/Parents.
- CIWGC Certificate
- Eligibility Certificate from the Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi (AIU) if candidate passed Qualifying examination from abroad. Contact Information
- For queries/enquiry: mail us student@mahacet.org or Help Line No. +91-8879082178 between 10.00 AM. to 06.00 PM.
- For detailed instructions, eligibility criteria, FAQs, and updates, please visit https://fn.mahacet.org and information brochure available on the State CET Cell website.

F. Children of Sea Fearers (Non-Resident Indians):

As per the Income Tax Act, Seafarers is treated as equivalent to the NRI. Hence the following documents shall be required to be uploaded by the Children of Sea Fearers (Non-Resident Indians) applying under this category:
- Passport Size Photograph
- Passport of the Candidate/ Country ID Card of the Candidate
- Passport of the Parents/ Guardian
- In Case of Guardian, certificate issued by the court having power to make order as to guardianship.
- Student's Signature
- Statement of Marks or Certificate of Passing SSC/Qualifying Equivalent Examination/ 10th Mark sheet
- Statement of Marks or Certificate of Passing HSC/Qualifying Equivalent Examination/ 12th Mark sheet
- Passing Certificate
- Birth Certificate
- Migration Certificate (to be submitted at the time of admission)
- Proof of Residence

- Copy of foreign bank account passbook (copies of main page indicating bank name & address, name & address, with entries of last preceding 6 months prior to admission) of candidate/Parents.
- Eligibility Certificate from the Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi (AIU) if candidate passed Qualifying examination from abroad.
- Continuous Discharge Certificate (CDC) of Parent.
- Directorate General of Shipping Service Record with Indian National Database of Seafarers (INDOS) Number.
- Employment Letter mentioning Recruitment and Placement Services License (RPSL) Number

(5) Foreign Student or OCI or PIO Candidature- The Foreign Student Candidates, as defined in clause (i) of section 2 of the Act, the Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) candidate, as in under clause (p) of rule 2 and Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) as defined in clause (o) of section 2 of the Act are eligible under this Category.

{Foreign student or OCI or PIO candidature candidates are exempted from CET. They need not apply for CET Examination. They can directly register for CAP after the completion of CET Examination & after the declaration of CET Result. Such candidates are advised to seek provisional eligibility certificate from the university in which they wish to seek admission}

Foreign student or OCI or PIO candidates will have to register as foreign candidate in official CET portal. The registration link will be provided to the candidates.

Eligibility Criterions as per notification dated 08th Oct, 2020 or its amendment from time to time:

Undergraduate Course in Visual Art (Bachelor of Fine Art) (B.F.A.)	(A) First Year Admission. - *(1) Maharashtra State Candidature Candidates. -* (i) The Candidate should be an Indian National; (ii) Passed HSC examination of Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education (any Stream) or its equivalent examination with English as one of the subject and obtained at least 45% marks in aggregate. (Aggregate 40 % marks in case of Backward Class categories, Economically Weaker Section and Persons with Disability category belonging to Maharashtra State) and obtained non-zero score in CET conducted by the Competent Authority. *(2) All India Candidature Candidates, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and Union Territory of Ladakh Migrant Candidature Candidates. -* (i) The Candidate should be an Indian National; (ii) Passed HSC examination of Maharashtra State Board of secondary and Higher Secondary Education (any Stream) or its equivalent examination with English as one of the subject and obtained at least 45 %marks in aggregate. (Aggregate 40 % marks in case of Backward Class categories, Economically Weaker Section and Persons with Disability category belonging to Maharashtra State) and obtained non-zero score in CET conducted by the Competent Authority. *(3) Children of NRI / OCI / PIO, Children of Indian workers in the Gulf countries and Foreign National Candidature Candidates. -* (i) Passed HSC examination of Maharashtra State Board of secondary and Higher Secondary Education (any Stream) or its equivalent examination with English as one of the subject and obtained at least 45% marks in aggregate. (Aggregate 40 % marks for Backward Class categories, Economically Weaker Section and Persons with Disability category belonging to Maharashtra State). (ii) Any other criterion declared by appropriate authority from time to time.

Note :-(a) It is mandatory to appear for MAH-AAC-CET 2026 for candidates belonging to Maharashtra State Candidature, Minority Candidature, All India Candidature Candidates and Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and Union Territory of Ladakh Migrant Candidature Candidates seeking admission to Bachelor of Fine Art (B.F.A.).

