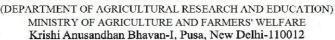कृषि वैज्ञानिक चयन मंडल
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(DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION)
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS' WELFARE
Krishi Anusandhan Bhavan-I, Pusa, New Delhi-110012

F.No. 1(2)/2020-Exam.II                                        Dated the 30th March, 2021

## COMBINED NOTIFICATION FOR
## NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY TEST (NET),
## AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE (ARS) &
## SENIOR TECHNICAL OFFICER (STO) (T-6) - 2021

The Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB) will hold a combined examination for NET-2021, ARS-2021 (Preliminary) and Senior Technical Officer (STO) (T-6) Examination during **21.06.2021 – 27.06.2021** in Online computer based mode at 32 Centres across India in a staggered slot-wise examination format as per the Rules and Schemes of Examination indicated in this notification as at Section (A), (B) and (C) respectively. The ARS-2021 (Mains) Examination will be conducted on **19.09.2021**. Candidates are advised to read the notification carefully before filling the Online Application Form wherein Section (A), Section (B) and Section (C) contain the specific details with respect to NET-2021, ARS-2021 and STO (T-6) respectively.

### IMPORTANT DATES*:

| | |
|---|---|
| Submission of online applications starts on | 05.04.2021 (10.00 AM) |
| Last date and time for submission of online application form | 25.04.2021 (05.00 PM) |
| Last date and time for making online fee payment | 25.04.2021 (05.00 PM) |
| Dates of online (CBT) examination for NET-2021/ ARS (Preliminary)-2021/ STO (T-6) | 21.06.2021 - 27.06.2021 |
| Date of ARS-2021 (Mains) Examination | 19.09.2021 |
| Date of Interview for the post of STO (T-6) | To be notified later |
| Date of Viva-voce for ARS-2021 Examination | To be notified later |

\* subject to change

### 2.    CENTRES:-

The Centres where the combined Examination will be conducted in Online Computer Based Test (CBT) mode are mentioned in **Annexure-II.** The Centres where the ARS Mains Examination will be conducted in conventional Pen and Paper mode, are mentioned in **Annexure-III**. The Centres and date(s) of holding the Examinations as mentioned above could be changed at the discretion of ASRB. Candidates must select the centres of examination(s) carefully while submitting their online applications for the examination. No request for change of centre shall be entertained at later stage. There may be more than one venue at any/ all centres depending upon the number of candidates registered for the examination.

### 3.    APPLICATION FEE: -

Details of application fee to be paid:

| S. No. | Category of candidate | For ARS (₹) | For NET (₹) | For STO (T-6) (₹) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Unreserved (UR) | 500/- | 1000/- | 500/- |
| 2 | Economically Weaker Section (EWS)/ Other Backward Class (OBC) | 500/- | 500/- | 500/- |
| 3 | Scheduled Caste (SC)/ Scheduled Tribe (ST)/ Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) / Women | NIL | 250/- | NIL/- |

As the candidates can exercise their option for being considered either for ARS or NET or STO or any combination of the three, the application fee shall be paid by the candidates depending upon the option they exercised.

Transaction charges for Debit Card/Credit Card/Net Banking/ UPI payment, as the case may be, have to be borne by the candidate.

The fee must be paid online while filling the online application form available on the website: http://www.asrb.org.in only. Payment can be made through Debit Card/Credit Card/Net Banking/ UPI from any Bank from 1000 hrs on **05.04.2021** till 1700 hrs on **25.04.2021**.

## 4. HOW TO APPLY:-

A candidate seeking admission to the Examination must apply online in the prescribed Application Form available on the website: http://www.asrb.org.in. Important Instructions to the candidates for filling online application are given in **Annexure-I**.

Candidate must read the provisions, contained in this Notification carefully and shall abide by the same. Candidate must fulfil all the conditions of eligibility regarding age limits, educational qualifications, etc. prescribed for admission to the examination.

The online Application filling process will be opened from **1000 Hrs on 05.04.2021 till 1700 Hrs on 25.04.2021** after which the link will automatically get disabled.

The candidates are not required to attach copy of any of the documents /certificates in support of their candidature at the time of submission of online application. The candidates in their own interest must satisfy themselves about their eligibility for the examination. In the event of ineligibility being detected by the Board at any stage, including after declaration of result, their candidature shall be cancelled and they shall be liable for legal action.

As NET Certificate would be issued to the qualified candidates through DigiLocker app only, due care should be taken by the candidates to fill up their online application form. No request for change in any field i.e., Centre of Examination, Discipline, Name, Father's Name, Date of Birth, Gender, E-mail Id, Mobile No., Phone No., Category, Medium of Examination etc. will be considered under any circumstances. Candidates are, therefore, advised to be very careful while filling up their application forms.

## 5. IMPORTANT NOTES:-

i. **Candidates must ensure that they fulfil all the eligibility conditions for admission to the examination such as the qualification, discipline, age, category, etc. Their admission to the examination will be purely provisional. If on verification at any later stage, it is found that they do not fulfil all eligibility conditions; their candidature will be cancelled/ rejected and fee paid for**

**examination will be forfeited. The verification of the eligibility of the candidates with respect to the documents submitted by them will be done before the conduct of viva-voce (for ARS) / interview (for STO (T-6)). The Board shall summarily reject the candidature of the candidate, if he/she does not fulfil the eligibility conditions.**

ii. Candidates seeking reservation/ relaxation benefits available for SC/ST/OBC/EWS/PwBD must ensure that they are entitled to such reservation/ relaxation as per eligibility prescribed in the Rules/ Notice. They should be in possession of all the requisite certificates in the prescribed format in support of their claim as stipulated in the Rules/ Notice for such benefits, and these certificates should be issued earlier than the closing date of the online application for the examination.

iii. The candidates are not required to attach any certificates/ marksheets with the online application form. **The candidates who qualify the ARS Mains and/or STO (T-6) online CBT examination will be required to submit self-attested copies of documents/ certificates in support of their candidature before the cut-off dates which would be announced at the time of declaration of the results of ARS (Mains) Examination (for ARS Examination) and the online (CBT) examination (for STO (T-6) Examination), failing which they would not be allowed to appear in the viva-voce/ interview. A link will be provided on ASRB's website for the candidates to upload the requisite documents.**

iv. In cases, where any certificates/documents submitted by the candidates in support of their eligibility as stipulated in the preceding paragraph, are not found as per prescribed formats, such candidates will not be given the opportunity to submit such certificates at a later date and consequently their eligibility will be scrutinized only as per the available documents/certificates. Accordingly, **the candidates are advised to ensure, while submitting the documents, that all the certificates/ documents are in the respective prescribed format as given in the Appendix-I, II, III, IV and V. The documents/certificates in any language other than the Hindi or English will not be accepted**. In such cases, the candidates must submit either the certificates/documents in Hindi/English or its translated copy duly attested by Notary Public.

v. Candidates already in the Service of Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Central/State Government/Scientific Institutions/Universities, whether in a permanent or a temporary capacity or as a work charged employee, other than a casual or daily rated employee, are required to submit an undertaking that they have informed in writing their Head of Office/ Department that they have applied for the examination. However, a candidate seeking age relaxation on account of being ICAR/ State Agricultural Universities (SAU) Employee must attach a certificate to this effect in the prescribed format as given in **Appendix-V** from the concerned ICAR's Institute/ SAU at the time of submission of documents/ certificates. Candidates should obtain permission/ NOC from his/ her employer immediately while applying and keep it for future requirements.

vi. **OBC candidates whose caste is not listed in Central List (as available on National Commission for Backward Classes website www.ncbc.nic.in) and who are not covered under the provisions as applicable to OBC-Non Creamy Layer (NCL) candidates, shall be treated as** <u>**General Category candidates**</u> **for all purposes. Accordingly, OBC Candidates not belonging to OBC Non-Creamy Layer shall indicate their category as 'General'.**

vii. In case the claim of candidates regarding Age, Educational Qualifications, Economically Weaker Section (EWS)/ Scheduled Caste(SC)/ Scheduled Tribe (ST)/ Other Backward Class(OBC)/ Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) / being ICAR /SAU employee is found to be incorrect, it may render them liable to be disqualified by the Board / ICAR and their candidature will stand cancelled.

viii. No candidate will be allowed to take the examination unless he/she holds a certificate of admission for the examination. After downloading the Admission Certificate, check it carefully and bring discrepancies/errors, if any, to the notice of Controller of Examinations, ASRB, KAB – I, Pusa, New Delhi – 110012 or e-mail to netarssto@asrb.org.in.

ix. No request for withdrawal of candidature/ application received from a candidate after he/she has submitted his/her application will be entertained.

x. The Admission Certificates would be made downloadable from the website: http://www.asrb.org.in only. Candidates are requested to visit the website: www.asrb.org.in regularly for updates. No other form of communication will be used for issue of admission certificates.

xi. Only such EWS/SC/ST/OBC/ PwBD candidates who are selected on the same general standard as applied to UR candidates shall be treated as own merit candidates. If any EWS/SC/ST/OBC and PwBD candidate qualify after getting any relaxation in age, no. of attempts or qualifying marks than what is prescribed for Unreserved category candidates, then such EWS/ SC / ST / OBC / PwBD candidate shall be considered only against the reserved vacancies for the respective category and they shall not be considered for appointment against an unreserved vacancy.

xii. The Interview letters for viva-voce of ARS as well as interview of STO (T-6) shall be made available for download at a later date to be intimated separately and all instructions/ information thereof will be indicated therein. No hard copy / letter will be sent for this purpose.

xiii. The applicants are advised to regularly check the e-mail provided in the Application Form for update(s)/ information/ communication with regard to the Examination. They must check the spam/junk/inbox/trash folders also of their mailbox. They are also advised to save the e-mail netarssto@asrb.org.in in contacts of their e-mail account so as the e-mails with attachments sent by this e-mail I.D. do not go to the spam folder.

The candidates are advised to regularly visit the ASRB's website: http://www.asrb.org.in. All the information related to the examination will be uploaded/ updated on this website only.

xiv. Syllabus for ARS and NET is available on the Syllabus Link on ASRB's website: http://www.asrb.org.in.

ASRB's website: http://www.asrb.org.in → NET/ARS Notifications / Other Instructions → Syllabus for various disciplines (http://asrb.org.in/9-syllabus/27-syllabus ).

xv. All communications in respect of an application made for this Examination should be addressed to the Controller of Examinations, ASRB, KAB – I, Pusa, New Delhi – 110012 or e-mail to netarssto@asrb.org.in and should invariably contain the following particulars:-

1. Name and year of Examination: Combined NET, ARS and Senior Technical Officer (T-6) Examination
2. Name of candidate (In full and in Capital letters)
3. Registration No.
4. Centre of Examination
5. Roll No. (If communicated)
6. E mail id (as indicated in the Application Form)
7. Telephone/Mobile number

**Note:** - Communication not containing the above particulars will not be attended to.

xvi. Please note that carrying Smart Mobile Phones/ pagers/ smart devices or any other communication device is absolutely prohibited in the Examination Centre premises. Any infringement of this instruction can lead to disqualification of the candidate concerned. Candidates are advised in their own interest not to bring any of these item(s) to the Examination venue since the provision for their safe keeping cannot be assured. The candidates are also advised not to bring any valuable/costly items to the Examination Venue. The Board will not be responsible for any loss incurred due to non-adherence of these instructions.

xvii. The online examination will be conducted in the designated Centres/cities at single or multiple venues. The questions of the Examination will be available in bilingual form i.e. in Hindi and English medium. The applicants will have to indicate their medium of Examination in the online application form itself. The answers to the questions are to be registered on the Computer itself during the Examination.

xviii. ARS Mains Examination will be conducted in conventional pen and paper mode. The questions of the examination in the Test Booklet (Question Paper cum Answer Booklet) will be available in bilingual form i.e. in Hindi and English medium. The applicants will have to indicate their medium of Examination in the online application form itself.

xix. The candidates will be at liberty to communicate in Hindi or English during the viva-voce of ARS Examination as well as Interview for STO (T-6).

xx. In case of any discrepancy between English and Hindi versions of the Notification/ advertisement / information, the English version as available on the Website of the Board will be treated as final.

xxi. This notification is available on ASRB's Website: http://www.asrb.org.in

xxii. The candidates are required to bring along with them the original of the Photo Identity Card uploaded in the online application form and two photographs apart from the Admission Certificate to be issued by ASRB while coming for the Examination at all applicable stages (i.e. Preliminary, Mains and Viva-voce/ interview). In case the candidate does not present the original Identity Card at the registration desk at the centre, he/she will not be allowed to take the examination/ Interview/ Viva-voce under any circumstances.

xxiii. Any attempt on the part of a candidate to obtain support for his candidature by

any means may disqualify him/her for admission to the examination.

xxiv. All the relevant guidelines and instructions issued by MHA/ National Disaster Management Authority regarding COVID-19 shall be strictly followed. Candidates are advised to carry with them their sanitizer. The candidates have to wear mask. Without mask, they will not be allowed to enter the examination centre. Social distancing shall be observed by the candidates.

xxv. A candidate who is or has been declared by the Board guilty of impersonation or of submitting fabricated documents or documents which have been tempered with or of making statements which are incorrect or false or of suppressing material information or otherwise resorting to any other irregular or improper means for obtaining admission to the examination, or of using or attempting to use unfair means or of misbehaviour or misconduct in the examination hall, may, in addition to rendering himself liable to criminal prosecution and disqualification from the examination concerned:

    a) Be debarred permanently or for a specific period.
- By the Board, from admission to any examination or appearance at an interview held by the Board for selection of candidates and
- By the Indian Council of Agricultural Research from Employment under them

    b) Will be liable to disciplinary action under the appropriate rules, if he/she is already in service under Government / Indian Council of Agricultural Research/State Agricultural Universities.

xxvi. The decision of the ASRB / ICAR in all matters relating to eligibility, acceptance or rejection of the applications, penalty for false information, mode of selection, conduct of examination (s) and interview/ viva-voce, allotment of examination centres, selection and allotment of posts to selected candidates will be final and binding on the candidates and no enquiry/correspondence will be entertained in this regard.

