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NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY TEST (NET)

Joint CSIR-UGC Test for Junior Research Fellowship and Eligibility for Lectureship

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NOTIFICATION

IMPORTANT DATES

TENTATIVE DATE OF SINGLE MCQ EXAMINATION	**17.06.2018**
DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF ON-LINE APPLICATION	**05.03.2018**
DATE OF CLOSE OF ON-LINE APPLICATION	**26.03.2018**
LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF EXAMINATION CENTRE (ONLY ON MERIT BASIS)	**19.04.2018**
TENTATIVE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF LIST OF CANDIDATES REGISTERED FOR TEST ON CSIR, HRDG WEBSITE	**18.05.2018**
ISSUE OF E-ADMIT CARD TO REGISTERED CANDIDATES	**1st week of June, 2018**

Notification Details

1. CSIR will hold the Joint CSIR-UGC Test Tentatively on Sunday **17th June, 2018** for determining the eligibility of the *Indian National candidates* for the award of Junior Research Fellowships (JRF) NET and for determining eligibility for appointment of Lecturers (NET) in certain subject areas falling under the faculty of Science & Technology. The award of Junior Research Fellowship (NET) to the successful eligible candidates will depend on their finding admission/placement in a university/ national laboratory/ institution of higher learning and research, as applicable.

1.1 *A candidate may apply either for 'JRF-Lectureship' OR 'JRF' only OR 'Lectureship (LS)' only. He/she may indicate his/her preference in the Online Application, as the case may be. CSIR may consider candidates for 'JRF-Lectureship' OR 'JRF' only OR 'Lectureship (LS)' only depending on number of fellowships available & performance in the test, subject to the condition that they fulfill the laid down eligibility criteria. If a candidate is found to be over-age for JRF (NET) he/she will automatically be considered for Lectureship (NET) only. Candidates with M.Sc qualification OR under M.Sc Result Awaited (RA) category shall be eligible for LS subject to fulfilling the eligibility criteria as laid down by the UGC.*

1.2 Two separate merit lists, one comprising of the candidates qualifying for the award of Junior Research Fellowship (JRF - NET) and the second, of those candidates qualifying the Eligibility Test for Lectureship (NET), will be made on the basis of their performance in the above Test. **Candidates qualifying for JRF (NET), will also be eligible for Lectureship (NET) subject to fulfilling the eligibility criteria laid down by UGC. The candidates qualifying for Lectureship will be eligible for recruitment as Lecturers as well as for Junior Research Fellowship in a Scheme/Project, if otherwise suitable.** However, they will not be eligible for Regular JRF-NET Fellowship. Candidates qualifying for the award of JRF (NET) will receive fellowship either from CSIR or UGC as per their assignment or from the Schemes with which they may find association. The candidates declared eligible for Junior Research Fellowship under UGC scheme and Lectureship will be governed by UGC rules/regulations in this regard.

1.3 The final result of this Single MCQ test may be declared sometime in   the month of **Sept/Oct., 2018** and fellowship to successful candidates will be effective from **1st January, 2019 with the validity period of 2 years for joining the fellowship under CSIR Scheme.**

2.1 **SUBJECTS OF THE TEST**
    The Test will be held in the subjects as given under:
    1. **Chemical Sciences**
    2. **Earth, Atmospheric, Ocean and Planetary Sciences**
    3. **Life Sciences**
    4. **Mathematical Sciences**
    5. **Physical Sciences**

2.2 **EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION**

M.Sc or equivalent degree/ Integrated BS-MS/BS-4 years/BE/BTech/BPharma/MBBS with at least 55% marks for General (UR) and OBC candidates and 50% for SC/ST, Persons with Disability (PwD) candidates.

Candidates enrolled for M.Sc or having completed 10+2+3 years of the above qualifying examination as on the closing date of online submission of application form, are also eligible to apply in the above subject under the Result Awaited (RA) category on the condition that they complete the qualifying degree with requisite percentage of marks within the validity period of two years to avail the fellowship from the effective date of award.

Such candidates will have to submit the attestation form duly certified by the Head of the Department/Institute from where the candidate is appearing or has appeared.

B.Sc(Hons) or equivalent degree holders or students enrolled in Integrated MS-PhD program with at least 55% marks for General (UR) and OBC candidates; 50% marks for SC/ST, Persons with disability (PwD) candidates are also eligible to apply. Candidates with bachelor's degree will be eligible for CSIR fellowship only after getting registered/enrolled for PhD/Integrated PhD program within the validity period of two years.

