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**ONLINE  
CBT (Computer Based Test)  
COMMON ENTRANCE TEST  
MH- DPN/PHN CET 2024**

FOR

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Health Nursing.  
(For Academic Year 2024-25)

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## For MH-DPN/PHN CET 2024

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

## Online Entrance Examination (MH- DPN/PHN CET 2024)

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

1.	Online Registration / Application form & Payment of registration fees through online payment gateway and Uploading of Document	:	
2.	Issue of Admit Cards (Online)	:	Will be declared later on
3.	Date of Examination	:	Will be declared later on
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. 1.1 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 2024 entrance examination and selection of candidates for admission to the concerned course for the academic year 2024-2025.

1.2 This procedure is applicable for MH-DPN/PHN CET 2024 for admissions of the year 2024-2025. 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](http://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

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 ordinarily resident” under sub-section (6) of section 6 of the Income Tax Act, 1961, and includes a person resident outside India under clause (w) of section 2 of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999, and also includes his child or ward;
- 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) cardholders registered under Notification of the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs No. F.No. 26011/04/98- F. I, dated 19<sup>th</sup> 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. 25024/9/2014-F.I, dated 9<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

- q. **“Qualifying Examination”** means the Higher Secondary Certificate (**12<sup>th</sup> Standard**) or equivalent examination, from an institution situated in the State of Maharashtra with English, Physics, Chemistry and Biology (**Botany and Zoology**) at the time of admission;
- 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, 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 07<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.
- v. **“OMS”** means candidate who have passed 10<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> 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 centres 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 2024 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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100</b>	

- 3.2.4 The question will be set on
- a) Latest whole Syllabus of Std XII of English subjects and GNM/Basic BSc Nursing course.
- MH-DPN/PHN CET 2024 result will be declared in Percentile for Online examination .
- 3.3. **Grievance Redressal Committee :** 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 am 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 website "<http://www.mahacet.org>", as per the schedule in the Information Brochure by paying fee of Rs.1000/- per objection. This fee is nonrefundable. **Representations received after this period shall not be considered.**
- 3.6. **Language of Question Paper:** The medium for examination shall be English only

- 3.7. **Time & duration of Examination:** 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 2024 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 2024 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 2024 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 certificate.
- 4.7 Candidate Nurses in Government/Corporation/Private Hospital service with at least 5 years of experience in the post of Staff Nurse as on the date of admission are eligible.
- 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 31/07/2024.

- 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 Backward Classes 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 2024 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 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 form time to time. The certificate in prescribed Proforma stating that it is valid up to 31/3/2025—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 2024-25 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 2024 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 2024 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-2024 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 2024 will be filled through Online Mode only. The Information Brochure for MH-DPN/PHN CET 2024 and the User Manual for filling up the online application form is available on web site [www.mahacet.org](http://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 2024 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.1000/-
For Candidates of Backward Class Categories [SC, ST, VJ/DT- NT(A), NT(B), NT(C), NT(D), OBC, SBC]	Rs.800/-
For Orphan and Other Gender candidates	Rs.800/-

**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 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 -2024.

### 6.2 Keep a copy of MH-DPN/PHN CET 2024 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](http://www.mahacet.org)**. An applicant seeking admission through MH-DPN/PHN CET 2024 will be required to submit **single prescribed online application form**.
- 7.2 Cost of online application form of MH-DPN/PHN CET 2024 & Examination fee is **Rs. 1000/-** for unreserved and EWS category candidates and **Rs. 800/-** for candidates from constitutional reservation. The fees for Orphan and Other gender candidates will be **Rs.800/-**. This amount is not refundable.
- 7.3 MH-DPN/PHN CET 2024 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 2024 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 2024 .