**Sd/-**
**(RAKESH BHARDWAJ)**
**CONTROLLER OF EXAMINATIONS**

## IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES
## FOR FILLING ONLINE APPLICATION FORM

i. Candidates are required to apply online using the application form link available on the website: http://www.asrb.org.in only. No other mode of filling of application is allowed. They can exercise their option in the Application Form for being considered either for NET only, ARS only or STO (T-6) only or any combination of the three; eligible candidates are hereby informed that the details they provide in the Online Application Form will be used for all future references and no modification thereto can be done subsequently. **Hence, they are advised to be very careful while filling the Application Form. They are, therefore, requested to thoroughly read this Notification before filling the online Application Form**.

ii. In case multiple applications are received from a candidate, the latest application will be considered, ignoring all earlier one(s) received; without refunding/ adjusting any Application Fee received for the other Applications.

iii. Candidates are required to complete the Application Form by filling all the parts for which they will be guided during the course of filling the Application Form.

iv. Candidates are required to keep ready the following relevant details /information / documents at the time of filling the online form:

    a) Combined Notification for NET, ARS and STO (T-6) Examination.
    b) Name ( as recorded in Secondary level Examination certificate)
    c) Father's name ( as recorded in the Secondary level Examination certificate)
    d) Complete Address for Correspondence
    e) Complete Permanent Address
    f) Matriculation or equivalent Certificate
    g) Master's Degree Certificate/Provisional Degree Certificate/Transcript/ Marksheets; if available.
    h) Doctorate Degree Certificate/Provisional Degree Certificate/Transcript/ Marksheet; if available.
    i) Centre opted for Combined NET, ARS (Prelim) and STO (T-6) Examination (Please check the Examination Centres in this notification in **Annexure – II**).
    j) Centre opted for ARS (Mains) Examination (Please check the Examination Centres in this notification in **Annexure - III**).
    k) Scanned copy of recent passport size photograph taken against white background only, of a maximum size of 150 KB in .jpg format only with the face covering at least $2/3^{rd}$ of the total space and taken without spectacles.
    l) Scanned copy of signatures taken in Black/Blue ink on a white paper only in .jpg format only.
    m) Debit Card/Credit Card/Net Banking/ UPI details for online payment of fee.
    n) Valid and active e-mail id.
    o) The candidate should have details of one Photo ID viz. Aadhar Card/ Voter Card/ PAN Card/ Passport/ Driving License/ Any other photo ID card issued by the State/ Central Government. The details of this photo ID will have to be provided by the candidate while filling up the online application form. The candidates will have to upload a scanned copy of the Photo ID whose details have been provided in the online application by him/her. This photo ID will be used for all future references and the candidate is advised

to carry this ID while appearing for the examination at the opted/ allotted centre.

v.   The candidates are required to enter their valid and active e-mail id in the Application Form since all communication/information/update(s) for this Examination would be sent to this e-mail id only. In case, they do not have an e-mail id, they may obtain one from any of the e-mail service providers of the candidate's choice. Please note that entry of the e-mail id in the prescribed field in the Application Form is mandatory/ compulsory.

In case, for whatever reason a candidate wish to fill another online Form , he/she will have to use another e-mail id , since an e-mail id once registered in our database cannot be used for filling another Form, even if the Name, Date of Birth, etc., fields are the same.

vi.   Please keep all relevant information regarding the payment towards Application Fee ready for successfully completing the Application process. For payment of Application Fee, please keep your Debit/ Credit Card/ Net Banking/ UPI details ready for payment using them.

vii.   The candidate should keep the scanned copy of his/her recent passport size photograph taken against a white background of a maximum size of 150 KB in .jpg format only (with the face covering at least 2/3rd of the total space for easy identification) and Scanned copy of his/her Signature (taken in black ink only on a white paper for prominence) of a maximum size of 80 KB in .jpg format only for uploading during the process of Application Form Submission. The candidates are strongly advised to ensure that the same is duly and clearly uploaded in the application form. They should use only clear scanned copies (and not blurred or hazy) since the application form may not be considered if these are not clear. The photograph and signature would be used to be put on the Admission Certificate and entry to the examination centre is subject to verification of the photograph & signature.

The scanned photograph and signature must be uploaded in .jpg format only. These would be required to be uploaded using the links that will be guided to in the course of applying. They may browse and select the location where the scanned photograph/ signature file has been saved, select it and click the upload button. Once uploaded, a message informing about the successful uploading of the Photograph/signature, as the case may be, will be displayed. In case, they want to use another photograph/signature (i.e., use any other photograph / signature), then select the edit button on the link and repeat the same process as before. Online Application Form will not be submitted unless the candidate has successfully uploaded photograph, signature and has paid the requisite applicable fee.

The candidate should retain a printed copy of the same photograph for use in the subsequent stages of the examination.

viii. Candidates are informed that there are provisions for editing at many stages. Once the complete process of filling up the information in the Application Form, the Photograph and Signature is completed, the candidate can view the entire Application Form together with the photograph and signature and can still edit at this point to make / incorporate any change/ editing in any field of the Application Form. However, once the payment process is completed, there is no possibility of making any modification/editing whatsoever in the application form.

ix.   The examination will be conducted in Online mode and the number of computers are limited at each centre. The candidates are advised to submit their application forms at the earliest since the slots/sessions for each centre for each Discipline are limited. In the event of the slot/session for any Discipline at any Centre becoming full, the candidate

will have to select any other available slot/session for that Discipline at any other centre of their choice depending upon availability. The status of available slots/sessions will be dynamically changing since it would be concurrently accessed by other candidates also. No request for change of centre once selected/ submitted will be considered.

x.   Once the payment is successfully made, a message informing the successful submission of Application Form will be displayed on the screen. In case, this does not appear, the process needs to be repeated, since it signifies/implies that the Application Form has not been successfully uploaded/ submitted.

xi.   Candidates are strongly advised to keep a print or soft copy of the completed Application Form for any future reference.

xii.   Mere successful submission of the Application Form and/or issuance of Admission Certificate does not automatically ensure admission to the Examination. If on verification at any later stage, it is found that a candidate does not fulfil any of the eligibility condition(s) or has given wrong/ incorrect/ misleading/ false information, either intentionally or otherwise error of omission or commission, his/her candidature will be cancelled/rejected and fee paid will be forfeited and any action as deemed fit by the Board shall be taken in this regard.

xiii.   The online application form is spread over number of parts. Candidates will receive an e-mail/SMS on successful registration in Part-I, i.e., basic data regarding their Name, Father's Name, E-mail Id, Date of Birth etc. after which all the stages of the application form are to be completed and final submission done. Mere registration by completing Part-I of the application form does not signify successful completion of the submission process.

xiv.   For any clarification /assistance, Candidate may call Ph. No. 011-25840251 /25848172 during 0930 hrs to 1700 hrs (Monday to Friday, except Gazetted Holiday(s)) or contact the Controller of Examinations, ASRB, KAB – I, Pusa, New Delhi – 110012 or e-mail to netarssto@asrb.org.in.

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**CENTRES FOR NET, ARS (PRELIMINARY) AND STO (T-6) EXAMINATION-2021**

| Centre Code | Centre | State/ UT |
|---|---|---|
| 01 | Anand/ Vadodara | Gujarat |
| 02 | Bengaluru | Karnataka |
| 03 | Barapani/ Shillong | Meghalaya |
| 04 | Bareilly | Uttar Pradesh |
| 05 | Barrackpore/ Kolkata | West Bengal |
| 06 | Bhopal | Madhya Pradesh |
| 07 | Bhubaneswar | Odisha |
| 08 | Chandigarh/ Mohali | Chandigarh |
| 09 | Chennai | Tamil Nadu |
| 10 | Coimbatore | Tamil Nadu |
| 11 | Dehradun | Uttarakhand |
| 12 | Delhi | Delhi |
| 13 | Guwahati | Assam |
| 14 | Hyderabad | Telangana |
| 15 | Indore | Madhya Pradesh |
| 16 | Jaipur | Rajasthan |
| 17 | Jammu | Jammu & Kashmir |
| 18 | Jodhpur | Rajasthan |
| 19 | Karnal | Haryana |
| 20 | Kochi | Kerala |
| 21 | Lucknow | Uttar Pradesh |
| 22 | Ludhiana | Punjab |
| 23 | Mumbai | Maharashtra |
| 24 | Nagpur | Maharashtra |
| 25 | Patna | Bihar |
| 26 | Port Blair | Andaman & Nicobar Islands |
| 27 | Raipur | Chhattisgarh |
| 28 | Rajkot | Gujarat |
| 29 | Shimla | Himachal Pradesh |
| 30 | Srinagar | Jammu & Kashmir |
| 31 | Varanasi | Uttar Pradesh |
| 32 | Vijayawada | Andhra Pradesh |

The Board may engage any number of venues for the examination at the above mentioned centres.

**CENTRES OF EXAMINATION FOR ARS-2021 (MAINS) EXAMINATION**

The candidates will be required to indicate the choice of the centres for the ARS (Mains) Examination from amongst following centres in the Application Form:

| Centre of Examination for ARS-2021 (Mains) Examination | Centre Code No. |
|---|---|
| Bengaluru | 01 |
| Bhubaneswar | 02 |
| Coimbatore | 03 |
| Delhi | 04 |
| Guwahati | 05 |
| Hyderabad | 06 |
| Jammu | 07 |
| Kolkata | 08 |
| Mumbai | 09 |
| Nagpur | 10 |
| Patna | 11 |
| Varanasi | 12 |

# NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY TEST (NET)

National Eligibility Test (NET) is a qualifying examination for determining eligibility for the position of Lecturer/ Assistant Professor in the State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) and other Agricultural Universities (AUs). The candidates desirous for appearing in this examination shall be required to take online (CBT) NET-2021 Examination. Candidates clearing the National Eligibility Test will be eligible to apply for the post of Lecturers or Assistant Professors in the SAUs/ AUs.

NET certificates will be issued by the ASRB to the qualified candidates in digital format through DigiLocker app to enable them to apply against vacancies to be notified or advertised by the State Agricultural Universities/ other Agricultural Universities. SAUs/AUs will satisfy themselves with regard to fulfilment of prescribed eligibility condition/ criterion for requisite posts of Lecturers/ Assistant Professors including authenticity of the NET Certificate in the possession of the candidates.

## 2. RULES OF EXAMINATION

The Rules of NET Examination are given in **Annexure-IV**. Candidate must read the Rules of examination carefully before filling up the Online Application form.

## 3. PRESCRIBED EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

A candidate must possess a Master's degree or equivalent in the respective Discipline and specialization completed on or before **19.09.2021** from any Indian University incorporated by an Act of Central or State Legislature in India or other educational institution established by an Act of Parliament or declared to be deemed University under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 or he/she must have qualification from a foreign University recognized as equivalent eligibility qualification by the Government of India (GoI). The list of Disciplines and its prescribed educational qualifications are as given in **Annexure – VI**.

## 4. AGE LMIT:-

A candidate must have attained the age of 21 years as on **01.01.2021.** There is no upper age limit for the National Eligibility Test.

## 5. NUMBER OF ATTEMPTS

There is no restriction on number of attempts for appearing in the National Eligibility Test.

## 6. PLAN OF EXAMINATION:-

The Detailed Plan of Examination is given in **Annexure - V.**

## RULES OF EXAMINATION FOR NET - 2021

The rules for the National Eligibility Test Examination to be held by the Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board are published for general information.

1. **NATIONALITY**:
   A candidate must be either:-
   (i)    a citizen of India, or
   (ii)   a citizen of Nepal, or
   (iii)  a citizen of Bhutan, or
   (iv)  a Tibetan refugee who came over to India before the 1st January, 1962, with the intention of permanently settling in India, or
   (v)   a person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Burma, Sri Lanka and East African countries of Kenya, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, Zaire, Ethiopia and Vietnam with the intention of permanently settling in India.

   Provided that a candidate belonging to categories (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) above shall be a person in whose favour a certificate of eligibility has been issued by the Government of India.

2. **AGE LIMITS:-**
   A candidate must have attained the age of 21 years as on **01.01.2021.** There is no upper age limit for the National Eligibility Test.

