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**HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**  
**(EC)**

CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE CONDUCT OF ANDHRA PRADESH RESEARCH COMMON ENTRANCE TEST AND ADMISSIONS OF STUDENTS INTO Ph.D., PROGRAMMES IN SCIENCES/ARTS/HUMANITIES/SOCIAL SCIENCES/FINE ARTS/ EDUCATION/ PHYSICAL EDUCATION/LIBRARY SCIENCES/ COMMERCE AND MANAGEMENT/ ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY/ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING /LAW/PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES, Etc. RULES, 2023.

**[G.O.Ms.No.23, Higher Education (EC), 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2026.]**

**NOTIFICATION**

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 3 and 15 of the Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admission and prohibition of Capitation Fee) Act, 1983 (Andhra Pradesh Act No. 5 of 1983), the Government hereby makes the following amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Research Common Entrance Test and Admissions of students in Science/Arts/Humanities/Social Sciences/Fine Arts/Education/Physical Education/Library Sciences/ Commerce and Management/ Engineering & Technology/Architecture & Planning /Law/Pharmaceutical Sciences etc., Rules, 2023 with immediate effect for taking up admissions from the A.Y. 2026-27:-

In the said rules,-

1. In Rule 2, in sub-rule (i),-

(i) for clause (c), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"(c)" Chairman, APRCET Advisory Committee" (Test) means the Chairman, A.P. State Council of Higher Education; and

"Chairman, APRCET Advisory Committee" (Admissions) means the Commissioner / Director of Higher Education (CHE).".

(ii) for clause (g), the following shall be substituted, namely;

"Competent Authority" means the Chairman, Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education for conducting APRCET (TEST) and the Commissioner / Director of Higher Education (CHE) for admissions.".

2. in rule 4,-

(i) under the heading "APRCET Advisory Committee", the words "and Admissions" shall be omitted.

(ii) in sub rule (4.1), between the words "Advisory Committee" and "shall consist", the word "Test", shall be inserted.

(iii) after sub rule (4.1), the following sub rule shall be inserted, namely,-

"(4.1-A) The composition of the advisory committee for APRCET (Admission) shall consists the following:-

- (i) Commissioner /Director of Higher Education (CHE) (Chairman);
- (ii) Two Vice-Chancellors of Universities as nominated by the CHE;
- (iii) Convener of the APRCET (admission) — Member Convener;
- (iv) In-charge of Computer/Online systems in admission camp;
- (v) Two officers nominated by the CHE.".

3. in rule 8, in sub rule (8.3), for clause (ii), the following shall be substituted, namely;

"The competent authority - i.e., CHE will nominate Convener, APRCET (Admissions)".

4. For rule 10, the following shall be substituted, namely;

"10. Funds for the conduct of the APRCET (Test and Admissions)

(i) The amounts that are collected from the candidate towards the cost of application, the examination fee as applicable shall be directly credited into the account of the Secretary, APSCH. The amounts that are collected from the candidate towards the admission registration fee as applicable shall be directly credited into the account of the Commissionerate/Directorate of Higher Education (CHE).

(ii) The Convener, APRCET (Test) shall draw advance from the Secretary, APSCH to incur necessary expenditure for items /services connected with the APRCET and submit for audit to the Local Fund Audit and report thereof shall be submitted to the Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education. The Convener, APRCET (Admissions) shall draw advance from the Commissionerate/ Directorate of Higher Education (CHE) to incur necessary expenditure for items /services connected with the APRCET admissions and submit for audit to the Local Fund Audit and report thereof shall be submitted to the Commissionerate/Directorate of Higher Education (CHE).

**KONA SASIDHAR,**  
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