- 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 2024 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](http://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](http://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 2024 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 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 2024 :

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 2024 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
2.	English as per HSC state Board	30	30
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

8.3 Duration of paper will be of 1 hour & 30 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:

 Attempted

 Not Attempted

 Attempted & Reviewed

 Not Attempted & Reviewed

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:
- 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.
  - 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 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 2024 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](http://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](http://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](http://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 2024 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 2024 on website [www.mahacet.org](http://www.mahacet.org) in due course. The candidates should download the copy of provisional result / marks by login at website [www.mahacet.org](http://www.mahacet.org).
- 10.3 Normalization and Percentile Method: Document on normalization will be available on website [www.mahacet.org](http://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 2024 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 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 2024 examination shall be only applicable for the current admission session i.e. academic year 2024-25, and cannot be carried forward for the next session of admission for B.Sc Nursing, ANM & GNM 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. ACTION AGAINST RAGGING**

Maharashtra Prohibition of Ragging Act 1999 and Prevention and Prohibition of Ragging 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.

- 12.1 Ragging within or outside of any educational institution is prohibited,
- 12.2 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.
- 12.3 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.
- 12.4 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.

- 12.5 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.
- 12.6 Undertaking from the candidate shall be taken while admitting the candidate in the Institute.
- 12.7 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.
- 12.8 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 Technical Education, 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.

### **13. CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE**

- 13.1 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 MH-DPN/PHN CET 2024 or even at later date. Such a candidate will be debarred from the examination / entire selection process.
- 13.2 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 MH-DPN/PHN CET -2024 examination.
- 13.3 If any person(s) or officer(s) dealing with the conduct of the MH-DPN/PHN-2024 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.
- 13.4 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.

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# 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.

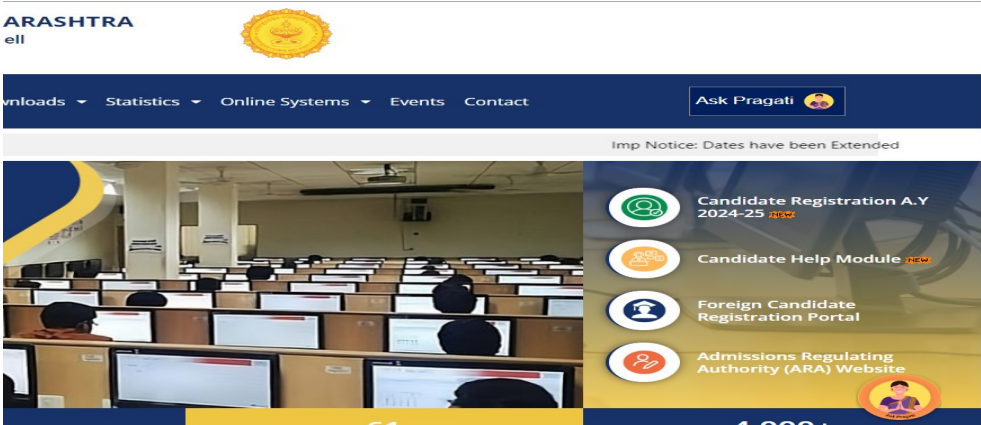
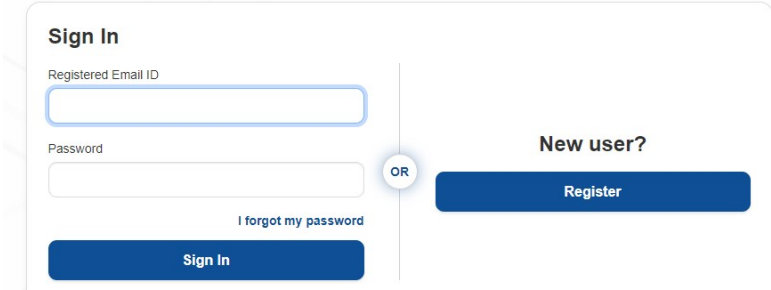
He/She is Eligible / NOT Eligible for admission in B.Sc Nursing course as per the INC guidelines, subject to his being otherwise medically fit.