3. **EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:-**
   A candidate must possess a Master's degree or equivalent in the concerned Discipline and specialization completed on or before **19.09.2021** from any Indian University incorporated by an Act of Central or State Legislature in India or other educational institution established by an Act of Parliament or declared to be deemed University under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 or he/she must have qualification from a foreign University recognized as equivalent eligibility qualification by the Government of India (GoI).

4. **FEE:-**
   The candidates seeking admission to examination must pay to the Board a fee as follows:

| Sl. No. | Category of candidate | ₹ |
|---------|----------------------|-----|
| 1 | Unreserved (UR) | 1000/- |
| 2 | Economically Weaker Section (EWS)/ Other Backward Class (OBC) | 500/- |
| 3 | Scheduled Caste (SC)/ Scheduled Tribe (ST)/ PwBD / Women | 250/- |

OBC candidates whose caste is not listed in Central List (as available on National Commission for Backward Classes website www.ncbc.nic.in) and who are not covered under the provisions as applicable to OBC-Non Creamy Layer (NCL) candidates, shall be treated as General Category candidates for all purposes. Accordingly, OBC Candidates not belonging to OBC Non-Creamy Layer shall indicate their category as 'General'.

Transaction charges for Debit Card/ Credit Card/ Net Banking/ UPI, as the case may be, have to be borne by the candidate.

**NOTE:** Fee once paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances nor can the fee be held in reserve for any other examination or selection.

5. **RESERVED/RELAXED CATEGORY CANDIDATES**

Candidates who claim to belong to the Scheduled Castes (SC) or Scheduled Tribes (ST) must possess the requisite certificate in the prescribed format as per **Appendix – I**. Otherwise their claim for SC/ST category will not be considered.

Candidates who claim to belong to Other Backward Classes (OBC)-Non Creamy Layer must possess the requisite certificate in the prescribed format as per **Appendix - II** from the competent authority as mentioned therein. Otherwise, their claim for OBC status will not be considered. The OBC Certificate in a format other than the prescribed one will not be accepted/ considered. The OBC Certificate should have been issued for posts under Govt. of India and not for posts under the respective state of the candidate only.

OBC candidates whose caste is not listed in Central List (as available on National Commission for Backward Classes website www.ncbc.nic.in) and who are not covered under the provisions as applicable to OBC-Non Creamy Layer (NCL) candidates, shall be treated as General Category candidates for all purposes.

Candidates who claim to be Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) must possess medical certificate as per disability in the prescribed applicable format i.e. Form V/VI/VII as per **Appendix - III** issued by the Competent Medical Authorities for the purpose of employment.

Candidates who claim to belong to the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) will be required to submit the requisite certificate in the prescribed format as per **Appendix – IV**. Otherwise their claim for EWS category will not be considered.

Candidates should be in possession of all the requisite certificates in the prescribed format in support of their claim for relaxation/ reservation, and these certificates should be dated earlier than the closing date of the online application for the examination.

6. ASRB shall issue the NET Certificates in digital format through DigiLocker app based on information such as the qualifications, category, etc. given by the candidates in their online application form. Relaxation in qualifying standards, fee, etc. is also given on the basis of such information. It is the responsibility of the recruiting organization to verify the original certificates including prescribed qualification in the relevant discipline of NET, caste / Physically Challenged Certificate (if applicable), Character & Antecedents, etc. of the candidate at the time of consideration of his/her candidature for appointment. The NET Certificate is liable to be withdrawn / cancelled if it comes to the notice of the Board at any stage that the candidate had fraudulently obtained the Certificate by furnishing wrong particulars in his/her online application.

7. **<u>NUMBER OF ATTEMPTS:-</u>**

There is no restriction on number of attempts for appearing in the National Eligibility Test.

8. The date of declaration of result of NET Examination will be the date of qualifying NET Examination.

9. The decision of the Board with respect to the eligibility or otherwise of a candidate for admission to the examination shall be final.

10. No candidate will be admitted to the examination unless he/ she holds a certificate of admission from the Board.

11. Any attempt on the part of a candidate to obtain support for his/ her candidature by any means may disqualify him/ her from admission to the examination.

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## PLAN OF EXAMINATION FOR NET - 2021

There will be one paper of 150 marks consisting of 150 objective type multiple choice questions to be solved in 2 (Two) hours. Each question carries one mark. These 150 questions shall be derived from the respective discipline in which the candidate has opted to appear.

**Minimum marks required for qualifying NET-2021**

| Category of candidate | Minimum qualifying marks |
|---|---|
| Un-reserved(UR)/ EWS | 75.0 (50%) |
| OBC | 67.5 (45%) |
| SC / ST/ PwBD | 60.0 (40%) |

1/3 mark will be deducted for each wrong answer in the NET-2021. There will be no rounding off of fractions of marks.

The Board reserves the right to fix/ revise the qualifying marks in any or all Disciplines at its discretion.

The Examination will be conducted in Online format at the designated Centres. The questions in the Examination will be available in bilingual form i.e. Hindi and English medium. The answers to the questions are to be registered on the Computer itself during the Examination.

i.  Candidates must mark the answers/papers themselves. Under no circumstances, they will be allowed the help of a scribe to mark the answers for them. Only the Visually Handicapped (VH) and Orthopedically Handicapped (OH) candidates with both arms affected may be allowed the help of a Scribe, only with the prior permission of the Board. Provision of a scribe will be made by ASRB on prior request made by such candidates ten (10) days before the Examination on netarssto@asrb.org.in. An additional time of 20 (twenty) minutes per hour will be allowed to such candidates.

ii. The standard of paper will be that of a Master's degree of an Indian University in the relevant Discipline.

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## DISCIPLINES AND THEIR APPROVED ELIGIBILITY QUALIFICATIONS
## FOR NET, ARS AND STO (T-6)

| Code No. | Discipline | Eligibility Qualifications |
|---|---|---|
| 01 | Agricultural Biotechnology | Master's degree in Agriculture/ Biotechnology/ Molecular Biology & Bio-Technology/ Genetic Engineering/ Botany/ Plant Sciences/ Life Sciences/Plant Physiology with specialization in Plant Biotechnology. |
| 02 | Agricultural Entomology | Master's degree in Agriculture/ Entomology/ Zoology/ Sericulture/ Apiculture/ Plant Protection with specialization in Agricultural Entomology. |
| 03 | Agricultural Microbiology | Master's degree in Agricultural Microbiology /Microbiology/Plant Physiology. |
| 04 | Economic Botany & Plant Genetic Resources | Master's degree in Agriculture/ Botany/ Horticulture/Plant Physiology with specialization in Agricultural Botany/ Economic Botany/ Plant Genetic Resources. |
| 05 | Genetics & Plant Breeding | Master's degree in Agriculture/ Agricultural Botany/ Plant Breeding or Genetics or Genetics and Plant Breeding/Plant Physiology/Plant Genetic Resources. |
| 06 | Nematology | Master's degree in Agriculture /Nematology/ Entomology/ Plant Pathology/ Zoology/ Plant Protection with specialization in Nematology. |
| 07 | Plant Biochemistry | Master's degree in Plant Biochemistry/ Agricultural Biochemistry/ Biochemistry with specialization in plants. |
| 08 | Plant Pathology | Master's degree in Agriculture/ Botany/ Life Sciences/ Plant Protection with specialization in Plant Pathology/ Mycology. |
| 09 | Plant Physiology | Master's degree in Agriculture/ Plant Physiology/ Botany with specialization in Plant Physiology. |
| 10 | Seed Science & Technology | Master's degree in Agriculture/ Seed Science/ Seed Technology or Seed Science and Technology/Plant Physiology. |
| 11 | Floriculture & Landscaping | Master's degree in Floriculture/ Agriculture or Horticulture /Plant Genetic Resources with specialization in Floriculture and Landscaping/ Post Harvest Technology (Horticulture). |
| 12 | Fruit Science | Master's degree in Pomology/ Agriculture or Horticulture/Plant Genetic Resources with specialization in Fruit Sciences/ Post Harvest Technology (Horticulture). |
| 13 | Spices, Plantation & Medicinal & Aromatic Plants | Master's degree in Agriculture/ Horticulture/ Botany /Plant Genetic Resources with specialization in Spices/ Plantation Crops and/ or in Medicinal and Aromatic Plants/ Post Harvest Technology (Horticulture). |
| 14 | Vegetable Science | Master's degree in Olericulture/ Vegetable Sciences/ Agriculture or Horticulture/Plant Genetic Resources with specialization in Vegetable Sciences/ Post Harvest Technology (Horticulture). |
| 15 | Animal Biochemistry | Master's degree in Veterinary/ Animal Sciences/ Dairy/ Fisheries Science with specialization in Biochemistry. |

| 16 | Animal Biotechnology | Master's degree in Veterinary/ Animal/ Fisheries Science with specialization in Biotechnology. |
|---|---|---|
| 17 | Animal Genetics & Breeding | Master's degree in Veterinary/Animal Sciences with specialization in Animal Genetics and Breeding. |
| 18 | Animal Nutrition | Master's degree in Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Animal Nutrition. |
| 19 | Animal Physiology | Master's degree in Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Animal Physiology. |
| 20 | Animal Reproduction & Gynaecology | Master's degree in Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Animal Reproduction and Gynaecology. |
| 21 | Dairy Chemistry | Master's degree in Dairy Chemistry/ Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Dairy Chemistry. |
| 22 | Dairy Microbiology | Master's degree in Dairy Microbiology/ Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Dairy Microbiology. |
| 23 | Dairy Technology | Master's degree in Dairy Technology or Dairy Science/ Animal Products Technology/Food Technology with specialization in Dairy Technology. |
| 24 | Livestock Product Technology | Master's degree in Veterinary/Animal Sciences with specialization in Livestock Products Technology. |
| 25 | Livestock Production Management | Master's degree in Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Livestock Production Management/ Animal Husbandry. |
| 26 | Poultry Science | Master's degree in Poultry Sciences/ Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Poultry Sciences. |
| 27 | Veterinary Medicine | Master's degree in Veterinary Medicine/ Veterinary Preventive Medicine/ Veterinary Clinical Medicine. |
| 28 | Veterinary Microbiology | Master's degree in Veterinary Sciences with specialization in Microbiology/ Bacteriology/ Virology/ Mycology/ Immunology. |
| 29 | Veterinary Parasitology | Master's degree in Veterinary Parasitology. |
| 30 | Veterinary Pathology | Master's degree in Veterinary Pathology. |
| 31 | Veterinary Pharmacology | Master's degree in Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology/Veterinary Pharmacology. |
| 32 | Veterinary Public Health | Master's degree in Veterinary Public Health/ Epidemiology. |
| 33 | Veterinary Surgery | Master's degree in Veterinary Surgery/Veterinary Anatomy. |
| 34 | Aquaculture | Master's degree in Aquaculture/ Fishery Sciences/ Marine Biology/ Aquatic Biology with specialization in Mariculture/ Aquatic Environmental Management/ Aquatic Ecology/ Inland Aquaculture. |
| 35 | Fisheries Resource Management | Master's degree in Fishery Sciences/Fisheries Resource Management/ Marine Biology/Aquatic Environmental Management/ Aquatic Biology/Industrial Fisheries with specialization in Fisheries Resource Management/ Fish Population Dynamics/ Fishery Hydrography/ Ecosystem Management/ Aquatic Ecology. |
| 36 | Fish Processing Technology | Master's degree in Fishery Sciences/ Fish Processing Technology/Post Harvest Technology/ Industrial Fisheries with specialization in Fish Harvest and Processing. |

| 37 | Fish Nutrition | Master's degree in Fishery Sciences with specialization in Fish Nutrition and Fish Physiology/ Feed Technology/ Fish Nutrition and Biochemistry. |
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| 38 | Fish Health | Master's degree in Fishery Science/ Marine Biology with specialization in Fish Health/ Fish Pathology and Microbiology. |
| 39 | Fish Genetics & Breeding | Master's degree in Fishery Science/ Marine Biology with specialization in Fish Genetics and Breeding/ Fish Biotechnology. |
| 40 | Agricultural Chemicals | Master's degree in Agriculture/ Agricultural Chemicals/ Organic Chemistry with specialization in Agricultural Chemicals. |
| 41 | Agricultural Meteorology | Master's degree in Agricultural Meteorology/ Agricultural Physics with specialization in Agricultural Meteorology. |
| 42 | Agroforestry | Master's degree in Agroforestry<br>Or<br>Master's degree in Forestry or Agronomy or Horticulture or Botany with specialization in Agroforestry. |
| 43 | Agronomy | Master's degree in Agriculture with specialization in Agronomy/Soil Water Management/ Conservation Agriculture/ Farming Systems Management/ Forage Production/ Water Science and Technology. |
| 44 | Environmental Science | Master's degree in Environmental Science/Agro-forestry/ Agriculture Physics/ Agriculture with specialization in Environmental Science. |
| 45 | Soil Sciences | Master's degree in Agriculture/ Soil Sciences/ Agricultural Chemistry/ Agricultural Physics with specialization in Soil Physics and Soil and Water Conservation/ Soil Fertility/Soil Microbiology/ Soil Chemistry/ Water Science and Technology. |
| 46 | Agricultural Business Management | Master's degree in Agricultural Business Management/ Agricultural Marketing/ Business Management with specialization in Agricultural Business/ Fisheries Business Management. |
| 47 | Agricultural Economics | Master's degree in Agricultural Economics/ Dairy Economics/ Veterinary Economics/ Fisheries Economics / Economics with specialization in Agriculture. |
| 48 | Agricultural Extension | Master's degree in Agricultural Extension/ Veterinary Extension/ Dairy Extension/ Fisheries Extension/ Home Science Extension/ Agriculture Communication in Agricultural Sciences/ Rural Development/ Rural Management. |
| 49 | Agricultural Statistics | Master's degree in Agricultural Statistics / Statistics / Mathematics with specialization in Statistics. |
| 50 | Home Science | Master's degree in Home Science with specialization in Family Resource Management/ Textile and Clothing/Child Development/ Foods and Nutrition. |
| 51 | Farm Machinery & Power | Master's degree in Agricultural Engineering/ Mechanical Engineering with specialization in Farm Machinery and Power. |

