

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA**  
**ABSTRACT**

School Education – Guidelines for conducting Telangana State Teacher Eligibility Test (TS-TET) under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act (RTE), 2009 – Orders – Issued.

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**SCHOOL EDUCATION (TRAINING) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.MS.No. 36**

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Read the following:

- 1) RTE Act-2009 of Ministry of Law and Justice, Govt. of India, dt.27.08.2009.
- 2) NCTE Gazette Notification, dt.23.8.2010
- 3) NCTE, Guidelines for conduct of TET communicated vide Lr.No.76-4/2010/Acad,dt.11.2.2011.
- 4) NCTE Gazette Notification, dt.29.7.2011.
- 5) G.O.Ms.No.51, SE (Genl.) Dept., dt.16.4.2011.
- 6) G.O.Ms.No.70, SE (Genl.) Dept., dt.06.6.2011.
- 7) G.O.Ms.No.102, Education (SE.Genl.II) Dept., dt.28.7.2011.
- 8) G.O.Ms.No.256, Finance(SMPC-I) Dept., dt.8.12.2011.
- 9) G.O.Ms.No.4, Edn. (Ser.II) Dept., dt.09.01.2012.
- 10) From the Director of School Education, Telangana, Hyderabad Lr.Rc.No.22/TSTET/2015, dt.03-12-2015 & 15.12.2015
- 11) From the Director, SCERT & Convenor TET, Telangana Lr.Rc.No.22/TSTET/2015, dated:08.12.2015.

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**ORDER:**

In the reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above, Govt. of India have enacted RTE Act, 2009 on 27.08.2009 titled “The *Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education*”. In accordance with the provision of Sub-Section (1) of section 23 of the RTE Act, National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), New Delhi has laid down minimum qualifications for a person to be eligible for appointment as a Teacher in a category for Classes I to VIII in its Principal Notification dated 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2010 and amendments issued thereon. The minimum qualifications include a Pass in Teacher Eligibility Test (TET). Pursuant to the said Guidelines, it has been decided to conduct Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) for all persons, who aspire to become Teachers for Classes 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> in all Schools (Govt. / ZP / MP / Municipal /Recognized Pvt.Aided & Pvt.Un-Aided etc.) in the State of Telangana at least once every year. The rationale for including the TET pass as a minimum qualification for a person to be eligible for appointment as a teacher is as under:-

- It would bring National Standards and benchmark of Teacher quality in the recruitment process.
- It would induce Teacher Education Institutions and students from these Institutions to further improve their performance standards.
- It would send a positive signal to all the stakeholders that the Government lays special emphasis on Teacher quality.

2. In the reference 10<sup>th</sup> read above, the Director of School Education, Telangana, Hyderabad has submitted proposals and Guidelines for conducting Telangana State - Teacher Eligibility Test (TS-TET).

3. Government after careful examination of the proposals of the Director of School Education, Telangana, Hyderabad hereby issue the following Guidelines/ Instructions for conduct of Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) in supersession of the guidelines issued earlier in this regard.

**1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR CANDIDATES FOR APPEARING TS-TET:**

The candidates at the time of applying for TS-TET should be in possession of the following minimum qualifications prescribed for category of 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> classes (Paper- I) and 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> classes (Paper - II) separately.

**a) MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR TS - TET PAPER - I (CLASSES I TO V):**

- (i) Intermediate / Senior Secondary (or its equivalent) with at least 50% marks. However in case of SC/ ST/ BC/ Differently Abled candidates, the minimum marks shall be 45%. **AND** pass in 2 - year Diploma in Elementary Education / 4-year Bachelor of Elementary Education (B.El.Ed.) / 2 - year Diploma in Education (Special Education).  
(OR)
- (ii) Intermediate / Senior Secondary (or its equivalent) with at least 45% marks. In respect of SC/ ST/ BC/ Differently Abled candidates, the minimum marks shall be 40%. **AND** pass in 2 - year Diploma in Elementary Education / 4-year Bachelor of Elementary Education (B.El.Ed.) / 2 - year Diploma in Education (Special Education) in case of the candidates, who have passed or admitted to D.El.Ed / D.Ed., course prior to issue of these guidelines.