5. **IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MAH-AAC-CET 2026 CANDIDATES APPEARING FOR GENERAL KNOWLEDGE EXAMINATION.**

   5.1 All Practical Exam Paper have only one question.

   5.2 The Question Paper for General Knowledge Examination will contain Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) with four options (answers) for each question.

   5.2 Each question will have four alternatives (answers) out of which only one alternative Answer will be the correct.

   5.3 General Knowledge subject will have 1 mark for each question.

   5.4 Total duration for the General Knowledge Subject Examination is 60 Minutes in which the Candidate has to solve 40 questions.

   5.5 There is no Negative Marking.

   5.6 Questions will be available in English language only.

6. **ONLINE APPLICATION FORM & INFORMATION BROCHURE: -**

   The information brochure for MAH-AAC-CET 2026 is available on web site **"www.mahacet.org".** Candidate is advised to download and print the brochure. For submission of online application form the candidates should visit to **"www.mahacet.org"**website. The detailed procedure for online submission of application form & registration is as follows.

   6.1. Procedure for MAH-AAC-CET 2026 Registration and payment through Online Payment gateway.

   A candidate has to first register for **MAH-AAC-CET 2026** at **"www.mahacet.org"**and then he/she can make the payment by Online Payment gateway.

   6.1.1. MAH-AAC-CET 2026 Registration:

   In order to register online, the candidate has to visit the website **"www.mahacet.org"**and click "New Registration". The MAH-AAC-CET 2026 Registration page opens up wherein he/she has to fill-in the online form.

   The information to be provided includes personal details and uploading of your recent color passport photograph and signature.

   6.1.2. Filling of Online Application form:

   The candidate will be prompted to enter valid personal e-mail id, personal mobile No. An email and SMS containing application id and password will be sent to this registered email id and mobile no. Please quote your Application no. in all future correspondence with MAH-AAC-CET Office.

   6.1.3. Important Guidelines for Candidates-

   - Verification of Information
   The State CET CELL reserves the right to verify the candidate's personal details and photographs at any stage of the registration or admission process.

   - Aadhaar Details Update Candidates must ensure that the details on their Aadhaar Card are accurate and updated.

This includes:
o Recent photograph
o Name
o Date of birth
o Gender
o Address
Candidates should follow the official UIDAI guidelines for updating Aadhaar information.

- **Aadhaar Authentication**
The State CET CELL will use **Aadhaar authentication** during CET registration.
  Candidates must ensure that their Aadhaar number is correct and functional for authentication via **Digi locker**.

- **APAAR ID Verification**
  During CET registration, the State CET CELL will also carry out APAAR ID verification via Digi locker. Candidates must ensure their APAAR ID details are valid and up to date.

- **Accuracy of Information**
  It is the responsibility of the candidate to provide accurate and verifiable information. Any inconsistency or mismatch in Aadhaar or APAAR details may lead to delays or rejection of the application.

- **Document Readiness**
  Candidates are advised to keep all relevant documents readily available during registration to ensure a smooth verification process.

➤ **Photo Specifications-**
  As part of the registration process, the application form has the provision to upload the candidate's photograph to complete the examination registration process.

  The photograph to be uploaded should meet the following requirements:
  • The photograph should be 2-inch x 2 inch (50 mm x 50 mm) in size, in colour and should cover 80% of the photo.
  • The photograph should be Minimum 100KB to Maximum 5MB in size
  • Photo should present Full face, front view, eyes open.
  • Photo should present full head from top of hair to bottom of chin.
  • The expression on the face should be neutral.
  • Center head within frame.
  • Background should be plain light colored or white.
  • No shadows on the face or on the background.
  • Head coverings are not permitted except for religious reasons, but the facial features from bottom of chin to top of forehead and both edges of the face must be clearly shown.
  • Please upload high resolution and clear pictures only.

  Do's and Don'ts for a Proper photograph-
  • The photo should capture full face, front view, with eyes open.
  • The head should be in the centre of the frame.
  • There should be no distracting shadows on the face or background.
  • Make sure photo presents full head from top of hair to bottom of chin as shown above.

Lighting on face and background-
• The light should be even and balanced to avoid shadows on the face.
• Background behind the face should be properly illuminated to avoid shadows in the background.