| 52 | Computer Applications & IT | Master's degree in Computer Application / Information Technology / Information Technology & Communication / Computer Science. |
|---|---|---|
| 53 | Land & Water Management Engineering | Master's degree in Agricultural Engineering/ Civil Engineering with specialization in Soil and Water Conservation/ Irrigation and Drainage/ Water Resources/ Hydrology/ Aquatic Engineering/Water Science and Technology. |
| 54 | Bioinformatics | Master's degree in Bioinformatics or in any basic science with specialization in Bioinformatics. |
| 55 | Food Technology | Master's degree in Food Science/ Food Technology/ Food Science and Technology/ Post Harvest Technology. |
| 56 | Agricultural Structure and Process Engineering | Master's degree in Agricultural Engineering with specialization in Agricultural Structures / Aquaculture Engineering.<br><br>Or<br><br>Master's degree in Agricultural Engineering with specialization in Agricultural Process Engineering / Food Process Engineering / Dairy Engineering. |
| 57 | Veterinary Anatomy (only for NET) | Master's degree in Veterinary Anatomy. |
| 58 | Agricultural Physics | Master's degree in Agricultural Physics or Bio-physics or Remote Sensing & GIS or Agricultural Meteorology or Environmental Science or Geo-informatics.<br>Or<br>Master's degree in Soil Science with specialization in Soil Physics and Soil & Water Conservation. |
| 59 | Electronics & Instrumentation | Master's degree in Electronics Engineering or Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering or Electrical & Electronics Engineering or Electronics & Instrumentation Engineering or Instrumentation Engineering |
| 60 | Textile Manufacture & Technology | Master's degree in Textile Technology or Textile Engineering or Textile Chemistry or Technical Textiles or Textile Chemical Processing or Textile and Clothing or Fibre Science and Technology or Fashion Technology. |

## SECTION (B)
## AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE (ARS)

The ARS (Preliminary) Examination is a qualifying examination and its marks will not be carried forward for determining final merit of the candidates. All those candidates desirous of appearing for ARS Examination for recruitment to the post of ARS Scientists are required to take ARS Preliminary [online (CBT) examination], ARS (Mains) Examination and viva-voce. Only those candidates who qualify the ARS-2021 (Preliminary) Examination as per standards given in **Annexure-IX** will be eligible to appear in the ARS-2021 (Mains) Examination, further restricted to 15 candidates for one vacancy. Candidates declared successful in ARS-2021 (Mains) Examination and viva-voce will be recommended for appointment as Scientists in Agricultural Research Service (ARS) of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in the Pay Band – 3 of ₹ 15,600 – 39,100 with RGP of ₹ 6000/- (revised Pay Level 10 - ₹ 57,700 – 1,82,400).

## 2.     VACANCIES FOR ARS

The number of vacancies in ARS-2021 under various disciplines are given in **Annexure-VII.** The number of vacancies is tentative.

## 3.     RULES OF EXAMINATION

The Rules of ARS Examination are given in **Annexure -VIII**. Candidate must read the Rules of examination carefully before filling up the Online Application form.

## 4.     PRESCRIBED EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Candidate must hold a Master's Degree or equivalent in the concerned discipline with specialization as defined in **Annexure -VI,** completed on or before **19.09.2021**. For details, please refer to Rule 3 of Rules of the Examination given in **Annexure -VIII**.

The candidates having Master's degree from a foreign University must attach a certificate of equivalence and recognition of that degree issued by the University Grants Commission/ Government of India / any other concerned Government of India / Department or Agency.

Candidates who have appeared at an academic examination, the passing of which would render them eligible to appear at the ARS Examination but have not been informed of the results, may apply for admission to the ARS Examination. Candidates who intend to appear at such a qualifying examination may also apply. Such candidates will be admitted to the ARS Mains Examination, if otherwise eligible but their admission would be purely provisional.

All candidates who qualify in ARS Mains Examination are required to submit self-attested copies of the documents/ certificates in support of their candidature by the cut-off date to be announced at the time of declaration of result of ARS Mains Examination, failing which they would not be allowed to appear in the viva-voce.

## 5.     AGE LMIT:-

A candidate must have attained the age of **21 years** but not have attained the age of **32 years as on 01.01.2021**. Age relaxation is admissible to the various categories as per Rule 2 of the Rules of the Examination as given in **Annexure –VIII**.

6. **NUMBER OF ATTEMPTS**

(a) The number of attempts for appearing in the Agricultural Research Service Examination will be limited to **SIX** for Unreserved category and EWS category candidates (whether M.Sc./Ph.D.) including the in-service candidates of I.C.A.R. However, this restriction will not apply to SC and ST candidates who are otherwise eligible. The number of attempts for Other Backward Classes category and PwBD (belonging to General/OBC category) candidates will be **NINE**.

**Note-I :-** The number of attempts made by the candidates prior to Agricultural Research Service examination 2011 will not be taken into account for counting the number of attempts made. Attempt means that the candidate must have appeared for the Examination.

**Note-II :-** An attempt at a Preliminary Examination shall be deemed to be an attempt at the Examination. Notwithstanding the disqualification/cancellation of candidature, the fact of appearance of the candidate at the examination will count as an attempt.

(b) *Restrictions on applying for the Examination:-*

"A candidate who has already qualified ARS examination (finally selected) in the earlier year will not be eligible to compete in the subsequent examinations conducted by ASRB for the same discipline in which he/she has earlier qualified. However, there is no bar to reappear for an ARS selected candidate in the subsequent ARS examination in a discipline different than the one in which he/she has already qualified".

7. **PLAN OF EXAMINATION:-**

The Detailed Plan of Examination is given in **Annexure - IX.**

**VACANCY POSITION FOR ARS EXAMINATION- 2021 AS REQUISITIONED BY ICAR**

| S. No. | Code No. | Discipline | Total | SC | ST | OBC | EWS | UR | PwBD (OH/HI) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | Agricultural Entomology | 11 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| 2 | 3 | Agricultural Microbiology @ | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 3 | 4 | Economic Botany & PGR | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 4 | 5 | Genetics & Plant Breeding | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 5 | 7 | Plant Biochemistry @ | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 (HI) |
| 6 | 8 | Plant Pathology | 10 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| 7 | 9 | Plant Physiology | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 8 | 10 | Seed Science & Technology | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 9 | 11 | Floriculture & Landscaping # | 6 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 (OH) |
| 10 | 12 | Fruit Science # | 10 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| 11 | 14 | Vegetable Science # | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 12 | 15 | Animal Biochemistry @ | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 (HI) |
| 13 | 16 | Animal Biotechnology # | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 (OH) |
| 14 | 17 | Animal Genetics & Breeding | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| 15 | 18 | Animal Nutrition | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 16 | 19 | Animal Physiology | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 17 | 20 | Animal Reproduction & Gynaecology | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 18 | 21 | Dairy Chemistry | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 19 | 22 | Dairy Microbiology @ | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 | 23 | Dairy Technology | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 21 | 24 | Livestock Production Technology | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 22 | 25 | Livestock Production Management | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 23 | 26 | Poultry Science | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 24 | 27 | Veterinary Medicine | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 25 | 28 | Veterinary Microbiology @ | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 26 | 29 | Veterinary Parasitology | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 27 | 33 | Veterinary Surgery | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 28 | 34 | Aquaculture | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 29 | 37 | Fish Nutrition | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 30 | 38 | Fish Health | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 31 | 39 | Fish Genetics & Breeding | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 32 | 40 | Agricultural Chemical@ | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 (HI) |
| 33 | 41 | Agricultural Meteorology | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 34 | 42 | Agroforestry | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 35 | 43 | Agronomy | 9 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 0 |

| | | | UR | SC | ST | OBC | EWS | Total | PwBD |
|----|----|------------------------------------|-----|----|----|----|----|-----|---------|
| 36 | 44 | Environmental Science | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 37 | 45 | Soil Science # | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 (OH) |
| 38 | 46 | Agricultural Business Management # | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 39 | 47 | Agricultural Economics # | 12 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 2 (OH) |
| 40 | 48 | Agricultural Extension | 12 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| 41 | 49 | Agricultural Statistics # | 10 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 (OH) |
| 42 | 53 | Land & Water Management Engineering | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 43 | 54 | Bioinformatics # | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 44 | 55 | Food Technology # | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 45 | 56 | Agricultural Structure & Process Engineering | 16 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 0 |
| 46 | 58 | Agricultural Physics # | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 (OH) |
| 47 | 59 | Electronics & Instrumentation | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 48 | 60 | Textile Manufacture & Technology@ | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 (HI) |
| | | **Total** | **222** | **28** | **22** | **51** | **21** | **100** | |

\# Discipline identified as suitable for PwBD (Orthopedically Handicapped Persons).
@ Discipline identified as suitable for PwBD (Hearing Impaired Persons).

N.B.: Appointment of PwBD candidates in the disciplines, other than the disciplines identified as suitable for them, shall not be considered.

**Abbreviations:**
UR- Unreserved; SC- Scheduled Caste; ST- Scheduled Tribe; OBC- Other Backward Class; EWS – Economically Weaker Section; PwBD - Persons with Benchmark Disabilities; OH- Orthopedically Handicapped; HI- Hearing Impaired

Vacancy position of PwBD (OH/HI) candidates is included in the total number of vacancy through lateral reservation.

## RULES OF EXAMINATION FOR ARS

The rules for the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) Examination to be held by the Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board are published for general information.

1. **NATIONALITY**:
   A candidate must be either:-
   (i)   a citizen of India, or
   (ii)  a citizen of Nepal, or
   (iii) a citizen of Bhutan, or
   (iv)  a Tibetan refugee who came over to India before the 1st January, 1962, with the intention of permanently settling in India, or
   (v)   a person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Burma, Sri Lanka and East African countries of Kenya, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, Zaire, Ethiopia and Vietnam with the intention of permanently settling in India.

   Provided that a candidate belonging to categories (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) above shall be a person in whose favour a certificate of eligibility has been issued by the Government of India.

2. **AGE LIMITS:-**
   A candidate seeking admission to the **ARS Examination** must have attained the age of **21 years** but not have attained the **age of 32 years as on 01.01.2021**. In-service candidates of ICAR less than 45 years in age as on **01.01.2021** will also be eligible to appear subject to possession of prescribed qualifications. In-service candidates of the State Agricultural Universities less than 35 years in age as on **01.01.2021** will be eligible to appear for ARS subject to possession of prescribed qualifications.

   *The upper age limit prescribed above will also be relaxable:-*
   (i)   Upto a maximum of five years if a candidate belongs to SC or ST.
   (ii)  Upto a maximum of 3 years in the case of candidates belonging to Other Backward Classes, who are eligible to avail of reservation applicable to such candidates, i.e. Non-creamy layer.
   (iii) For PwBD candidates, the upper age limit will be relaxable upto a maximum of 10 years. Candidates belonging to SC, ST and OBC who are also covered under the PwBD category will be eligible for grant of cumulative age relaxation under both of their respective categories.
   (iv)  For ARS the upper age limit for the candidates holding Ph.D. degree will be 35 years. Hence, the upper age limit for SC/ST/OBC/ PwBD candidates holding Ph.D. degree will be relaxable by a further period of 3 years. Thus, the maximum age limit for SC/ST candidates in such cases will be 40 years, for OBC candidates 38 years and for PwBD candidate 45 years. In such cases the candidates should have obtained Ph.D. degree on or before **19.09.2021**, which is the qualifying date for holding Master's Degree.
   (v)   Up to a maximum of five years if a candidate had ordinarily been domiciled in the State of Jammu & Kashmir during the period from the 1st January, 1980 to the 31st day of December, 1989.
   (vi)  To other bonafide displaced persons/repatriates of Indian origin / Defence Services Personnel/Border Security Force Personnel etc. as per the existing instructions of the Government of India on the subject.

**Save as provided above, the age limits prescribed can in no case be relaxed.**

3.  **EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:-**

A candidate for the Agricultural Research Service must hold a Master's degree or equivalent in the discipline concerned with specialization as defined in **Annexure-VI completed on or before 19.09.2021** from any Indian University incorporated by an Act of Central or State Legislature in India or other educational institution established by an Act of Parliament or declared to be deemed University under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 or he/she must have qualification from a foreign University recognized as equivalent eligibility qualification to above by the Government of India.

