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**General Circular for NRI/OCI/PIO/CIWGC/FNS Candidates to
Professional Courses in Maharashtra for Academic Year 2025-26**

The Government of Maharashtra, has amended the definition of Non-Resident Indian (NRI) through Maharashtra Ordinance No. VI of 2025, effective from 25th June 2025, as detailed below:

- Non-Resident Indian (NRI)" means, a person who is "not ordinary resident" as defined under sub-section (6) of section 6 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 and has been issued a Non-Resident Indian certificate accordingly by an Indian Mission or Post abroad and includes his child or ward as defined in the Guardians and Wards Act, 1890.
- The copy of the ordinance is attached an Annexure – I

As a result of the said amendment, the list of documents required to be submitted by applicants seeking admission under the NRI quota has been revised. Accordingly, the State Common Entrance Test Cell is pleased to announce the launch of a groundbreaking **Integrated Web Portal** for admissions to undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Maharashtra for the academic year 2025-26. This portal is specifically designed for NRI/PIO/OCI/FNS/CIWGC candidates seeking admission to Technical, Medical, Higher Education, and Fine Art programs in Maharashtra.

This new portal aims to streamline and simplify the admission process for students, enhancing user experience through value-added services and improving overall efficiency by minimizing manual intervention.

This unique initiative aims to streamline the admission process for students from around the globe, making Maharashtra their preferred destination for higher education.

Key Highlights of the Integrated Portal:

- **End-to-End Online Process:** Students can now complete the entire admission process online—from registration, application submission to document verification and final admission—without the need to visit colleges physically.
- **Convenience at Home:** Aspirants can apply and secure admission by sitting at home, eliminating the hassle of traveling across Maharashtra or visiting multiple colleges for document verification.
- **Transparent and Efficient:** All colleges having NRI/PIO/OCI/FNS/CIWGC Quota will be showcased on the portal and permitted to admit students. Students will have clear visibility of available seats, eligibility criteria, and required documents.
- **Secure Document Verification:** The portal features a robust online verification system for all documents, ensuring authenticity and reducing the risk of forgery.

- **Ease for International Students:** This initiative is designed to ease the admission process for international students and encourage more aspirants to choose Maharashtra as their preferred destination for professional education.

List of Programme:

- Technical Education (UG Programmes): B.E./B.Tech., B.Arch., B. HMCT, B.Plan., B.Pharm./Pharm.D.
- Technical Education (PG Programmes): M.E./M.Tech., M.B.A./M.M.S., M.Arch., M.C.A., M. HMCT, M.Plan., M.Pharm./Pharm.D.
- Higher Education (UG Programmes): LL.B. (5 Years Integrated Course), LL.B. (3 Years), B.Ed. (General and Special), B.P.Ed., B.A.-B.Ed. (Integrated), B.Sc.-B.Ed. (Integrated)
- Higher Education (PG Programmes): M.Ed., M.P.Ed., B.Ed.-M.Ed. (Integrated)
- Fine Art Education (UG Programme): B.F.A.
- Medical Education (UG Programme): M.B.B.S., B.D.S., B.P.T.H, B.Sc. Nursing.
- Medical Education (PG Programme): NEET-PGM, NEET-PGD , PGP/PGO/PGASLP/ M.Sc-(P&O)
- Ayush Education (UG Programme): B.A.M.S., B.H.M.S, B.U.M.S.
- Ayush Education (PG Programme): AIAPGET (PGA/PGH/PGU)
- **Registrations for Postgraduate Dental (MDS)** under the NRI quota have already commenced on <https://fn.mahacet.org>. The admission notice is uploaded on the State CET cell official website and <https://fn.mahacet.org> portal.
- Registrations for all other courses will open on 1st July 2025 and will be notified on <https://cetcell.mahacet.org>. Candidates can submit their applications through the portal: <https://fn.mahacet.org>.

Steps for Admission Process for all courses under Technical Education, Higher Education & Fine Art Education:

1. **Online Registration:**
 - Candidates must register on the **Foreign Candidate Registration (FCR) Portal** (<https://fn.mahacet.org>).
 - Students register on Integrated Web Portal using valid email ID and mobile number.
2. **Profile Creation:**
 - After registration, applicants must fill and complete the application form including personal details, academic details, upload the required documents, and select their preferred course type and college list.
3. **Application Submission and Eligibility Fee Payment:**
 - A non-refundable eligibility fee of USD 50 must be paid through secured payment gateway while submitting the application.