Candidates having <u>Bachelor's degree only shall not be eligible for Lectureship.</u>

Specification of degrees (whether Bachelor's or Master's) as notified by the UGC in its Gazette Notification No. F. 5-1/2013 (CPP-II)   dt. 5th July, 2014 and as amended from time to time, shall apply.

The eligibility for lectureship of NET qualified candidates will be subject to fulfilling the criteria laid down by UGC. PhD degree holders who have passed Master's degree prior to 19th September 1991, with at least 50% marks are eligible to apply for Lectureship only.

2.3 AGE LIMIT& RELAXATION:

For JRF (NET):M*aximum 28 years as on 01-01-2018* {upper age limit may be relaxed up to 5 years in case of SC/ST/Persons with Disability(PwD)/female applicants and 03 years in case of OBC(non creamy layer) applicants}.

For LS (NET): *No upper age limit.*

3. DATE AND SCHEME OF THE TEST:
The single paper MCQ based test will be held tentatively on Sunday, the 17th June, 2018 as under:

Subject	Marks
(i) Life Sciences (ii) Earth, Atmospheric, Ocean and Planetary Sciences (iii) Mathematical Sciences (iv) Chemical Sciences (v) Physical Sciences	200

Session	Timings	Duration
Morning Session	9.00AM - 12.00 Noon	3 hrs
Afternoon Session	2.00 PM - 5.00 PM	

Subject wise schedule of examination will be notified later on. The subject-wise Schedule, date and timing of the Test is liable to be changed at the discretion of CSIR. To enable the candidates to go through the instructions printed on the OMR Answer Sheets and also to correctly fill up the required particulars in the said OMR Answer Sheet, the same will be distributed 15 minutes before the schedule time of start of the examination. The Test Booklet shall be distributed 5 minutes before the scheduled time of the exam & candidates are permitted to take duplicate copy of their OMR Answer Sheet while leaving the exam venue. The actual number of questions in each part and section to be asked & attempted may vary from subject to subject.

The candidates will not be permitted to leave the examination hall before the expiry of 3 hrs. from the start of the exam (i.e not before 12.00 noon in the morning session/5.00 PM in the afternoon session). These candidates are permitted to take their Test Booklet with them at the end of the scheduled time of exam.

Candidates should use only black ball point pen to fill in their particulars in the OMR Answer Sheet/Test Booklet and also to darken the appropriate circle to mark their answers in their OMR answer sheet. Candidates are not permitted to erase, scratch out, overwrite or use whitener fluid/eraser fluid to change their answers in the OMR sheet; otherwise that particular answer will not be evaluated.

The Test Booklet for this test will be printed in Hindi & English Version. The candidates opting for Hindi medium in the Application Form, will be given bilingual Test Booklet and Candidates opting for English medium will be given Test Booklet printed in English Version only. The candidate will be required to answer as per option exercised in the application Form.

3.1 SYLLABUS OF THE TEST

The Test Booklet shall be divided into three parts, (A, B & C) as per syllabus & Scheme of Exam.

Part 'A' shall be common to all subjects. This part shall contain questions pertaining to General Aptitude with emphasis on logical reasoning, graphical analysis, analytical and numerical ability, quantitative comparison, series formation, puzzles etc.

Part 'B' shall contain subject-related conventional Multiple Choice questions (MCQs), generally covering the

topics given in the syllabus.

Part 'C' shall contain higher value questions that may test the candidate's knowledge of scientific concepts and/or application of the scientific concepts. The questions shall be of analytical nature where a candidate is expected to apply the scientific knowledge to arrive at the solution to the given scientific problem.

Syllabus & Scheme of Exam of single MCQ Paper may be seen at CSIR HRDG website: www.csirhrdg.res.in**. Note: The Exam Scheme for Chemical Sciences has been revised from June, 2017 CSIR-UGC (NET) Exam onwards. The revised exam scheme and model Question paper may be seen at CSIR HRDG website www.csirhrdg.res.in**

3.2   Negative marking for wrong answers, wherever required, shall be applicable as per subject wise scheme of Exam.

3.3   If a question for any reason found wrong, the benefit of marks will be given to only those candidates who attempt the question.