Candidates who have appeared at an examination, the passing of which would render them eligible to appear at the ARS-2021 Examination but have not been informed of the results, may apply for admission to the ARS – 2021 Examination. Candidates who intend to appear at such a qualifying examination may also apply. Such candidates will be admitted to the ARS – 2021 Mains Examination, if otherwise eligible but their admission would be purely provisional. These candidates are required to submit the self-attested copies of the documents/certificates in support of their candidature by the cut-off date to be announced at the time of declaration of result of ARS Mains Examination, failing which their viva-voce call letter (through e-mail) shall be withheld.

The candidates having Master's degree from a foreign University must attach a certificate of equivalence and recognition of that degree issued by the University Grants Commission/ Govt. of India/ any other Department concerned of Govt. of India.

4.  **FEE:-**
The candidates seeking admission to examination must pay to the Board a fee as follows:

Details of fee charges to be paid:

| S. No. | Category of candidate | Examination fee ( ₹ ) |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | General (Unreserved) | 500/- |
| 2 | Economically Weaker Section (EWS)/ Other Backward Class (OBC) | 500/- |
| 3 | Women/ Scheduled Caste (SC)/ Scheduled Tribe (ST)/ PwBD | NIL |

Transaction charges for Debit Card/ Credit Card/ Net Banking/ UPI, as the case may be, have to be borne by the candidate.

**NOTE I:** Notwithstanding the aforesaid provision for fee exemption, a PwBD candidate will be considered to be eligible for appointment only if he/she (after such physical examination as the Government or the appointing authority, as the case may be, may prescribe) is found to satisfy the requirements of physical and medical standards for the concerned Services/Posts to be allocated to PwBD candidates by the Government.

**NOTE II:** APPLICATIONS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY THE PRESCRIBED FEE SHALL BE SUMMARILY REJECTED.

**NOTE III:** Fee once paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances nor can the fee be held in reserve for any other examination or selection.

**NOTE IV:** OBC candidates whose caste is not listed in Central List (as available on National Commission for Backward Classes website www.ncbc.nic.in) and who are not covered under the provisions as applicable to OBC-Non Creamy Layer (NCL) candidates, shall be treated as General Category candidates for all purposes. Accordingly, OBC Candidates not belonging to OBC Non-Creamy Layer shall indicate their category as 'General'.

5. **RESERVED/RELAXED CATEGORY CANDIDATES**

Candidates who claim to belong to the Scheduled Castes (SC) or Scheduled Tribes (ST) will be required to submit the requisite certificate in the prescribed format as per **Appendix – I**. Otherwise their claim for SC/ST category will not be considered.

Candidates who claim to belong to Other Backward Classes (OBC) will be required to submit requisite certificate in the prescribed format as per **Appendix - II** from the competent authority as mentioned therein. Otherwise, their claim for OBC status will not be considered. The OBC Certificate in a format other than the prescribed one will not be accepted/considered. The OBC Certificate should have been issued for posts under Govt. of India and not for posts under the respective state of the candidate only.

OBC candidates whose caste is not listed in Central List (as available on National Commission for Backward Classes website www.ncbc.nic.in) and who are not covered under the provisions as applicable to OBC-Non Creamy Layer (NCL) candidates, shall be treated as General Category candidates for all purposes.

Candidates who claim to be PwBD will be required to submit medical certificates as per disability in the new prescribed applicable format i.e. Form V/VI/VII as per **Appendix - III** issued by the Competent Medical Authorities for the purpose of employment.

Candidates who claim to belong to the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) will be required to submit the requisite certificate in the prescribed format as per **Appendix – IV**. Otherwise their claim for EWS category will not be considered.

Candidates should be in possession of all the requisite certificates in the prescribed format in support of their claim for relaxation/ reservation, and these certificates should be dated earlier than the closing date of the online application for ARS-2021 Examination.

Candidates who claim to be ICAR/SAU employee will be required to submit the requisite certificate in the prescribed format as per **Appendix - V**.

6. **(a)** **NUMBER OF ATTEMPTS:-**

The number of attempts for appearing in the Agricultural Research Service Examination will be limited to **SIX** for Unreserved category candidates (whether M.Sc./Ph.D.) including the in-service candidates of I.C.A.R. However, this restriction will not apply to SC and ST candidates who are otherwise eligible. The number of attempts for Other Backward Classes category and PwBD category (belonging to General/OBC category) candidates will be **NINE**.

**Note-I:** The number of attempts made by the candidates prior to Agricultural Research Service Examination 2011 will not be taken into account for counting the number of attempts made. Attempt means that the candidate must have appeared for the Examination.

**Note-II:** An attempt at a Preliminary Examination shall be deemed to be an attempt at the Examination. Notwithstanding the disqualification/cancellation of

candidature, the fact of appearance of the candidate at the examination will count as an attempt.

**(b)** **RESTRICTIONS ON APPLYING FOR THE EXAMINATION:-**
"A candidate who has already qualified ARS examination (finally selected) in the earlier year will not be eligible to compete in the subsequent examinations conducted by ASRB for the same discipline in which he/she has earlier qualified. However, there is no bar on an ARS selected candidate to reappear in the subsequent ARS examination in a discipline different than the one in which he/she has already qualified".

7. Candidates already in the Service of Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Central/State Government/Scientific Institutions/Universities, whether in a permanent or a temporary capacity or as a work charged employee, other than a casual or daily rated employee, are required to submit an undertaking that they have informed in writing their Head of Office/Department that they have applied for the examination. However, a candidate seeking age relaxation on account of being ICAR/SAU Employee must attach a certificate to this effect in the prescribed format as given in **Appendix-V** from the concerned Institute/SAU at the time of submission of documents/certificates.

8. The decision of the Board with respect to the eligibility or otherwise of a candidate for admission to the examination shall be final.

9. No candidate will be admitted to the examination unless he/ she hold a certificate of admission issued by the Board.

10. Any attempt on the part of a candidate to obtain support for his candidature by any means may disqualify him from admission to the examination.

11. A candidate must be in good mental and bodily health and free from any physical defects likely to interfere with the discharge of his duties as an officer of the service. A candidate, who after such physical examination as the Indian Council of Agricultural Research may prescribe, is found not to satisfy these requirements will not be appointed. Candidates selected by the Board may be required to undergo physical examination. Candidates will be required to pay the fee for the Medical Examination as prescribed by the Government of India for such category of the posts.

12. *No person:-*
   **(a)** Who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having a spouse living or
   **(b)** Who, having a spouse living has entered into or contracted a marriage with any person shall be eligible for appointment to the service.

   Provided that the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, may, if satisfied that such a marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to the marriage and there are other grounds for so doing, exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

13. Brief particulars relating to the service to which recruitment is being made through this Examination are stated in **Annexure-X**.

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## PLAN OF EXAMINATION FOR ARS

**Two separate competitive examinations (Computer Based Test + Written) followed by Viva-voce shall be conducted as per the following plan of examination:-**

|   |   | Examination | Max. Marks | Duration |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | (a) | ARS-2021 (Preliminary) (Objective Type) | 150 | 2 hours |
|   | (b) | ARS-2021 (Mains) (Descriptive Type) | 240 | 3 hours |
|   | (c) | Viva-voce | 60 |   |

2. (a)  **ARS-2021 ( Preliminary) Examination Paper:-**

ARS-2021 (Preliminary) Examination shall have one paper of 150 marks with all multiple choice objective questions to be attempted in 2 hours (Two hours), from the respective professional subject(s) for which candidate has opted. The Examination will be conducted in Online format at the designated Centres. The questions in the Examination will be available in bilingual form i.e. Hindi and English medium. The answers are to be indicated on the Computer itself during the Examination.

**1/3 marks will be deducted for each wrong answer in ARS-2021 (Preliminary) Examination (Objective Type). There will be no rounding off of fractions of marks. This is a qualifying examination and marks scored will not be counted for final selection** (except in tie-break cases, if required)**.**

The candidates who obtain following minimum qualifying marks in the Preliminary Examination will be allowed to appear in the ARS (Mains) Examination in the ratio of 1:15 (category-wise) for each post. However, the Board reserves the right to fix/ revise the qualifying marks and ratio in any or all Disciplines at its discretion.

**Minimum marks required for qualifying ARS-2021 (Preliminary) Examination:**

| Category of candidate | Minimum qualifying marks |
|---|---|
| Un-reserved (UR)/ EWS | 67.5 (45%) |
| OBC | 60.0 (40%) |
| SC / ST/ PwBD | 52.5 (35%) |

**Since the ARS-2021 (Preliminary) Examination will be conducted Online (and the number of computers being limited at our Centres), there may be disciplines for which Multiple Sets of Question Papers could be used. In such cases, the Board at its discretion may adopt EquiPercentile Normalisation Procedure for deciding number of qualified candidates for such Disciplines.**

Candidates must mark the answers/papers in their own hand. Under no circumstances, they will be allowed the help of a scribe to mark the answers for them.  Only the Orthopedically Handicapped (OH) candidates with both arms affected may the allowed the help of a Scribe, only with the prior permission of the Board. Provision of a scribe will be made by ASRB on prior request made by such candidates ten (10) days before the Examination on netarssto@asrb.org.in. An additional time of 20 (twenty) minutes per hour will be allowed to such candidates.

(b)  **ARS-2021 (Mains) Examination Paper:-**

ARS-2021 (Mains) Examination Paper will have only one paper of 240 marks in the respective disciplines, to be attempted in 3 hours duration. The paper shall be divided in three parts A, B and C. Part 'A' will consist of 40 (forty) questions of 2 (two) marks each. In this

part, answers required will be of very short, not exceeding 10 (Ten) words at the most. Part 'B' will have 20 (twenty) questions of 5 (five) marks each requiring one or two paragraphs and/or graphic explanation. Part 'C' will have 6 (six) essay type or descriptive type questions. Each question will carry 10 (ten) marks and may have two or more parts. Answers are required to be written in the space provided below the question. In no case extra sheets will be provided. All questions in parts 'A' 'B' and 'C' will be compulsory.

The candidates who obtain such minimum qualifying marks in the Mains Examination as may be decided by the Board in its discretion, shall be called for viva-voce in the ratio of 1:5 (category-wise) for each post. However, the Board reserves the right to revise this ratio at its discretion.

(c) **ARS-2021 - Viva-voce :-**
The candidates will be interviewed by a Board of competent and unbiased experts in the respective disciplines, who will have before them a record of his/her career. The object of the viva-voce is to assess his/her suitability for the Service for which he/she has competed. The viva-voce is intended to supplement the written examination for testing the general and specialized knowledge and abilities of the candidate. The candidate will be expected to have taken an intelligent interest not only in his/her own state or country, but also in modern current of thought and in new discoveries, which should rouse the curiosity of well-educated youth.

The technique of the viva-voce is not that of strict cross-examination, but of a natural, though directed and purposive conversation intended to reveal the candidate's mental qualities and his/her grasp of problems. The Board will pay special attention to assessing the intellectual curiosity, critical powers of assimilation, balance of judgment and alertness of mind, the ability for social cohesion, integrity of character, initiative and capacity for leadership and scientific research.

**NOTE:-** Syllabus for ARS-2021 (Preliminary) Examination and ARS-2021 (Mains) Examination is available on ASRB's website www.asrb.org.in

3. **Examination Procedure**:-

(i) Reserved category candidates who qualify after availing relaxed standard, extended no. of attempts or age relaxation shall render themselves ineligible for UR posts. They will be eligible only for the posts which are reserved for respective category in a particular discipline.

(ii) After the Viva-Voce the candidates will be arranged by the Board in the order of merit in each category (professional subject-wise) as prepared on the basis of the aggregate marks finally awarded to each candidate. Candidates who obtain such minimum aggregate marks in the written papers and Viva-Voce as may be fixed by the Board in its discretion shall be recommended for appointment to ARS in accordance with the number of vacancies intimated by the Council under each discipline. Based on the merit, the candidates belonging to reserved categories i.e. SC/ST/OBC/PwBD (Orthopedically Handicapped (OH)/ Hearing Impaired (HI)) are also eligible to be considered against the unreserved vacancies, if no relaxation in age, no. of attempts or qualifying marks, either in ARS-2021 (Preliminary) or in ARS-2021 (Mains) Examination or in both has been availed by such reserve category candidates. If any concession in age, no. of attempts or relaxation in qualifying marks is availed, such candidates will be eligible for consideration only against vacancies reserved for them in the respective discipline.

(iii) **Rules for Tie-Breaker**:- Wherever two or more candidates have secured equal aggregate marks (marks in written ARS-2021 - Mains Examination + Viva-voce) the merit of the candidates shall be determined by applying the following Tie-Breaker Rules:

(a) Candidate securing more marks in the written ARS-2021 (Mains) Examination will be ranked higher.
(b) In case where the marks mentioned at (a) above are equal, candidate securing more marks in the ARS-2021 (Preliminary) Examination will be ranked higher.
(c) In case where the marks mentioned at (b) above are equal, the candidate senior in age will be ranked higher.

(iv) Candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes (SC) or the Scheduled Tribes (ST) may be recommended by the Board by a relaxed standard to make up the deficiency in the reserved quota subject to the relevant instructions on the subject and also subject to the fitness of these candidates for appointment to the Agricultural Research Service, irrespective of their ranks in the order of merit at the examination.