**b) Minimum qualifications for TS-TET paper - II (Classes VI to VIII):**

- (i) B.A./B.Sc./B.Com., with at least 50% marks. In case of SC/ST/BC/Differently Abled candidates, the minimum marks shall be 45%. **AND** pass in Bachelor of Education (B.Ed) course / Bachelor of Education (B.Ed -Special Education).  
(OR)
- (ii) B.A./B.Sc./B.Com., with at least 50% marks. In respect of SC/ ST/ BC/ Differently Abled candidates, the minimum marks shall be 40%. **AND** pass in Bachelor of Education (B.Ed) course / Bachelor of Education (B.Ed -Special Education) in case of the candidates who have passed or admitted to B.Ed., course prior to issue of these guidelines.  
(OR)
- (iii) 4-year B.A.Ed/B.Sc.Ed., with at least 50% marks, in case of SC/ ST/ BC/ Differently Abled candidates, the minimum marks shall be 45%.  
(OR)
- (iv) Graduation with Language concerned as one of the Optional Subjects (OR) Bachelor of Oriental Language (or its equivalent) (OR) Graduation in Literature (OR) Post Graduation in Language concerned **AND** Language Pandit Training Certificate/ B.Ed with Language concerned as one of the Methodologies, in respect of Language Teachers.

**Note:-** 1. The candidates who are appearing in the final year of Bachelor of Education (OR) Diploma in Elementary Education etc., are also eligible to appear for TET exam subject to the condition that the candidates cannot appear for DSC with this TET certificate, unless the candidates acquire requisite qualification.

2. A Diploma/ Degree course in Teacher Education recognized by the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) only shall be considered. However in case of Diploma in Education (Special Education) and B.Ed. (Special Education), a course recognized by the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) only shall be considered.
3. Intermediate qualification of Board of Intermediate Education (BIE) of Telangana State or its equivalent as recognized by BIE, Telangana State only shall be considered. So also the Bachelor's Degree of a University Recognized by UGC only shall be considered.

**2. CONSTITUTION OF TET COMMITTEE:**

A TET Committee shall be constituted with the following composition for smooth conduct of TS-TET:-

1. Director of School Education, T.S., Hyd. - Chairperson
2. Director, SCERT, T.S., Hyd. - Member-Convenor
3. Addl. Director (Co-ordn.), O/o DSE, - Member
4. Director of Govt. Examinations - Member
5. Joint Director (Services) O/o DSE - Member

The Committee is empowered to take decisions on the Schedule for conduct of TET with calendar of activities, logistics for conduct of TET, issue of Notification, issues that arise on conduct of TET and is responsible for the overall supervision of the conduct of TET.

**3. CREATION OF TET CELL:**

A TET Cell shall be created with the following staff to man and conduct the TS- TET in accordance with the decisions taken by the TET Committee.

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| 1) | Director SCERT - Nodal Officer & Ex-Officio Director TET.   |
| 2) | Dy. Director (1) - On deputation  |
| 3) | Asst. Director (1) - On deputation  |
| 4) | Superintendent (1) - On deputation  |
| 5) | Out Sourcing Staff :-<br>Data Processing Officer (1)<br>Data Entry Operators (2)<br>Office Subordinates (2) |

- A separate account shall be opened for the purpose of TET Funds and the Accounts shall be audited every year by a Chartered Accountant.
- The Director, SCERT – Nodal Officer & Ex-Officio Director, TET is authorized to conduct TET in an effective manner assisted by field functionaries viz. RJDSEs, DEOs, etc. He/ She shall take up pre and post examination activities scrupulously as per the Guidelines and Schedule for every TET decided by the TET Committee. He/ She shall formulate a detailed procedure and lay down instructions for conducting TET. The DEO shall be the Officer responsible to conduct TET in the Districts under the overall supervision of the District Collectors.
- The maintenance of records like examination material, non-examination material shall be up to 6 months from the date of TET, except where legal cases are involved.

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**4. NO ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL COMMITTEMENT TO GOVERNMENT:**

There shall be no additional financial commitment to Government on account of conduct of TET. Salaries for TET Cell staff, maintenance of TET Cell, conveyance, processing of results etc., shall be met from TET funds only.

**5. FREQUENCY OF CONDUCT OF TET:**

TET shall be conducted once in a year preferably in the month of April/ May. There shall be no restriction on the number of attempts a person can take for acquiring the TET Certificate. A person who has qualified in the TET Examination may also appear again for improving his/her score.