3.4   No grievances/representation with regard to Answer Key(s) after declaration of result will be entertained.

4.   EXAMINATION CENTRES
The test will be held at 27 Centres spread all over India, as specified alongwith centre codes below:

Bangalore (1), Bhavnagar (2), Bhopal (3), Bhubaneshwar (4), Chandigarh (5), Chennai (6), Cochin (7), Delhi (8), Guntur (9), Guwahati (10), Hyderabad (11), Imphal (12), Jammu (13), Jamshedpur (14), Jorhat (15), Karaikudi (16), Kolkata (17), Lucknow (18), Nagpur (19), Pilani (20), Pune (21), Raipur (22), Roorkee (23), Srinagar (24), Thiruvananthapuram (25), Udaipur (26), Varanasi (27).

A candidate may opt for any of the above centres. No request for change of centre would ordinarily be granted. However, a request in writing for change of Centre may be entertained on merits, if received in this unit latest by **19.04.2018**. If sufficient number of candidates do not opt for any of the above Centres, that particular Centre may stand deleted from the above list OR otherwise also, the concerned candidates may be allotted another Centre nearest to their place of residence, at the discretion of CSIR. No TA/DA will be admissible to any candidate for attending the test, in any circumstances.

5.   HOW TO APPLY:

5.1 Examination Fee:
Candidates applying for the Examination are required to use payment gateway facility to deposit their Examination fee through Credit Card or Debit Card or Net Banking after verifying their eligibility. Candidates will not pay any transaction charges for using payment gateway facility. There is no provision for payment of examination fee in cash.

Sl.No.	*CATEGORY*	*FEES*
1.	General	**Rs. 1000/-**
2.	Other Backward Classes(OBC)-Non Creamy Layer	**Rs. 500/-**
3.	SC/ST/ Persons with Disability (PwD)	**Rs. 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'.**

5.2   APPLY ONLINE:

Before applying Online, candidates are advised to go through the detailed notification available at CSIR, HRDG website CAREFULLY.

Candidates must write their name, father/mother's name as written in their Matriculation Certificate (X Class Board) and should ensure that the same are matching with their educational qualification certificates and caste certificate except for married females. Successful married female candidates are

required to send scanned copy of their marriage certificates alongwith any other documents as proof as may be required by CSIR-HRDG, through e-mail to : *mailnetquery@gmail.com*. **All Caste/PwD Certificates shall be strictly as per Govt. of India instructions. The validity of OBC certificates (Non-creamy layer) shall be governed as per Govt. of India instructions.**

After filling the online application, candidates should **preview** their entire application form and make changes if required before final submission of online application. **No change in the particulars entered in the application form will be possible after final submission of online application and no correspondence in this regard will be entertained. In the event of qualifying the JRF/LS NET exam, certificate will be issued strictly on the basis of information provided by the candidate in his/her online application form.**

After successful submission of ONLINE Application, an Application Number will be auto-generated. The candidates are advised to preserve the Application Number for future reference and for downloading his/her e-Admit Card. The candidate should also keep a print (hardcopy) of the duly filled-in application form for future use. The candidate is also advised to note down his/her e-mail ID and Password for future reference.

A candidate should submit only one application. If a candidate submits more than one application, none of the applications of such candidate will be entertained.

Examination fee paid will neither be adjusted for any subsequent examination nor refunded under any circumstances.

> *IN ORDER TO AVOID LAST MINUTES RUSH, THE CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED TO APPLY EARLY ENOUGH. CSIR WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR NETWORK PROBLEM OR ANY OTHER SUCH TYPE OF PROBLEM.*

5.3. CANDIDATE SEEKING FEE CONCESSION

The candidate should upload an attested copy of his/her category certificate as a proof of his/her claim. An application form , claiming any concession in fee, age & educational qualification but without an attested copy of a valid SC/ST/OBC (NCL)/PwD (40% or more disability certificate from a competent authority and in prescribed format), will be summarily rejected. OBC candidates, who are not covered vide the provision of Non Creamy Layer (NCL) as per the provisions of Govt. of India shall not be eligible to get the benefit of relaxation in age, fee concession etc.

Candidate must note that for availing OBC category benefit CSIR follows only Central Govt. list and not the State Govt. lists. Similarly, candidate applying under PwD category may note that Govt. of India rules will be applicable in this regard, otherwise they shall not be eligible for any concession.

5.4. PROVISION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (INCLUDING VISUALLY CHALLENGED CANDIDATES) HAVING 40% OR MORE DISABILITY.

