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HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
(EC)

ADMISSIONS OF CANDIDATES INTO DIPLOMA COURSES IN POLYTECHNICS - CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE ANDHRA PRADESH REGULATION OF ADMISSION OF CANDIDATES INTO POLYTECHNICS AND STATE-WIDE TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS (THROUGH POLYTECHNIC COMMON ENTRANCE TEST) RULES, 2025.

[G.O.Ms.No.24, Higher Education (EC), 4th 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 Regulation of Admission of candidates into Polytechnics and State-wide Technical Institutions (through Polytechnic Common Entrance Test) Rules, 2025, with immediate effect for taking up admissions from the A.Y. 2026-27.

In the said rules,-

1. In Rule 2(1),-

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

“(d) “Competent Authority” means the Commissioner /Director of Higher Education.”.

(ii) for clause (e), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

“(e) “Convenor (Admissions)” means Convenor of POLYCET Admissions” i.e., an officer not below the rank of Joint Director nominated by the Competent Authority for selection and allotment of candidates for admission.”.

2. in rule 3, for sub rule (2), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

“The competent authority shall constitute the POLYCET Committee, which shall be composed of the following members:

- (i) Commissioner/Director of Higher Education – Chairperson
- (ii) Secretary, SBTET, A.P., – Member Convenor
- (iii) A representative from the Government not below the rank of Deputy Secretary from Skills Development and Training Dept., / relevant secretariat Department – Member.
- (iv) Joint Director of Higher Education – Member
- (v) Regional Joint Directors of Higher Education – Members
- (vi) Deputy Director Academic, Dept. of Higher Education – Member
- (vii) Joint Secretary (CoE), SBTET, A.P., – Member
- (viii) Joint Secretary (Academic), SBTET, A.P., – Member
- (ix) Chief Camp Officer, POLYCET/ Online System In charge for POLYCET Admission – Member
- (x) Three Principals as nominated by the Commissioner/ Director of Higher Education – Members
- (xi) Special Invitees as decided by the Commissioner/ Director of Higher Education – Members”.

3. in rule 12,-

(i) for sub rule (12.3), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

“(12.3) Competent authority for admission

The Commissioner/ Director of Higher Education shall be the competent authority to issue notification for admission, for prescribing admission procedure, nominate admission staff to select candidates for all the courses in all the Polytechnics, Institutions in such manner as will be deemed fit.”.

(ii) in sub rule (12.4), for clause (1), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

“(1) There shall be a Committee constituted by the Competent Authority, hereinafter called “Admissions Committee” for considering admissions into Polytechnics and for advising the Convenor in matters pertaining to Admissions. The Committee shall consist of the following members:-

(i) Commissioner/ Director of Higher Education – Chairman

(ii) Secretary, State Board of Technical Education & Training, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada. – Member

(iii) Joint Director of Higher Education/convenor – Member

(iv) Regional Joint Directors of Higher Education (A.U and S.V.U. Regions) – Members

(v) Deputy Director (Tech.), O/o CHE – Member

(vi) Deputy Director (Academic), O/o CHE – Member

(vii) Chief Camp Officer/ Online System in-charge of POLYCET Admissions – Member.

(viii) Two Principals - from Govt., Polytechnic, as nominated by the Commissioner/ Director of Higher Education, AP – Members

(ix) Special Invitees as decided by the Commissioner/ Director of Higher Education – Members.”.

4. for rule 15, the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"15. General

Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules the secretary, State Board of Technical Education and Training, Andhra Pradesh and Commissioner of Higher Education as the case may be, may either suo moto or on an application of any person and after due and proper enquiry, order the withholding of the publication of the result of the entrance test or cancel the admission of the candidate if already made, or debar any candidate from applying for admission to any of the course permanently or for specified period, or discharge him from the course of study, at any stage, etc., if in the opinion of the Secretary, State Board of Technical Education and Training, Andhra Pradesh/ Commissioner of Higher Education, as the case may be, such action is warranted on the basis of guidelines that may be evolved by the State Board of Technical Education."

KONA SASIDHAR,
Secretary to Government.

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