Recent Passport size photograph of the candidate duly attested by the issuing authority
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<b>Sign. &amp; Name</b> _____ <b>Chairman</b>	<b>Sign. &amp; Name</b> _____ <b>Specialist / Medical Officer</b> <b>(Orthopedics)</b>	<b>Sign. &amp; Name</b> _____ <b>Nursing Expert</b>
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## Annexure “B”

### General Instructions for filling online application Form

1.	Navigate to <a href="https://cetcell.mahacet.org/">https://cetcell.mahacet.org/</a>
2.	Applicant should have a valid Email Id and mobile number. The same email id and mobile number shall be used for all further communications and it is responsibility of the candidate to keep the email id and mobile number active until the end of process.
3.	Before filling Online Application Form Download INFORMATION BROCHURE and read the same carefully. Candidates ascertain the eligibility before filling application form and paying fees.
4.	<p>Click "Candidate Registration A.Y 2024-25"</p>  <p>The screenshot shows the ARASHTRA Cell website interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with options like 'Downloads', 'Statistics', 'Online Systems', 'Events', and 'Contact'. A prominent blue button labeled 'Candidate Registration A.Y 2024-25' is visible, along with other options like 'Candidate Help Module', 'Foreign Candidate Registration Portal', and 'Admissions Regulating Authority (ARA) Website'.</p>
5.	<p>Existing user can login with registered email id &amp; password while new user can register themselves. (Candidates who have applied for other exams of State CET Cell). New user should click on Register.</p>  <p>The screenshot shows a login and registration form. On the left, there is a 'Sign In' section with fields for 'Registered Email ID' and 'Password', and a 'Sign In' button. On the right, there is a 'New user?' section with a 'Register' button. An 'OR' separator is placed between the two sections. A link for 'I forgot my password' is also visible.</p>
6.	Candidates should fill in the correct details as per the form. After filling the complete form candidate should click on Register button. On successful Register submission email will be sent to entered email id for verification.
7.	Candidate should note the password given by Him/Her and keep in safe custody. It is necessary for further login. Safe custody of the password is the responsibility of candidate.
8.	After verifying email from link received, a candidate can login to the system with entered mail id & set password.
9.	On successful login, a user info form will be opened and candidate has to fill all his details carefully as these details will be used to prefill data required for online examination form.

10.	After filling in the correct information candidate should click on Save Changes.
11.	On successful submission, candidates registration process is completed and will be navigated to candidate's dashboard. Candidate's dashboard has options as Registration, Edit Profile, Help Desk, Hall Ticket etc.
12.	Click "Registration", will open a window listing all available exams conducted by Maharashtra State CET Cell.
13.	Clicking on any active exam, will navigate to the exam's application page respectively. In this case MH-DPN-PHN CET 2024
14.	While filling the application form the information filled previously will be pre-filled. Candidates have to fill the remaining information correctly.
15.	After successful submission of application form, a unique application form no will be generated.
16.	Candidates have to make Payment through Online Payment Gateway only. No other method of payment is accepted. Candidate can pay registration fee online via Credit card / Debit Card or Internet banking. Service charges as applicable shall be borne by the candidate. Online payment should be done till the last date stated in the Notice.
17.	Some information of the candidate is pre-filled from the candidate profile, and is non editable in the application form. If candidates wishes to make changes in such non editable information. Candidate should log out from the registration form. Login again the portal and click edit profile on the dashboard.
18.	The applicants must ascertain that they possess the required criteria and education qualification as mentioned in the Information Brochure.
19.	Applicant need not send copy of application form or any document to this office. However, candidate must take a printout of the application form for subsequent use / record.
20.	For Any HELP, candidate can contact helpline numbers <a href="tel:07969134401">07969134401</a> / <a href="tel:07969134402">07969134402</a> / <a href="tel:18002090191">18002090191</a> or raise a ticket through login.

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