(i)   Candidates with disabilities having 40% or more disability in upper limbs, visual impairment, low vision, cerebral palsy who have physical limitation to write with that of speed, if they request for scribe in their online application, will be provided the services of a scribe from our panel of scribes. The candidate is allowed to meet the scribe one or two days before the examination so as to verify whether the scribe is suitable or not, after getting confirmation from the respective Centre Coordinator.

(ii)   Such candidate has the discretion of opting for his/her own scribe at his/her own cost. The candidate should send a written request for bringing his/her own scribe to the centre Coordinator concerned at least two days before the examination.

(iii)   PwD candidates will also be given compensatory time of 60 minutes in addition to the 3 hours duration of the Exam.

(iv)   On prior request, at least three weeks before the examination, visually challenged candidates will be provided Test Booklet in large font as per the medium of exam opted by the candidate in his/her online application.

6.   **THE LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF ONLINE APPLICATION FORM WILL BE <u>26.03.2018</u>**

Candidates should note carefully that submission of examination fee will be only through Credit Card, Debit Card or NET Banking.

Candidates should also note carefully that the online application form has provision for uploading the following certificates/documents:
1). **Scanned photograph** (JPEG/JPG format with dimension ranging from 130x160 to 260x360. File size should be less than 150KB; valid file name; should have only one extension. Only Alpha-Numeric characters allowed with hyphen (-) and underscore (_). Space not allowed);
2). **Scanned Signature** (JPEG/JPG format with dimension ranging from 90x25 to 225x100. File size should be less than 150KB; valid file name; should have only one extension. Only Alpha-Numeric characters allowed with hyphen (-) and underscore (_). Space not allowed);
3). **Qualifying Degree Certificate or last semester marksheet or testimonials** clearly mentioning the semester that you are pursuing or passed with clear indication of % of mark scored, to confirm your eligibility to take the exam. The candidates are to note that the uploaded document should clearly indicate the % of mark scored. (PDF format; File size should be less than 400KB; valid file name; should have only one extension. Only Alpha-Numeric characters allowed with hyphen (-) and underscore (_). Space not allowed);
4). **Category certificate** that you belong to SC/ST/PwD/OBC (non-creamy layer) (PDF format; File size should be less than 400KB; valid file name; should have only one extension. Only Alpha-Numeric characters allowed with hyphen (-) and underscore (_). Space not allowed);
5). **PwD Certificate** (PDF format; File size should be less than 400KB; valid file name; should have only one extension. Only Alpha-Numeric characters allowed with hyphen (-) and underscore (_). Space not allowed);
6). Candidates applying under **Result Awaited (RA) category** should upload the **Attestation Form** duly attested by the HoD of the University/College/Institute (PDF format; File size should be less than 400KB; valid file name; should have only one extension. Only Alpha-Numeric characters allowed with hyphen (-) and underscore (_). Space not allowed).

These certificates/documents are essential to verify your eligibility for the exam on the basis of your educational qualification, % of mark etc. and also for age relaxation and fee concession.
As candidates are not required to send hard copies of application alongwith requisite certificates/documents for this Exam, candidates should, therefore, make sure that they upload all the relevant certificates/documents so as to avoid disqualification for want of the requisite certificates/documents.

The format of the Attestation form is given below:

ATTESTATION (For 'RA' Category only)

I certify that the information given by the candidate Shri/Kum _____ has been verified by me with reference to records of the University/Institute.

It is further certified that the said candidate is enrolled for M.Sc (mention the degree/course if M.Sc equivalent)_____on (mention date/month/year) ----/----/----; OR, after completing 10+2, the said candidate is enrolled for (mention the degree/course)_____on this date/month/year --/--/-- and is presently pursuing (mention year/semester, e.g 4th year/7th semester) ----------/----------- since (mention date/month/year) ----/----/----, and is eligible to appear under Result Awaited category as laid down in the eligibility criteria.

Illustrative List of degrees/courses:

(i) BS-4 year program, (ii) B.E , (iii) B.Tech, (iv) B.Pharm, (v) MBBS, (vi) Integrated BS-MS

Signature of the Head of Dept./Institute
Rubber stamp/seal

Name:
Designation:

The candidates are advised in their own interest to apply early.