- The application will be evaluated for eligibility; if found eligible, a Provisional Eligibility Certificate (PEC) will be issued online.
- This certificate can be used by applicant to initiate the visa process.

4. One time Processing Fee Payment:

- After receiving PEC, candidates opting to continue must pay a **one-time non – refundable processing fee of USD 1,150**.
- This fee is non-refundable under any circumstances, except in the following specific cases: if the student's visa application is rejected by the Indian Mission. In all other situations, the One-time
- Processing Fee shall remain strictly non-refundable.
- Upon payment of the one-time processing fee, it is confirmed that the student will be admitted to one of the colleges authorized to accept NRI/PIO/OCI/FN candidates

5. Document Verification: All documents are verified online via integrated web portal.

6. Choice Filling and Confirmation:

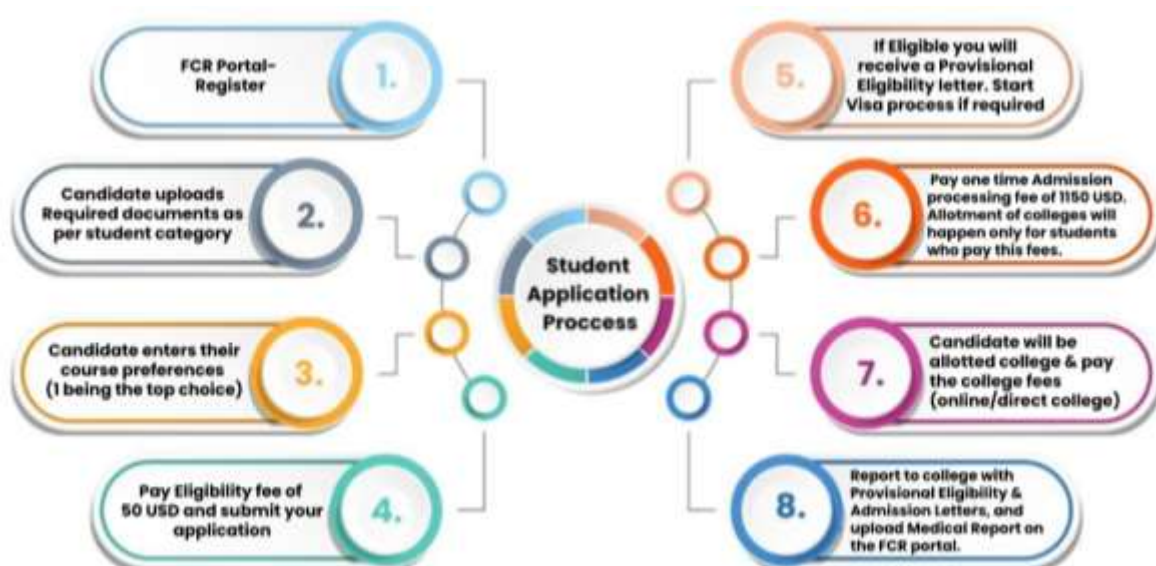
- Candidates can modify their preference list until the last date as per the admission schedule.
- After freezing the list, applications will be forwarded to the respective colleges online.

7. Seat Allocation & Merit List:

- Colleges will review applications and either **accept or waitlist** them based on the merit through their login portal.
- Course-wise, category-wise, and combined merit lists will be published on the State CET Cell Portal and college website.
- Seats are allotted based on eligibility and availability.

8. Seat Acceptance & College Fee Payment Confirmation:

- Candidates can view multiple seats offers from various colleges but can accept **only one offer** on the portal.
- To confirm admission, the candidate must pay the college fees in **USD** as per the college's collection method (via nodal account or directly to college).
- Non-payment within the deadline will lead to seat cancellation and it may be offered to the next eligible candidate.