Head & Eyes- Position and Background-
• Head should face the camera directly and should not tilt or turned (portrait style).
• Photo must show both edges of the face clearly.
• The eyes must be open, level and clearly visible and must not be covered by hairs or eyeglass frames.

Eyeglasses-
• Glare on eyeglasses should be avoided with a slight upward or downward tilt of the head.
• No tinted or dark glasses.

6.1.4. MAH-AAC-CET 2026 Application Fee Payment: Application form processing fees as stated in the table given below is to be paid through Online Payment gateway only, for which the service charges, as per rules, shall be applicable in addition to the application form processing fees. No other mode of payment shall be permitted. **This fee is non-refundable and non-transferable under any circumstances**.

1. For Candidates of Backward Class Categories [SC, ST, VJ/DT – NT(A), NT(B), NT(C), NT(D), OBC, SBC, EWS, SEBC] and Persons with Disability (PWD), Candidates belonging to Maharashtra State only. 2. Orphan and Transgender (Other) Candidates.	**Rs. 1700/-**
For General Category Candidates from Maharashtra State only.	**Rs. 2200/-**
All India Candidature Candidates.	**Rs. 2200/-**

6.1.5. Registration Process Completion: On successful payment of the application fee thorough Online Payment gateway. Candidates shall select his/her CET Center for Practical Examination and upload the necessary documents. After uploading the documents candidate shall take the print out of MAH-AAC-CET 2026 Registration Confirmation.

6.1.6. Keep a copy of MAH-AAC-CET 2026 Application No. & Password: The candidate shall keep a copy of MAH-AAC-CET 2026 Registration Confirmation printout. Please quote the MAH-AAC-CET 2026 Application No. in all future correspondence.

6.1.7. Download Admit Card: For downloading Admit Card, Candidate should visit the website www.mahacet.org as per the schedule. Issue of Admit Card is merely an enabling document for appearing at the MAH-AAC-CET 2026 and does not imply that the candidate satisfies all the requirements of eligibility conditions of admission.

6.1.8. Candidate 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 Category.

Important Note:

a) An incomplete application form will be rejected. Application form sent by post/courier will be rejected. The candidate shall submit one and only one application form. In case, candidate submits more than one application form. The last submitted online application form along with payment will be treated as valid.

b) The email id and mobile number entered in the registration form will be treated as primary contact details and all communications will be sent to the same.

c) In case of mail not received in INBOX, candidate should check the Spam / Junk folder.

d) Candidates are advised to check their emails on regular basis.

e) If the Candidate has done any mistake while filling his / her application, the fees paid for the same will not be refunded under any circumstances. In such case, candidate is advised to fill the new application form by using alternate mobile no & Email ID.

Candidates should note that it is mandatory for them to bring the printout of the Admit Card & valid Photo ID proof for identity verification on the day of examination.

Identity Verification

In the examination hall, the Admit Card along with original of the candidate's photo identity (bearing reasonably the same name as it appears on the Admit Card) such as PAN Card / Indian Passport / Driving License / Voter's Card / Bank Passbook with Photograph/ Photo identity proof issued by a Gazzetted Officer on official letterhead along with photograph / Photo identity proof issued by a People's Representative on official letterhead along with photograph / recent Identity Card issued by a recognized School / College/ Aadhaar Card / E-Aadhaar Card with a photograph should be 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 and requisite documents submitted. If identity of the candidate is in doubt the candidate may not be allowed to appear for the Examination.

Please note that Ration Card and Learning Driving License are not valid ID proof for MAH-AAC-CET 2026 and hence will not be entertained.

7.   **Writer/scribe to the persons with disability candidates: (Not eligible for MAH-AAC-CET 2026)**

8.   **DECLARATION OF RESULT**

The Competent Authority will conduct the examination, evaluate the answer sheets and declare the result. The result will be declared on websites **"www.mahacet.org"** as per the schedule.

8.1. The Competent Authority shall invite application for admission and after verification of documents and eligibility, publish the Merit Lists as per the Rules.

8.2. The downloadable mark sheet will be made available on website **"www.mahacet.org"** as per schedule.

9.   **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.