7. **IMPORTANT POINTS:**
1. While applying for this test, please ensure that you fulfill all the eligibility conditions and follow all the laid down procedures/guidelines for this test.
2. While applying Online, apply early enough to avoid any last minute rush.
3. List of candidates registered for this test will be made available on our website tentatively on **18.05.2018.** The candidates must refer to our website for checking their registration in time & for updates from time to time.
4. **Facility for downloading e-Admit Cards to the registered candidates will be provided on our website** www.csirhrdg.res.in**. No paper Admit Card will be sent by post. No duplicate e-admit card shall be issued to the candidates at the Exam Centre.** *CSIR will not be responsible for any delay on the part of the candidates*.
5. The Test Booklet for this test will be printed in Hindi & English Version. The candidate opting for Hindi medium in the Application Form, will be supplied bilingual Test Booklet and Candidate opting for English medium will be supplied Test Booklet printed in English Version only. The candidate will be required to answer as per option exercised in the application Form.
6. The actual number of questions in each Part and Section to be asked and attempted may vary from subject to subject.
7. Candidates enrolled for M.Sc or having completed 10+2+3 years of the required qualifying Exam may apply under Result Awaited (RA) category & upload attestation form.
8. A candidate should not submit more than one application. If a candidate submits more than one application none of the applications of such candidate will be entertained
9. Candidate should exercise due care in filling up the application form. In case of any error on the part of the candidate, he/she will be held solely responsible for any loss suffered by him/her. No change in the entries made in the original application form will be allowed under any circumstances at later stage.
10. No candidate shall be permitted to leave the Exam Hall before the expiry of 3 Hours from the start of the exam.
11. **The candidates will be permitted to take their Test Booklet and also the carbonless duplicate copy of OMR sheet with them after the completion of the examination for their reference/record.**
12. **The OMR Answer Sheets shall be distributed to the candidates 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the exam while the Test Booklet shall be distributed 5 minutes before the scheduled start of the exam to enable the candidates to go through the instructions and correctly fill up the required particulars.**
13. No individual intimation by any mode will be sent to the candidates
14. OBC candidates whose caste is not listed in Central List (as available on NCBC website) and are not covered under the provisions as applicable to OBC Non Creamy Layer (NCL) shall be treated as a General Category candidates for all purposes and shall not be eligible to get the benefit of relaxation in age & fee concession etc. Accordingly, OBC **Candidates not belonging to OBC Non Creamy Layer shall indicate their category as 'General'.**

8. **OTHER GENERAL INFORMATION:**
(i) The candidates are advised to go through this notification and our future notification(s) including terms & conditions given/uploaded on our website for this test. The candidate must satisfy themselves regarding their eligibility for this test before applying for this test.
(ii) Candidates must read the terms and conditions for CSIR /UGC Research Fellowships/LS on the respective websites.
(iii) The Center and date of the Test are liable to be changed at the discretion of CSIR. No TA/DA will be paid to the candidates by the CSIR.
(iv) No candidate will be admitted to the Test unless he/she holds the e-Admit Card to the Test. The mere fact that an e-Admit Card has been issued to a candidate will not imply that the Council has finally accepted his/her candidature. Candidates e-Admit Card particulars/photo and signature should tally with the actual candidate who is to appear in the exam, otherwise he/she shall not be allowed to appear in the exam.
(v) **Candidates may note that the verification of essential eligibility conditions of a candidate with reference to the documents uploaded will be taken up only by the Lecturer appointing/JRF awarding authorities after the candidate has qualified in the Test. The candidate should note that their candidature is strictly provisional till their joining.**
(vi) *Please note that no correspondence will be entertained for any matter for which last date has expired.*
(vii) In all matters the decision of the CSIR as to the eligibility or otherwise of a candidate for admission to the Test or his/her subsequent qualifying in the Test shall be final.
(viii) Any attempt on the part of a candidate to obtain support for his / her candidature by any means may disqualify him/her for admission to the examination.
(ix) A candidate who is found guilty of impersonation or of submitting fabricated documents or documents

which have been tampered 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 abscond with OMR Answer sheet/Test booklet unauthorisedly or of misbehavior in the examination hall, may, in addition to rendering himself liable to criminal prosecution (a) be debarred by the CSIR from this test and future tests also (b) will be liable to disciplinary action under the appropriate rules, if he/she is already in service under Government/Autonomous Bodies/UGC/CSIR.

(x)   All disputes pertaining to the NET Examination shall fall **within the jurisdiction of Delhi only.**

(xi)   CSIR will not be responsible for any printing error in this Advertisement.

Deputy Secretary (Exam)