Step-by-Step Admission Process all courses under Medical and Ayush Education:

- Foreign Nationals (FN) are not eligible to apply for Medical and Ayush Education Courses under this admission process.
 - PIO/OCI Candidates - Their admissions will not be handled through this portal; they can directly apply on the CAP portal for admission process. Please refer <https://cetcell.mahacet.org/cap-2025-26/> for further information.
 - Process for NRI Applicants
1. **Online Registration:**
 - Candidates must register on the **Foreign Candidate Registration (FCR) Portal** (<https://fn.mahacet.org>).
 - Students register on Integrated Web Portal using valid email ID and mobile number.
 2. **Profile Creation:**
 - After registration, applicants must fill and complete the application form including personal details, academic details, upload the required documents, and submit the application form.
 3. **Application Submission and Eligibility Fee Payment:**
 - A non-refundable eligibility fee of USD 50 must be paid through secured payment gateway while submitting the application.
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 - Upon payment of the one-time processing fee, it is confirmed that the student will be admitted to one of the colleges authorized to accept NRI/PIO/OCI/FN candidates
 5. **Document Verification:** All documents are verified online via integrated web portal.
 6. **Choice Filling, Seat Allocation for CAP Round I & Further Admission Process:**
 - The further admission process and allotment will be carried out on CAP portal. The candidates need to check the course wise CAP schedule update on the CET cell website.
 - The candidate can login to the CAP portal using their FCR application ID. These credentials will allow them to access the portal and complete the remaining steps of the admission process.
 - The Candidates can fill and modify their preference list until the last date as per the admission schedule on the CAP portal. Any updates or changes in the process will be notified through the State CET Cell official website.

List of documents to be uploaded on the Portal:

PIO-OCI Person Of Indian Origin/ Overseas citizens of India (PIO/OCI) Applicant

- Passport Size Photograph
- Passport of the Candidate/ Country ID Card of the Candidate
- Student's Signature
- Statement of Marks or Certificate of Passing SSC/Qualifying Equivalent Examination/ 10th Marksheet
- Statement of Marks or Certificate of Passing HSC/Qualifying Equivalent Examination/ 12th Marksheet
- Passing Provisional Certificate
- Birth Certificate
- Migration Certificate (Start of Admission)
- PIO / OCI Card
- Proof of Residence
- Eligibility Certificate from the Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi (AIU) if candidate passed Qualifying examination from abroad.

NRI Non-Resident Indian Applicant

- Passport Size Photograph
- Passport of the Candidate/Country ID card of the Candidate
- Passport, Nationality Certificate of candidate and Parents/ Guardian
- In Case of Guardian, certificate issued by the court having power to make order as to guardianship.
- Student's Signature
- Statement of Marks or Certificate of Passing SSC/Qualifying Equivalent Examination/ 10th Marksheet
- Statement of Marks or Certificate of Passing HSC/Qualifying Equivalent Examination/ 12th Marksheet
- Passing Certificate
- Birth Certificate
- Migration Certificate (Start of Admission)
- Eligibility Certificate from the Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi (AIU) if candidate passed Qualifying examination from abroad.
- Residence of NRI
- Proof of Residence
- True copy of foreign bank account passbook (copies of main page indicating bank name & address, name & address, with entries of last preceding 6 months prior to admission) of candidate/Parents/Guardian
- Certificate issued by an Indian Mission/ Post abroad regarding Non-Resident Indian status of candidate/Parents/ Guardian/ NRI Certificate of the Candidate

Foreign National Applicant

- Passport Size Photograph
- Passport of the Candidate/ Country Id Card of the Candidate
- Student's Signature
- Statement of Marks or Certificate of Passing SSC/Qualifying Equivalent Examination/ 10th Marksheet
- Statement of Marks or Certificate of Passing HSC/Qualifying Equivalent Examination/ 12th Marksheet

- Passing Certificate
- Birth Certificate
- Migration Certificate (Start of Admission)
- Proof of Residence
- Eligibility Certificate from the Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi (AIU) if candidate passed Qualifying examination from abroad.