(v) There is no provision for maintaining the select panel and therefore, the vacancies against which the recommended candidates do not join will not be filled-up. The backlog vacancies will be filled up through the next examination.

(vi) There is no provision of re-evaluation of the answer script and therefore, no request for re-evaluation of the answer script will be entertained. The Board will not enter into any correspondence in this regard.

(vii) The form and manner of communication of the result of the examination to individual candidates shall be decided by the Board and the Board will not enter into correspondence with them regarding the result.

(viii) Recommendation by the Board for appointment in the ARS will not be binding unless the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is satisfied after such enquiry as may be considered necessary that the candidate is suitable in all respects for appointment to the Service.

4. **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS for ARS-2021 (MAINS) EXAMINATION:**
(a) Question paper for ARS-2021 (Mains) Examination can be answered either in English or Hindi. The Candidate has to indicate his/her medium of examination therefore in the Online Application Form itself. The answers/ scripts attempted in a medium other than the opted one will not be evaluated.
(b) Candidates must mark the answers/papers in their own hand. Under no circumstances, they will be allowed the help of a scribe to write the answers for them. Only the Orthopedically Handicapped (OH) candidates with both arms affected may the allowed the help of a Scribe, with the prior permission of the Board. Provision of a scribe will be made by ASRB on prior request made by such candidates ten (10) days before the Examination on netarssto@asrb.org.in. An additional time of 20 (twenty) minutes per hour will be allowed to such candidates.
(c) If a candidate's handwriting is not easily legible, a deduction will be made on this account from the total marks otherwise accruing to him.
(d) Marks will not be allotted for mere superficial knowledge.
(e) Credit will be given for orderly, effective and exact expression combined with due economy of words in all subjects of the examination.
(f) Standard of both the papers - ARS-2021 (Preliminary) Examination and ARS-2021 (Mains) Examination will be that of Master's Degree of an Indian University.

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**Brief particulars relating to the Agricultural Research Service (ARS):-**

1.   Candidates selected for appointment to the Service will be appointed as Scientists in the Service on probation for a period of two years which may be extended, if necessary.

2.   Candidates selected on the basis of the competitive examination shall be required to undergo an intensive course of study and training for a specified period.

3.   On successful completion of the prescribed training, a candidate will be posted anywhere in India according to the Research priorities of the Council. He will be liable to serve at the initial place of posting at least for a period of five years for category A Stations and 3 years for category B Stations before seeking transfer on whatsoever ground from that place / station.

4.   Every trainee shall be required to execute a bond to serve the Council (ICAR) for a minimum period of 4 years from the date of appointment, including the period of training. Failure to serve the ICAR for the stipulated period will render the candidate liable to refund to the Council a sum of ₹ 1,25,000/- (Rupees one lakh twenty five thousand only)

5.   Any trainee found to be guilty of unbecoming conduct will be liable to be discharged even before completion of the period of training. Such a trainee will be liable to refund full amount of the emoluments paid to him / her during training period.

6.   If in the opinion of the ICAR, the work or conduct of the officer on probation is unsatisfactory or shows that he is unlikely to become efficient, the ICAR may discharge him forthwith. On completion of the period of probation or any extension, if it is found that a candidate is not fit for permanent appointment, he / she may be discharged.

7.   Conditions of service, leave, pension, etc. for the members of service shall be as determined by the Council.

8.   A Scientist is liable to serve anywhere in India or abroad.

9.   In ARS, the scientist will be placed in the same discipline in which he/she has qualified the ARS Preliminary examination and no request for change of discipline will be entertained.

10.  The candidates selected for appointment to the posts in Veterinary Sciences disciplines will be entitled to Non Practicing Allowance, as admissible under the rule of Indian Council of Agricultural Research and subject to fulfilment of the conditions of entitlement as prescribed by the Council. The grant of NPA to ICAR Scientists is subject to the approval of Ministry of Finance.

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# SECTION (C)
# SENIOR TECHNICAL OFFICER (STO) (T-6)

STO (T-6) Examination is a direct recruitment examination for the post of Senior Technical Officer (STO) (T-6) at ICAR Hqrs and its Research Institutes. All those candidates desirous of appearing for this examination for recruitment to the post of STO (T-6) are required to take the online (CBT) STO (T-6) Examination and the Interview. Candidates declared successful in the online examination and interview will be recommended for appointment as Senior Technical Officer (STO) (T-6) of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in the Pay Band – 3 of ₹ 15,600 – 39,100 with GP of ₹ 5400/- (revised Pay Level 10 - ₹ 56,100 – 1,77,500 of the 7th CPC), based on the Institute of their choice opted while filling the online application.

Only those candidates, who qualify the online (CBT) examination for STO (T-6) as per prescribed standards, will be shortlisted for Interview in the ratio of 1:5 i.e. 5 candidates for one post, in order of merit.

## 2.  VACANCIES FOR STO (T-6)

The number of vacancies for the posts of Senior Technical Officer (STO) (T-6) are given in **Annexure -XI.**

Preference of Institutes may be indicated in the online application form. The preference, once submitted, shall not be changed under any circumstances.

## 3.  RULES OF EXAMINATION

The Rules of STO (T-6) Examination are given in **Annexure - XII**. Candidate must read the Rules of examination carefully before filling up the Online Application form.

## 4.  PRESCRIBED EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Candidate must hold a Master's Degree or equivalent in the concerned discipline with specialization as defined in **Annexure -VI and XI,** completed on or before **19.09.2021**. For details, please refer to Rules of the Examination given in **Annexure -XII**.

## 5.  AGE LMIT:-

A candidate seeking admission to the **STO (T-6) Examination** must have attained the age of **21 years** but not have attained the **age of 35 years** as on **25.04.2021.** Age relaxation is admissible to the various categories as per Rules of the Examination as given in **Annexure – XII**.

## 6.  PLAN OF EXAMINATION:-

The Detailed Plan of Examination is given in **Annexure - XIII.**

## 7. SYLLABUS:

Syllabus for STO (T-6) is common with that of NET/ ARS Disciplines, which is available on the Syllabus Link on ASRB's website: http://www.asrb.org.in.

ASRB's website: http://www.asrb.org.in → NET/ARS Notifications / Other Instructions → Syllabus for various disciplines (http://asrb.org.in/9-syllabus/27-syllabus ).

ANNEXURE-XI

**Vacancy detail for STO (T-6) along with the Institute and corresponding NET Discipline**
**(Qualification as per Annexure-VI)**

| S. No. | Institute and Location | Functional Group | Vacancy | NET Discipline |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | NAARM, Hyderabad | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) | Agronomy (Code No. 43) |
| 2. | IASRI, New Delhi | Laboratory Technician | 1 (UR) | Computer Applications & IT (Code No. 52) |
| 3. | CIAE, Bhopal | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) | Computer Applications & IT (Code No. 52) |
| 4. | CIAE, Bhopal | Workshop Technician | 1 (OBC) | Farm Machinery and Power (Code No. 51) |
| 5. | DPR, Hyderabad | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) | Veterinary Pathology (Code No. 30) |
| 6. | NRC Yak, Dirang | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) | Livestock Production Management (Code No. 25) |
| 7. | NRC Yak, Dirang | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) | Agronomy (Code No. 43) |
| 8. | CIRB Sub Campus, Nabha | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (OBC) | Animal Reproduction & Gynaecology (Code No. 20) |
| 9. | CIRB, Hisar | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) | Animal Reproduction & Gynaecology (Code No. 20) |
| 10. | CIRB, Hisar | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) (EWS) | Veterinary Medicine (Code No. 27) |
| 11. | CIRB Sub Campus, Nabha | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (OBC) | Agronomy (Code No. 43) |
| 12. | CIRB Sub Campus, Nabha | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) | Veterinary Medicine (Code No. 27) |
| 13. | IVRI, Izatnagar | Laboratory Technician | 1 (UR) | Animal Biochemistry (Code No. 15) |
| 14. | IVRI, Izatnagar | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) | Farm Machinery and Power (Code No. 51) |
| 15. | IVRI, Izatnagar | Field/ Farm Technician | 2 (UR) | Agronomy (Code No. 43) |
| 16. | IVRI, Izatnagar | Laboratory Technician | 1 (OBC) | Veterinary Microbiology (Code No. 28) |
| 17. | IVRI, Izatnagar | Laboratory Technician | 1 (SC) | Animal Biotechnology (Code No. 16) |
| 18. | NRC Camel Bikaner | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) | Agronomy (Code No. 43) |
| 19. | NRC Camel Bikaner | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) | Veterinary Medicine (Code No. 27) |
| 20. | NRC Mithun Porba Centre | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (SC) | Livestock Production Management (Code No. 25) |
| 21. | NDRI Karnal | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) | Veterinary Medicine (Code No. 27) |
| 22. | NDRI Regional Centre Bengaluru | Laboratory Technician | 1 (UR) | Dairy Chemistry (Code No. 21) |
| 23. | NDRI Regional Centre Bengaluru | Laboratory Technician | 1 (ST) | Animal Biochemistry (Code No. 15) |
| 24. | NDRI Karnal | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (OBC) | Dairy Technology (Code No. 23) |
| 25. | NDRI Karnal | Laboratory Technician | 1 (OBC) & (Locomotor Disability) | Computer Applications & IT (Code No. 52) |
| 26. | NDRI Karnal | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (OBC) | Animal Reproduction & Gynaecology (Code No. 20) |

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| 27. | NDRI Karnal | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) (EWS) | Veterinary Medicine (Code No. 27) |
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| 28. | NDRI Karnal | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) (EWS) | Agronomy (Code No. 43) |
| 29. | CSWRI Arid Region Campus, Bikaner | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) | Veterinary Medicine (Code No. 27) |
| 30. | CIRG Makhdoom | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) | Veterinary Medicine (Code No. 27) |
| 31. | IGFRI Jhansi | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (OBC) | Genetics & Plant Breeding (Code No. 5) |
| 32. | IGFRI Jhansi | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) | Veterinary Medicine (Code No. 27) |
| 33. | IISS Mau | Laboratory Technician | 1 (UR) | Seed Science & Technology (Code No. 10) |
| 34. | SBI Coimbatore | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (OBC) | Genetics & Plant Breeding (Code No. 5) |
| 35. | IARI Regional Station Samastipur, Pusa, Bihar | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (OBC) | Plant Pathology (Code No. 8) |
| 36. | IARI New Delhi | Laboratory Technician | 1 (UR) (EWS) | Bioinformatics (Code No. 54) |
| 37. | NBAIM Mau | Laboratory Technician | 1 (UR) | Agricultural Microbiology (Code No. 3) |
| 38. | CIFT Regional Centre, Visakhapatnam | Laboratory Technician | 1 (OBC) | Fish Processing Technology (Code No. 36) |
| 39. | CPRI Shimla | Laboratory Technician | 1 (UR) | Computer Applications & IT (Code No. 52) |
| 40. | CPRI Regional Station Modipuram | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (SC) | Vegetable Science (Code No. 14) |
| 41. | CITH Regional Station, West Kameng, Dirang, (Arunachal Pradesh) | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (OBC) | Fruit Science (Code No. 12) |
| 42. | IISR Kozhikode | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) | Spices, Plantation & Medicinal & Aromatic Plants (Code No. 13) |
| 43. | NRC on Litchi Muzaffarpur | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) | Fruit Science (Code No. 12) |
| 44. | IIHR Bengaluru | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) | Floriculture & Landscaping (Code No. 11) |
| 45. | IIHR Bengaluru | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (SC) | Fruit Science (Code No. 12) |
| 46. | IISWC Regional Station Kota | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) | Fruit Science (Code No. 12) |
| 47. | IISWC Dehradun | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (OBC) | Agronomy (Code No. 43) |
| 48. | IISWC Dehradun | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) | Soil Sciences (Code No. 45) |
| 49. | IIFSR Modipuram | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) | Agronomy (Code No. 43) |
| 50. | IIFSR Modipuram | Laboratory Technician | 1 (OBC) | Computer Applications & IT (Code No. 52) |
| 51. | CSSRI Karnal | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) | Agronomy (Code No. 43) |
| 52. | NBSS&LUP Nagpur | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) (EWS) | Soil Sciences (Code No. 45) |

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| 53. | NBSS&LUP Nagpur | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) | Soil Sciences (Code No. 45) |
| 54. | NBSS&LUP Regional Centre Bengaluru | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) | Soil Sciences (Code No. 45) |
| 55. | NBSS&LUP Nagpur | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (OBC) | Soil Sciences (Code No. 45) |
| 56. | NBSS&LUP Regional Centre New Delhi | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (SC) | Soil Sciences (Code No. 45) |
| 57. | NBSS&LUP Nagpur | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) | Soil Sciences (Code No. 45) |
| 58. | CAZRI Jodhpur | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) | Agronomy (Code No. 43) |
| 59. | CAZRI Jodhpur | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) | Fruit Science (Code No. 12) |
| 60. | CAZRI Regional Centre Bikaner | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (OBC) | Agronomy (Code No. 43) |
| 61. | ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Regional Centre, Kolasib, Mizoram | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (SC) | Genetics & Plant Breeding (Code No. 5) |
| 62. | ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Regional Centre, Lembucherra, Tripura | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) | Animal Reproduction & Gynaecology (Code No. 20) |
| 63. | ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) | Agronomy (Code No. 43) |
| 64. | CAFRI Jhansi | Field/ Farm Technician | 1 (UR) | Agroforestry (Code No. 42) |
| | **Total** | | **65** | |

Note: Physically handicapped (PwBD) candidates can apply for all technical posts across all the functional groups.