**6. CONSTITUTION OF EXAMINATION CENTRES FOR TET:**

- (a) Any Central Government/ State Government/ Local Body/ Private recognized High School/ Jr. College/ Degree College/ P.G. College/ College of Education/ D.Ed College/ Engineering College/ Polytechnic/ ITI can be identified by DEO with the approval of District Collector for constituting an Exam Centre for TET.
- (b) Each Centre with good accommodation and furniture shall have a capacity of Optimum 240, Maximum 300 for allotment of candidates.
- (c) The Centres in the District will be identified in District Head Quarters, Municipalities and Revenue Division Headquarters only.
- (d) If an Institution has good accommodation and furniture, Multiple Centres up to a limit of four (4) Centres in that Institution can be constituted, and designated as 'A' Centre, 'B' Centre, 'C' Centre and 'D' Centre of the same address with separate Centre Nos. and separate exclusive facilities.

**7. STRUCTURE AND CONTENT OF TET:-**

The structure and content of the TET is given in the following paragraphs. All questions will be Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs), each carrying One Mark, with Four alternatives out of which One Answer will be correct. There will be no Negative Marking.

There will be Two Papers of the TET, Paper-I will be for a person who intends to be a teacher for Classes 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Paper-II will be for a person who intends to be a teacher for Classes 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>. A person who intends to be a Teacher either for Classes 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> or for Classes 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> shall have to appear in both Papers (Paper I and Paper II) (if eligible).

- (a) Paper- I** : No. of Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) – 150  
Duration of Examination: 2 hours and 30 minutes:

Structure and Content (All Compulsory)

|                                    |          |           |
|------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| (i) Child Development and Pedagogy | 30 MCQs  | 30 Marks  |
| (ii) Language I                    | 30 MCQs  | 30 Marks  |
| (iii) Language II (English)        | 30 MCQs  | 30 Marks  |
| (iv) Mathematics                   | 30 MCQs  | 30 Marks  |
| (v) Environmental Studies          | 30 MCQs  | 30 Marks  |
| TOTAL                              | 150 MCQs | 150 Marks |

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Note(1): The test items on Child Development & Pedagogy will focus on Educational Psychology of teaching and learning relevant to the primary level.

Note(2): How to choose language – I of TS-TET Paper-I: The following languages are offered under First Language in the Schools under the State Syllabus viz., Telugu, Urdu, Hindi, Bengali, Kannada, Marathi, Tamil and Gujarathi. A Candidate has to choose one of these 8 Languages under Language-I of TET, those candidates should have compulsorily studied that Language either as medium of study or as First Language at least up to Class X. The candidates who studied CBSE/ ICSE curriculum can choose the Language which they studied up to Class X.

Note(3): The Language-II shall be English for all the candidates.

Note(4): The syllabi for Mathematics & Environmental Studies are designed on the basis of topics of Classes I to V. The difficulty standard as well as linkages of content/topics could be up to Secondary Stage (up to Class X) for testing. The test items in Mathematics and Environmental Studies will contain Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) not only on Content but also on Pedagogy. In Mathematics, 24 MCQs will be on Content and 6 MCQs on Pedagogy. Similarly, in Environmental Studies 24 MCQs will be on Content and 6 MCQs on Pedagogy.

Note(5): The syllabi for Language I & II shall be based on Proficiency in the Language, Elements of Language, Communication and Comprehension abilities (standard up to Class Xth level).

Note(6): In 30 MCQs under Language I & II, each shall include 6 questions on Pedagogy of a Language.

Note(7): The detailed syllabus for all subjects shall be designed by the SCERT and the same shall be issued along with Notification.

**(b) Paper II : No. of Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)– 150:**

Duration of Examination: 2 hours and 30 minutes

Structure and Content

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|---|---------|----------|
| (i) Child Development and Pedagogy                                    | 30 MCQs | 30 Marks |
| (ii) Language I   | 30 MCQs | 30 Marks |
| (iii) Language II (English)   | 30 MCQs | 30 Marks |
| (iv)  |         |          |
| (a) For Mathematics and Science teachers:<br>Mathematics and Science. | 60 MCQs | 60 marks |
| (b) For Social Studies Teacher :<br>Social Studies -                  | 60 MCQs | 60 marks |
| (c) For any other Teacher – either iv (a) or iv (b)                   |         |          |

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TOTAL 150 MCQs 150 Marks  
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Note:(1) The test items on Child Development & Pedagogy will focus on Educational Psychology of teaching and learning relevant to the Elementary level.

Note:(2) **How to choose Language – I of TS-TET Paper-II:** The following Languages are offered under First Language in Secondary schools under the State Syllabus viz., Telugu, Urdu, Hindi, Kannada, Marathi, Tamil and Sanskrit. A Candidate (other than Language Pandit candidate) has to choose one of these 7 Languages under

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Language I of TET, those candidates should have compulsorily studied that Language either as medium of study or First Language at least up to Class-X. The candidates who studied CBSE/ ICSE curriculum can choose the Language which they studied up to Class X. Language Pandit candidates have to choose the Language of their study in Pandit Training concerned under Language-I of TET Paper-II.