10.   **ACTION AGAINST RAGGING**

Maharashtra Prohibition of Ragging Act 1999 and Prevention and Prohibition of Ragging (Appendix 12 published in AICTE Approval Process Handbook 2011-12) and their amendments which may be published from time to time. The Maharashtra Prohibition of Ragging Act 1999 is in effect from 15th May, 1999 has the following provisions for Action against Ragging.

a) Ragging within or outside of any educational institution is prohibited.

b) Whosoever directly or indirectly commits, participates in, abets, or propagates ragging within or outside any educational institution shall, on conviction, be punished with imprisonment for a term up to 2 years and / or penalty, which may extend to ten thousand rupees.

c) Any student convicted of an offence of ragging shall be dismissed from the educational institution and such student shall not be admitted in any other educational institution for a period of five years from the date of order of such dismissal.

d) Whenever any student or, as the case may be, the parent or guardian or a teacher of an educational institution complains, in writing, of ragging to the head of the educational institution, the head of the educational institution shall, without prejudice to the foregoing provisions, within seven days of the receipt of the complaint, enquire into the matter mentioned in the complaint and if, prima facie, it is found true, suspend the student who is accused of the offence, and shall, immediately forward the complaint to the police station having jurisdiction over the area in which the educational institution is located, for further action. Where, on enquiry by the head of the educational institution, it is found that prima facie there is no substance, in the complaint received; he / she shall intimate the fact, in writing, to the complainant. The decision of the head of the educational institution shall be final.

e) If the Head of the educational institution fails or neglects to act in the manner specified in section "d" above when a complaint of ragging is made, such person shall be deemed to have abetted the offence and shall, on conviction, be punished as provided for in section "b" above.

f) Undertaking from the candidate shall be taken while admitting the candidate in the Institute. Any Acts or its amendments which may be published from time to time by AICTE, Government or Judgments by Hon. Supreme Court of India, Hon. High Court of Bombay etc. will be applicable to Candidates and Institutions covered under these rules of admission.

If any of the statement made in application form or any information supplied or any certificate(s) submitted by the candidate in connection with his or her admission is later on at any time, found to be false or incorrect, his or her admission will be cancelled, fees forfeited and he or she may be expelled from the college by the Principal/Director. An appeal against the order of expulsion, however, may be sent within 7 days to the Director of Art, Maharashtra State, Mumbai, whose decision in such cases will be final. Such candidates are also liable for penal action as per the provisions in the law.

11. CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

11.1. Failure of the candidate in entering full and correct information in the online application form and/or suppression of any information would lead to disqualification of the candidate for MAH-AAC-CET 2026 or even at later date. Such a candidate will be debarred from the examination / entire selection process.

11.2. Adopting an unfair means or engaging in malpractice in the examination shall render a candidate liable for punishment under, "Maharashtra Prevention of Malpractices Act, Universities, Board and Other Specified Examination Act, 1982" and disqualify the candidate for MAH-AAC-CET 2026 examination.

11.3. If any person(s) or officer(s) dealing with the conduct of the MAH-AAC-CET 2026 are found engaged in act(s) that would result in the leakage of question paper or attempt to use or help in the use of unfair means in this examination, he/she shall be liable to prosecution under Indian Penal Code.

11.4. Any issue not dealt here-in above will be dealt with, when arising, fully and finally by the competent authority. Any amendments made by Government of Maharashtra from time to time will be implemented.

Annexure - I

DETAILS OF EXAMINATION MAH-AAC-CET 2026

1. This annexure contains details pertaining to various aspects of the CET you are going to take and important instructions about the related matters.

2. Candidates will have to bring the color, brushes, pencil, cotton rag, pallet, scale, eraser, black ball pen and other related material for drawing.

3. Answer sheet will be provided by the State CET Cell, separately for each paper.

4. After the test is over you should hand over the answer sheet to the invigilator before leaving the room. Any candidate who does not return the answer sheet or is found to attempt to take or pass on the answer sheet inside or outside the examination hall will be disqualified and further action against him/her will be taken as per rules.

5. Write Roll No. on the answer sheet: You should write your Roll No. in the space provided. If you do not write your Roll No. your answer sheet will not be assessed.

6. Punctuality in Attendance: You should be present at the Examination Hall at the time given in the Admit Card. Candidates arriving late will not be permitted to enter the Examination Hall.

7. Compliance with instructions: You should scrupulously follow the instructions given by test administrators and the invigilators at the examination venue at all the stages of the examination for which you have been called. If you violate the instructions, you will be disqualified and may also be asked to leave the examination hall.