## RULES OF EXAMINATION FOR SENIOR TECHNICAL OFFICER (STO) (T-6)

The rules for the Senior Technical Officer (STO) (T-6) Examination to be held by the Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board are published for general information.

1. **NATIONALITY**:
   A candidate must be either:-
   (i)     a citizen of India, or
   (ii)    a citizen of Nepal, or
   (iii)   a citizen of Bhutan, or
   (iv)    a Tibetan refugee who came over to India before the 1st January, 1962, with the intention of permanently settling in India, or
   (v)     a person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Burma, Sri Lanka and East African countries of Kenya, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, Zaire, Ethiopia and Vietnam with the intention of permanently settling in India.

   Provided that a candidate belonging to categories (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) above shall be a person in whose favour a certificate of eligibility has been issued by the Government of India.

2. **AGE LIMITS:-**
   A candidate seeking admission to the STO (T-6) Examination must have attained the age of **21 years** but not have attained the **age of 35 years** as on **25.04.2021.** There will be no age-limit for the employees of ICAR.

   *The upper age limit prescribed above will also be relaxable:-*
   (i)     Upto a maximum of five years if a candidate belongs to SC or ST.
   (ii)    Upto a maximum of 3 years in the case of candidates belonging to Other Backward Classes, who are eligible to avail of reservation applicable to such candidates, i.e. Non-creamy layer.
   (iii)   For Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) candidates, the upper age limit will be relaxable upto a maximum of 10 years. Candidates belonging to SC, ST and OBC who are also covered under the PwBD category will be eligible for grant of cumulative age relaxation under both of their respective categories.
   (iv)    Up to a maximum of five years if a candidate had ordinarily been domiciled in the State of Jammu & Kashmir during the period from the 1st January, 1980 to the 31st day of December, 1989.
   (vi)    To other bonafide displaced persons/repatriates of Indian origin / Defence Services Personnel/Border Security Force Personnel etc. as per the existing instructions of the Government of India on the subject.

   **Save as provided above, the age limits prescribed can in no case be relaxed.**

3. **EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:-**
   Candidate must hold a Master's Degree or equivalent in the concerned discipline with specialization as defined in **Annexure-VI and XI,** completed on or before **19.09.2021** from any Indian University incorporated by an Act of Central or State Legislature in India or other educational institution established by an Act of Parliament or declared to be deemed University under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 or he/she must have qualification from a foreign University recognized as equivalent eligibility qualification by the Government of India (GoI).

   In the case of ex-servicemen, the equivalence for their qualification will be decided in consultation with the Director-General of the Resettlement, Ministry of Defence.

4. **FEE:-**

The candidates seeking admission to examination must pay to the Board a fee as follows:

| Sl. No. | Category of candidate | ₹ |
|---------|----------------------|-----|
| 1 | Unreserved (UR) | 500/- |
| 2 | Economically Weaker Section (EWS)/ Other Backward Class (OBC) | 500/- |
| 3 | Scheduled Caste (SC)/ Scheduled Tribe (ST)/ Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) / Women | NIL |

Transaction charges for Debit Card/ Credit Card/ Net Banking/ UPI, as the case may be, have to be borne by the candidate.

**NOTE:** Fee once paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances nor can the fee be held in reserve for any other examination or selection.

5. **RESERVED/RELAXED CATEGORY CANDIDATES**

Candidates who claim to belong to the Scheduled Castes (SC) or Scheduled Tribes (ST) must possess the requisite certificate in the prescribed format as per **Appendix – I**. Otherwise their claim for SC/ST category will not be considered.

Candidates who claim to belong to Other Backward Classes (OBC)-Non Creamy Layer must possess the requisite certificate in the prescribed format as per **Appendix - II** from the competent authority as mentioned therein. Otherwise, their claim for OBC status will not be considered. The OBC Certificate in a format other than the prescribed one will not be accepted/ considered. The OBC Certificate should have been issued for posts under Govt. of India and not for posts under the respective state of the candidate only.

OBC candidates whose caste is not listed in Central List (as available on National Commission for Backward Classes website www.ncbc.nic.in) and who are not covered under the provisions as applicable to OBC-Non Creamy Layer (NCL) candidates, shall be treated as General Category candidates for all purposes.

Candidates who claim to be Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) must possess medical certificate as per disability in the prescribed applicable format i.e. Form V/VI/VII as per **Appendix - III** issued by the Competent Medical Authorities for the purpose of employment.

Candidates who claim to belong to the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) will be required to submit the requisite certificate in the prescribed format as per **Appendix – IV**. Otherwise their claim for EWS category will not be considered.

Candidates should be in possession of all the requisite certificates in the prescribed format in support of their claim for relaxation/ reservation, and these certificates should be dated earlier than the closing date of the online application for the examination.

6. The decision of the Board with respect to the eligibility or otherwise of a candidate for admission to the examination shall be final.

7. No candidate will be admitted to the examination unless he/ she holds a certificate of admission issued by the Board.

8.     A candidate must be in good mental and bodily health and free from any physical defects likely to interfere with the discharge of his duties as an officer of the service. A candidate, who after such physical examination as the Indian Council of Agricultural Research may prescribe, is found not to satisfy these requirements will not be appointed. Candidates selected by the Board may be required to undergo physical examination. Candidates will be required to pay the fee for the Medical Examination as prescribed by the Government of India for such category of the posts.

9.     There would be a provision of reserve panel having validity period of 18 months from the date of issue of the final result.

10.    *No person:-*
       **(a)**    Who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having a spouse living or
       **(b)**    Who, having a spouse living has entered into or contracted a marriage with any person shall be eligible for appointment to the service.

       Provided that the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, may, if satisfied that such a marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to the marriage and there are other grounds for so doing, exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

11.    Any attempt on the part of a candidate to obtain support for his/ her candidature by any means may disqualify him/ her from admission to the examination.

12.    As per the Technical Service Rules of ICAR in force at present there are only two merit promotions after STO i.e. on the basis of 5/7 yearly assessments i.e. one after 5 years as STO in the grade of Assistant Chief Technical Officer (ACTO) in Level 11 of $7^{th}$ CPC and then after 7 years as ACTO in the grade of Chief Technical Officer (CTO) in Level 12 of $7^{th}$ CPC. Further, the employees with 5 years of service in the grade of CTO are eligible for consideration of one advance increment on the basis of five yearly assessment.

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## PLAN OF EXAMINATION FOR STO (T-6)

**Online competitive examination (Computer Based Test) followed by Interview shall be conducted as per the following plan of examination:-**

|   |   | **Examination** | **Max. Marks** | **Duration** |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | (a) | STO (T-6) Examination (Objective Type) | 150 | 2 hours |
|   | (b) | Interview | 30 | |

2. (a)  **STO (T-6) Examination:-**
The examination for STO (T-6) shall have one paper of 150 marks with all multiple choice objective questions to be attempted in 2 hours (Two hours), from the respective disciplines opted by the candidate. The Examination will be conducted in Online format at the designated Centres. The questions of the Examination will be available in bilingual form i.e. Hindi and English medium. The answers are to be indicated on the Computer itself during the Examination.

**1/3 marks will be deducted for each wrong answer in the examination (Objective Type). There will be no rounding off of fractions of marks.**

The candidates who obtain following minimum qualifying marks in the online (CBT) examination shall be called for interview in the ratio of 1:5 for each post of STO (T-6). However, the Board reserves the right to fix/ revise the qualifying marks and ratio in any or all disciplines at its discretion.

**Minimum marks required for qualifying STO (T-6) Examination – 2021:**

| **Category of candidate** | **Minimum qualifying marks** |
|---|---|
| Un-reserved (UR)/ EWS | 75.0 (50%) |
| OBC | 67.5 (45%) |
| SC / ST/ PwBD | 60.0 (40%) |

**Since the examination will be conducted Online (and the number of computers being limited at our Centres), there may be disciplines for which Multiple Sets of Question Papers could be used. In such cases, the Board at its discretion may adopt EquiPercentile Normalisation Procedure for deciding number of qualified candidates for such Disciplines.**

Candidates must mark the answer in their own hand. They will not be allowed the help of a scribe to mark the answers for them under any circumstances. Only the Orthopedically Handicapped (OH) candidates with both arms affected may be allowed the help of a Scribe, only with the prior permission of the Board. Provision of a scribe will be made by ASRB on prior request made by such candidates ten (10) days before the Examination on netarssto@asrb.org.in. An additional time of 20 (twenty) minutes per hour will be allowed to such candidates.

(b)  **Interview for STO (T-6):-**
The candidates will be interviewed by a Board of competent and unbiased experts in the respective disciplines, who will have before them a record of his/her career.  The object of the interview is to assess his/her suitability for the post for which he/she has competed. The interview is intended to supplement the written examination for testing the general and specialized knowledge and abilities of the candidate.  The candidate will be expected to have taken an intelligent interest not only in his/her own state or country, but also in modern current of thought and in new discoveries, which should rouse the curiosity of well-educated youth.

The technique of the interview is not that of strict cross-examination, but of a natural, though directed and purposive conversation intended to reveal the candidate's mental qualities and his/her grasp of problems. The Board will pay special attention to assessing the intellectual curiosity, critical powers of assimilation, balance of judgment and alertness of mind, the ability for social cohesion, integrity of character, initiative and capacity for leadership and scientific research.

3. **Examination Procedure**:-

(i) Reserved category candidates who qualify after availing relaxed standard or age relaxation shall render themselves ineligible for UR posts. They will be eligible only for the posts which are reserved in respective category in a particular discipline.

(ii) After the Interview, candidates who obtain minimum aggregate marks in the online (CBT) examination and Interview as fixed by the Board shall be arranged in order of merit to be recommended for appointment in accordance with the number of vacancies intimated by the Council as well as the preference of institute opted by the candidates.

(iii) Based on the merit, the candidates belonging to reserved categories i.e. EWS/SC/ST/OBC/PwBD (Orthopedically Handicapped (OH)/ Hearing Impaired (HI)) are also eligible to be considered against the unreserved vacancies, if no relaxation in age or qualifying marks has been availed by such reserve category candidates. If any concession in age or relaxation in qualifying marks is availed, such candidates will be eligible for consideration only against vacancies reserved for them.

(iv) **Rules for Tie-Breaker**:- Wherever two or more candidates have secured equal aggregate marks (marks in online objective type examination + Interview) the merit of the candidates shall be determined by applying the following Tie-Breaker Rules:

(a) Candidate securing more marks in the online objective type examination will be ranked higher.
(b) In case where the marks mentioned at (a) above are equal, the candidate senior in age will be ranked higher.

(v) Candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes (SC) or the Scheduled Tribes (ST) may be recommended by the Board by a relaxed standard to make up the deficiency in the reserved quota subject to the relevant instructions on the subject and also subject to the fitness of these candidates for appointment to the Senior Technical Officer post, irrespective of their ranks in the order of merit at the examination.

(vi) There is no provision of re-evaluation of the answer script and therefore, no request for re-evaluation of the answer script will be entertained. The Board will not enter into any correspondence in this regard.

(vii) The form and manner of communication of the result of the examination to individual candidates shall be decided by the Board and the Board will not enter into correspondence with them regarding the result.

(viii) Recommendation of candidates by the Board will not be binding unless the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is satisfied after such enquiry as may be considered necessary that the candidate is suitable in all respects for appointment to the post.

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## FORM OF CERTIFICATE TO BE RPODUCED BY SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSTS UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

This is to certify that Shri/Shrimati/Kumari*_____ son/ daughter* of _____of village/town* _____ in District/ Division*_____ of the State/Union Territory* _____ belongs to the _____ caste/ tribe* which is recognized as a Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe* under:-

@ The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950
@ The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950
@ The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Union Territories Order, 1951
@ The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Union Territories Order, 1951

[as amended by the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Lists (Modification) Order, 1956; the Bombay Reorganisation Act, 1960, the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966, the State of Himachal Pradesh Act, 1970, the North Eastern Area (Reorganisation) Act, 1971, the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act, 1976, the State of Mizoram Act, 1986, the State of Arunachal Pradesh Act, 1986 and the Goa, Daman and Diu (Reorganisation) Act, 1987.]

@ The Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) Scheduled Castes Order, 1956
@ The Constitution (Andaman and Nicobar Islands) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1959, as amended by the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Order (Amendment) Act, 1976
@ The Constitution (Dadar and Nagar Haveli) Scheduled Castes Order, 1962
@ The Constitution (Dadar and Nagar Haveli) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1962
@ The Constitution (Pondicherry) Scheduled Castes Order, 1964
@ The Constitution (Uttar Pradesh) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1967
@ The Constitution (Goa, Daman and Diu) Scheduled Castes Order, 1968
@ The Constitution (Goa, Daman and Diu) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1968
@ The Constitution (Nagaland) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1970
@ The Constitution (Sikkim) Scheduled Castes Order, 1978
@ The Constitution (Sikkim) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1978
@ The Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1989
@ The Constitution (SC) Order (Amendment) Act, 1990
@ The Constitution (ST) Order (Amendment) Act, 1991
@ The Constitution (ST) Order (Second Amendment) Act, 1991
@ The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act, 2002
@ The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Act, 2002
@ The Constitution (Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) Orders (Amendment) Act, 2002
@ The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders (Second Amendment) Act, 2002

%2. Applicable in the case of Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes persons who have migrated from one State/ union Territory Administration to another.