Note(3): The Language-II shall be English for all the candidates.

Note(4): For Paper II Mathematics & Science, questions will be as follows:-

- (i) Mathematics - 30 MCQs (Content 24; Pedagogy 06)
- (ii) Science - 30 MCQs (Content 24; Pedagogy 06)
  - a) Content - Physical Science - 12 MCQs
  - b) Content - Biological Science - 12 MCQs
  - c) Science Pedagogy - 06 MCQs.

Note(5): For Paper II Social Studies, the syllabus will cover the sectors namely, History, Geography, Civics and Economics. Out of 60 marks, 48 will be on Content and the remaining 12 on Pedagogy.

Note(6): For Paper II, the syllabi for TET of Mathematics, Sciences & Social Studies are based on topics of Classes VI to VIII. The difficulty standard of questions as well as their linkages could be up to Senior Secondary Level (12<sup>th</sup> class).

Note(7): The syllabi for Language I & II shall be based on proficiency in the Language, Elements of Language, Communication and Comprehension abilities (standard up to Senior Secondary Level (12<sup>th</sup> Class).

### **8. MEDIUM OF QUESTION PAPER:**

The Question Paper shall be bilingual (i.e). English followed by the Language-I chosen by the candidates for all Languages except Sanskrit. For the candidates choosing Sanskrit, the questions shall be in Telugu followed by Sanskrit (Devanagari Script).

### **9. QUALIFYING MARKS IN TET, ISSUE OF MEMOs/ CERTIFICATES AND THEIR VALIDITY:**

(a) The qualifying marks for different categories are as shown below:

| <b>S.No</b> | <b>Category</b>         | <b>Pass Marks</b> |
|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1           | General                 | 60% and above     |
| 2           | BC                      | 50% and above     |
| 3           | SC/ST/Differently Abled | 40% and above     |

(b) The Director, SCERT, Telangana shall issue Memos/ Pass Certificates to the candidates.

(c) The validity of Certificates shall be for a period of 7 years from the date of TET concerned.

(d) The Certificate shall contain the Name and Address of the Candidate, Registration No., Year/ Month of Award of Certificate, Marks obtained in each Paper, Class level of its validity (Class 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> , Class 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> or Both) and in case of Classes 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>, the Subject Area (Mathematics, Science and Social studies) etc., The Certificate may be

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Electronically generated with adequate security features to avoid any kind of malpractice.

- (e) Differently Abled candidates with at least 40% of handicap only shall be considered in respect of Visually and Orthopedically Handicapped. With regard to Hearing Impaired candidates, a minimum of 75% handicap shall be considered.

**10. APPLICABILITY:**

The TS-TET shall apply to all the Schools referred to in Clause(n) of Section 2 of the RTE Act. However, a School referred to in Sub-Clause(iv) of Clause(n) of Section 2 of the RTE Act, may exercise the option of considering either the TET conducted by the Central Government or the TS-TET.

**11. WEIGHTAGE OF TET SCORES IN THE TEACHER RECRUITMENT OF THE STATE:**

The weightage to TET scores shall be provided in the Teacher Recruitment of the State Government. i.e., 20% weightage for TET and 80% weightage for Written Test in Teacher Recruitment Test (TRT) based on which selection lists shall be prepared.

However, mere qualifying the TET would not confer a right on any person for recruitment/ employment as it is only one of the eligibility criteria for appointment.

**12. EXEMPTION FROM PASSING TET:**

Teachers who were appointed before NCTE notification dt:23.08.2010 by the Competent Authority in Govt./ Local Authority as per Recruitment Rules prevalent at that time are exempted from appearing for TET. However, Teachers working in Private Schools whose appointments were not approved by the Competent Authority are not exempted from passing TET. Such Teachers of Private Unaided Schools shall appear for TET conducted by either the State Government or Central Government. In respect of non approved Teachers working in Private Aided Schools, they shall invariably appear for TET conducted by the State Government only.

**13.** The Govt. shall have powers to make Rules, issue Clarifications and Guidelines which may arise in regard to the implementation of these Guidelines.

**14. LEGAL DISPUTES:**

All legal disputes with regard to the conduct of TET shall be subject to the Jurisdiction of the Courts located in the State of Telangana only.

**4.** The Director of School Education, Telangana, Hyderabad and the Director, SCERT Telangana, Hyd., shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

RANJEEV R. ACHARYA,  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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