NRI of Gulf Children of Indians workers in Gulf countries (CIWGC) Applicant

- Passport Size Photograph
- Passport of the Candidate/ Country ID Card of the Candidate
- Student's Signature
- Statement of Marks or Certificate of Passing SSC/Qualifying Equivalent Examination/ 10th Marksheet
- Statement of Marks or Certificate of Passing HSC/Qualifying Equivalent Examination/ 12th Marksheet
- Passing Certificate
- Birth Certificate
- Migration Certificate (Start of Admission)
- Proof of Residence
- Passport of Parent or Sponsor
- In Case of Guardian, certificate issued by the court having power to make order as to guardianship.
- Residence of permit (VISA copy)
- Work Permit or Letter of employment
- Six-month Bank True copy of foreign bank account passbook (copies of main page indicating bank name & address, name & address, with entries of last preceding 6 months prior to admission) of candidate/Parents/Guardian
- CIWGC Certificate
- Eligibility Certificate from the Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi (AIU) if candidate passed Qualifying examination from abroad.

Contact Information

- For queries/enquiry: mail us student@mahacet.org or Help Line No. +91-8879082178 between 10.00 AM. to 06.00 PM.

For detailed instructions, eligibility criteria, FAQs, and updates, please visit <https://fn.mahacet.org> and information brochure available on the State CET Cell website.

Notice for the students who registered on the Foreign Candidate Registration (FCR) portal before 28th June 2025

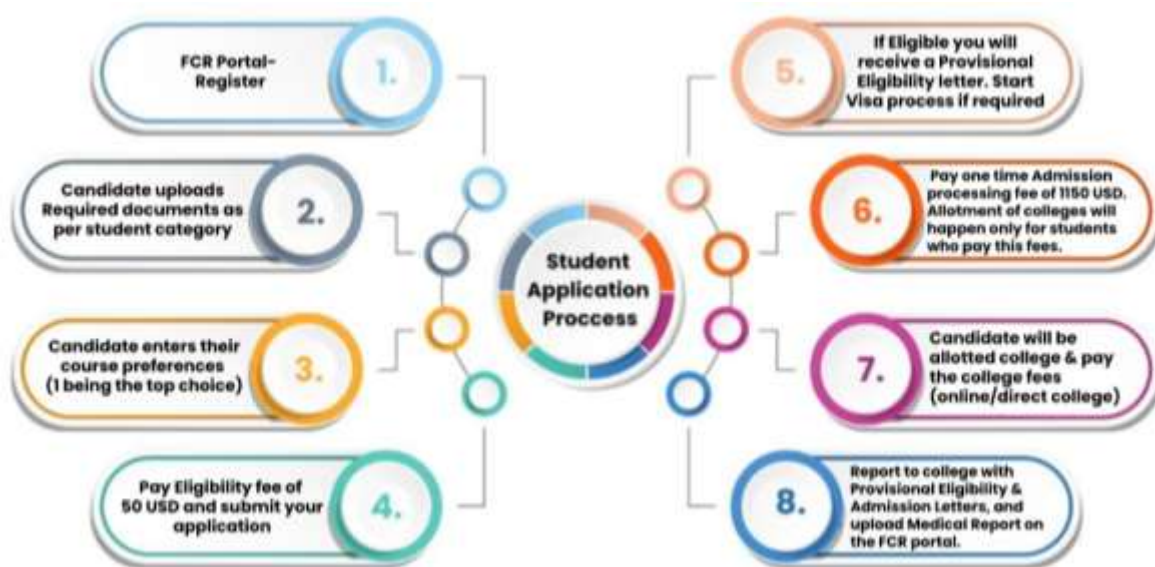
Dear Candidate,

Greetings from the State CET Cell, Maharashtra!

We are pleased to announce the launch of a newly developed, fully digital portal for the admission process of **NRI/OCI/PIO/CIWGC/FNS candidates** applying to professional courses in Maharashtra. This new portal will streamline, simplify and automate the admission process, enhancing user experience through value-added services and improving overall efficiency by minimizing manual intervention.

We request all candidates to **register afresh** on the new portal at <https://fn.mahacet.org> and carefully follow the instructions provided on the website.

To assist you, we have attached a **step-by-step guide** that outlines the registration process in detail.



Important Points to Note:

- The previously paid registration fee of INR 1,000/- will be **refunded** to your original mode of payment to all candidates.
- All candidates need to register freshly and apply on the new portal at <https://fn.mahacet.org> by paying necessary eligibility and one time processing fees mentioned on the portal.
- If you have any queries or require support, please reach out via our helpline at +91-8879082178 or email us at student@mahacet.org.