This certificate is issued on the basis of the Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes Certificate issued to Shri/Shrimati*_____ father/mother* of Shri/Shrimati/Kumari*_____ of village/town* _____ in District/Division* _____ of the State/ Union Territory* _____ who belongs to the caste/ tribe* which is recognized as a Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe* in the State/ Union Territory* of _____ issued by the _____ dated _____

%3. Shri/Shrimati*/Kumari*_____ and/*or his/her* family ordinarily resides in village/town*_____ of _____ District/Division* of the State/ Union Territory* of _____

Signature_____
**Designation_____
(With Seal of Office)
State/ Union Territory

Place_____
Date_____

* Please delete the words which are not applicable.
@ Please quote specific Presidential Order.
% Delete the paragraph which is not applicable.

NOTE:- The term "ordinarily resides" used here will have the same meaning as in Section 20 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.

** List of authorities empowered to issue Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe Certificate:
 (i) District Magistrate/ Additional District Magistrate/ Collector/ Deputy Commissioner/ Additional Deputy Commissioner/ Deputy Collector/ 1st Class Stipendiary Magistrate/^ Sub-Divisional Magistrate/ Taluka Magistrate/ Executive Magistrate/ Extra Assistant Commissioner.
     ^ (not below of the rank of 1st Class Stipendiary Magistrate).
 (ii) Chief Presidency Magistrate/ Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate/ Presidency Magistrate.
(iii) Revenue Officers not below the rank of Tehsildar.
(iv) Sub Divisional Officer of the area where the candidate and/or his/her family normally resides.
 (v) Administrator/ Secretary to Administrator/ Development Officer (Lakshadweep).

**FORM OF CERTIFICATE TO BE PRODUCED BY OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES APPLYING FOR APPOINTMENT TO POSTS UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

This is to certify that Shri/Smt./Kumari _____ son/daughter of _____ of village/town _____ in District/Division _____ in the State/Union Territory _____ belongs to the _____ community which is recognized as a backward class under the Government of India, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment's Resolution No. _____ dated _____*. Shri/Smt./Kumari _____ and/or his/her family ordinarily reside(s) in the _____ District/Division of the _____ State/Union Territory. This is also to certify that he/she does not belong to the persons/sections (Creamy layer) mentioned in Column 3 of the Schedule to the Government of India, Department of Personnel and Training O.M. No. 36012/22/93-Estt. (SCT) dated 8.9.1993**.

**District Magistrate,**
**Deputy Commissioner etc.**

Dated

SEAL

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*- The authority issuing the certificate may have to mention the details of Resolution of Government of India, in which the caste of the candidate is mentioned as OBC.
**- As amended from time to time.

Note:- The term "Ordinarily" used here will have the same meaning as in Section 20 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.

**Form-V**

**Certificate of Disability**
**(In cases of amputation or complete permanent paralysis of limbs**
**and in cases of blindness)**
**[See rule 18(1)]**

**(NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MEDICAL AUTHORITY ISSUING THE**
**CERTIFICATE)**

Recent PP size Attested Photograph (Showing face only) of the person with disability

Certificate No. ………………….                            Date: ………….

      This is to certify that I have carefully examined Shri/Smt./Kum. _____
_____ son/wife/daughter of Shri _____ Date of Birth (DD / MM / YY) ___ ____ ____ Age_____ years, male/female _____ Registration No._____ permanent resident of House No. _____ Ward/Village/Street _____ Post Office _____ District _____ State _____, whose photograph is affixed above, and am satisfied that :

(A) he/she is a case of:

- locomotor disability
- dwarfism
- blindness
  (Please tick as applicable)

(B) the diagnosis in his/her case is _____

(A) He/ She has _____%(in figure)_____ percent (in words) permanent Locomotor Disability/ dwarfism/ blindness in relation to his/her_____(part of body) as per guidelines (_____ number and date of issue of the guidelines to be specified).

2. The applicant has submitted the following document as proof of residence:-

| Nature of Document | Date of Issue | Details of authority issuing certificate |
|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |

(Signature and Seal of Authorised Signatory of
notified Medical Authority)

Signature/Thumb impression of the person in whose favour disability certificate is issued.

**Form-VI**

**Disability Certificate**
**(In case of multiple disabilities)**
**[See rule 18(1)]**

**(NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MEDICAL AUTHORITY ISSUING THE CERTIFICATE)**

Recent PP size Attested Photograph (Showing face only) of the person with disability

Certificate No. ……………………….          Date: …………

       This is to certify that we have carefully examined Shri/Smt./Kum. _____ son/wife/daughter of Shri _____ Date of Birth (DD / MM / YY) ___ ____ ____ Age _____ years, male/female _____ Registration No._____ permanent resident of House No. _____ Ward/Village/Street _____ Post Office _____ District _____ State _____, whose photograph is affixed above, and are satisfied that:

(A) He/she is a Case of **Multiple Disability**. His/her extent of permanent physical impairment/disability has been evaluated as per guidelines (_____ number and date of issue of the guidelines to be specified) for the disabilities ticked below, and shown against the relevant disability in the table below:

| S. No. | Disability | Affected Part of Body | Diagnosis | Permanent physical impairment/mental disability (in %) |
|--------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. | Locomotor disability | @ | | |
| 2. | Muscular Dystrophy | | | |
| 3. | Leprosy cured | | | |
| 4. | Dwarfism | | | |
| 5. | Cerebral Palsy | | | |

| S. No. | Disability | Affected Part of Body | Diagnosis | Permanent physical impairment/mental disability (in %) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6. | Acid attack Victim | | | |
| 7. | Low vision | # | | |
| 8. | Blindness | # | | |
| 9. | Deaf | £ | | |
| 10. | Hard of hearing | £ | | |
| 11. | Speech and Language disability | | | |
| 12. | Intellectual Disability | | | |
| 13. | Specific Learning Disability | | | |
| 14. | Autism Spectrum Disorder | | | |
| 15. | Mental-illness | | | |
| 16. | Chronic Neurological Conditions | | | |
| 17. | Multiple sclerosis | | | |
| 18. | Parkinson's disease | | | |
| 19. | Haemophilia | | | |
| 20. | Thalassemia | | | |
| 21. | Sickle Cell disease | | | |

(B) In the light of the above, his /her over all permanent physical impairment as per guidelines (_____ number and date of issue of the guidelines to be specified), is as follows:-

In figures:- _____percent

In words:-_____ percent

2. This condition is progressive/ non-progressive/ likely to improve/ not likely to improve.

3. Reassessment of disability is:

(i) not necessary,

Or

(ii) is recommended/ after _____years_____months, and therefore this certificate shall be valid till (DD / MM / YY) _____ _____ _____

@      e.g. Left/ right/ both arms/ legs

#      e.g. Single eye

£      e.g. Left/ right/ both ears

4. The applicant has submitted the following document as proof of residence:-

| Nature of Document | Date of Issue | Details of authority issuing certificate |
|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |

5. Signature and seal of the Medical Authority.

|  |  |  |
|---|---|---|
| Name and seal of Member | Name and seal of Member | Name and seal of the Chairperson |

| Signature/Thumb impression of the person in whose favour disability certificate is issued. |
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**Form-VII**

**Disability Certificate**
**(In cases other than those mentioned in Forms V and VI)**
**(NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MEDICAL AUTHORITY ISSUING THE**
**CERTIFICATE)**
**[See rule 18(1)]**

<div style="text-align: right">
Recent PP size
Attested
Photograph
(Showing face
only) of the person
with disability
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Certificate No. ……………………                                Date: …………..

       This is to certify that I have carefully examined Shri/Smt./Kum. _____ son/wife/daughter of Shri _____ Date of Birth (DD / MM / YY) ___ ____ ____ Age _____ years, male/female _____ Registration No._____ permanent resident of House No. _____ Ward/Village/Street _____ Post Office _____ District _____ State _____, whose photograph is affixed above and am satisfied that he/she is a case of _____ disability. His/her extent of percentage physical impairment/disability has been evaluated as per guidelines (to be specified) and is shown against the relevant disability in the table below:-

| S. No. | Disability | Affected Part of Body | Diagnosis | Permanent physical impairment/mental disability (in %) |
|--------|------------|----------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. | Locomotor disability | @ | | |
| 2. | Muscular Dystrophy | | | |
| 3. | Leprosy cured | | | |
| 4. | Cerebral Palsy | | | |
| 5. | Acid attack Victim | | | |
| 6. | Low vision | # | | |
| 7. | Deaf | £ | | |
| 8. | Hard of hearing | £ | | |

| S. No. | Disability | Affected Part of Body | Diagnosis | Permanent physical impairment/mental disability (in %) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9. | Speech and Language disability | | | |
| 10. | Intellectual Disability | | | |
| 11. | Specific Learning Disability | | | |
| 12. | Autism Spectrum Disorder | | | |
| 13. | Mental-illness | | | |
| 14. | Chronic Neurological Conditions | | | |
| 15. | Multiple sclerosis | | | |
| 16. | Parkinson's disease | | | |
| 17. | Haemophilia | | | |
| 18. | Thalassemia | | | |
| 19. | Sickle Cell disease | | | |

(Please strike out the disabilities which are not applicable.)


2. The above condition is progressive/ non-progressive/ likely to improve/ not likely to improve.


3. Reassessment of disability is :

(i) not necessary,

Or

(ii) is recommended/ after _____years_____ months, and therefore this certificate shall be valid till (DD / MM / YY) _____ _____ _____

    @ -    e.g. Left/ right/ both arms/ legs
    # -    e.g. Single eye/ both eyes
    £ -    e.g. Left/ right/ both ears

4. The applicant has submitted the following document as proof of residence:-

| Nature of Document | Date of Issue | Details of authority issuing certificate |
|---|---|---|
| | | |

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(Authorised Signatory of notified Medical Authority)
(Name and Seal)


Countersigned
{Countersignature and seal of the
Chief Medical Officer/ Medical Superintendent/
Head of Government Hospital, in case the
certificate is issued by a medical
authority who is not a government
servant (with seal)}

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Signature/Thumb impression of the person in whose favour disability certificate is issued.

**Note**: In case this certificate is issued by a medical authority who is not a government servant, it shall be valid only if countersigned by the Chief Medical Officer of the District.

**Note**: The principal rules were published in the Gazette of India by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment vide notification number 489, dated 15.06.2017.

**Government of _____**
**(Name & Address of the authority issuing the certificate)**

## INCOME & ASSET CERTIFICATE TO BE PRODUCED BY ECONOMICALLY WEAKER SECTIONS

Certificate No. _____                    Date: _____

### VALID FOR THE YEAR _____

This is to certify that Shri/Smt./Kumari _____ son/daughter/wife of _____ permanent resident of _____, Village/Street _____ Post. Office _____ District _____ in the State/Union Territory _____ Pin Code _____ whose photograph is attested below belongs to Economically Weaker Sections, since the gross annual income* of his/her 'family'** is below ₹ 8 lakh (Rupees Eight Lakh only) for the financial year _____. His/her family does not own or possess any of the following assets***:

I.   5 acres of agricultural land and above;
II.  Residential flat of 1000 sq. ft. and above;
Ill. Residential plot of 100 sq. yards and above in notified municipalities;
IV.  Residential plot of 200 sq. yards and above in areas other than the notified municipalities.

2.   Shri/Smt./Kumari _____ belongs to the _____ caste which is not recognized as a Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Classes (Central List).

Signature with seal of Office _____
Name _____
Designation _____

| Recent Passport size attested photograph of the applicant |
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*__Note 1:__ Income covered all sources i.e. salary, agriculture, business, profession, etc.
**__Note 2:__ The term '**Family**" for this purpose include the person, who seeks benefit of reservation, his/her parents and siblings below the age of 18 years as also his/her spouse and children below the age of I8 years
***__Note 3:__ The property held by a "Family' in different locations or different places/cities have been clubbed while applying the land or property holding test to determine EWS status.

## EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATE

(On official Letter Head of the Institute/ University)

It is certified that Sh./Smt./Dr. _____ (Name) is working as _____ (Designation) in this Institute/ University. His/her initial date of appointment in the Institute/ University is _____. His/her Pay Level as per $7^{th}$ CPC Pay Matrix is _____ (Pay Band ₹_____ Pay in Pay Band ₹_____ and Grade Pay of ₹ _____).  He/she is a _____ (Regular/Contractual) employee of this Institute / University.

This Office/ University has no objection to his/her applying for the post of Scientist of Agricultural Research Service (ARS) / Senior Technical Officer (STO) (T-6) Examination – 2021* conducted by Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board.
*(\*- strike-out whichever is not applicable)*

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(                              )
Registrar/Vice-Chancellor/
Competent Authority

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NOTE: A copy of appointment letter, Joining Order and Official Identity Card may also be enclosed.