We regret any inconvenience which may have caused and appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to enhance and simplify the admission experience.

Sd /-
Commissioner and Competent Authority
State Common Entrance Test Cell,
Maharashtra, Mumbai

Annexure I: Copy of the Ordinance dated on 25th June 2025

RNI No. MAHENG /2009/35528



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असाधारण क्रमांक ४७

प्राधिकृत प्रकाशन

महाराष्ट्र विधानमंडळाचे अधिनियम व राज्यपालांनी प्राख्यापित केलेले अध्यादेश व केलेले विनियम आणि
विधी व न्याय विभागाकडून आलेली विधेयके (इंग्रजी अनुवाद).

In pursuance of clause (3) of article 348 of the Constitution of India, the following translation in English of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025 (Mah. Ord. No. VI of 2025), is hereby published under the authority of the Governor.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

SATISH WAGHOLE,
Secretary (Legislation) to Government,
Law and Judiciary Department.

(Translation in English of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025 (Mah. Ord. VI of 2025), published under the authority of the Governor).

HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Mantralaya, Madam Cama Marg, Hutatma Rajguru Chowk,
Mumbai 400 032, dated the 25th June 2025.

MAHARASHTRA ORDINANCE No. VI OF 2025.

AN ORDINANCE

further to amend the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015.

WHEREAS both Houses of the State Legislature are not in session;

AND WHEREAS the Governor of Maharashtra is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary for him to take immediate action further to amend the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015, for the purposes hereinafter appearing ;

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of 2015.

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NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of article 213 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Maharashtra is hereby pleased to promulgate the following Ordinance, namely :—

Short title
and
commencement.

1. (1) This Ordinance may be called the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

Amendment
of section 2 of
Mah. XXVIII
of 2015.

2. In section 2 of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015, for clause (n), the following clause shall be substituted, namely :—

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XXVIII
of 2015.

“(n) “Non-Resident Indian (NRI)” means, a person who is “not ordinary resident” as defined under sub-section (6) of section 6 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 and has been issued a Non-Resident Indian certificate accordingly by an Indian Mission or Post abroad and includes his child or ward as defined in the Guardians and Wards Act, 1890 ;”.

43 of 1961.
8 of 1890.

STATEMENT

The Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015 (Mah. XXVIII of 2015), provides for regulation of admissions and fees by Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions in the State of Maharashtra and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

2. The Act, *inter-alia*, provides for allocation of the seats for admission to professional educational courses under the Non-Resident Indian (NRI) quota. The term "Non-Resident Indian (NRI)" is defined in clause (n) of section 2 of the said Act.

3. It is observed that, the genuine NRI candidates are often deprived of the opportunity to seek admission in professional educational courses under the Non-Resident Indian (NRI) quota in the State of Maharashtra. Therefore, it is considered expedient to amend the definition of the term "Non-Resident Indian (NRI)" in the said Act, with a view to bring the same in consonance with the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of P. A. Inamdar, wherein it has been observed that—

"It was also pointed out that people of Indian origin, who have migrated to other countries, have a desire to bring back their children to their own country as they not only get education but also get reunited with Indian cultural ethos by virtue of being here. They also wish the money which they would be spending elsewhere on education of their children should rather reach their own motherland. A limited reservation of such seats, not exceeding 15%, in our opinion, may be available to NRIs depending on the discretion of the management subject to two conditions. First, such seats should be utilized *bona fide* by the NRIs only and for their children or wards. Secondly, within this quota, the merit should not be given a complete go-by."

4. The process for admission to various professional educational courses in the State of Maharashtra for the academic year 2025-2026 will start in the immediate future. It is, therefore, considered expedient to amend the said Act, immediately.

5. As both Houses of the State Legislature are not in session and the Governor of Maharashtra is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary for him to take immediate action further to amend the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015, for the purposes aforesaid, this Ordinance is promulgated.

Mumbai,
Dated the 24th June 2025.

C. P. RADHAKRISHNAN,
Governor of Maharashtra.

By order and in the name of the
Governor of Maharashtra,

B. VENUGOPAL REDDY,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.