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KARNATAKA EXAMINATION AUTHORITY
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NOTIFICATION

KARNATAKA STATE ELIGIBILITY TEST (KSET) – 2025
FOR ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Government of Karnataka has directed Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) to conduct Karnataka State Eligibility Test-2025 (KSET-2025) for Assistant Professor. Accordingly KEA has invited online applications from the eligible candidates for the KSET-2025 examination provisionally scheduled on **02.11.2025** (Sunday). The provisional time table for KSET-2025 examination is as follows.

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| 1) Submission of online application commences from | : | 28.08.2025 |
| 2) Last date for submission of online application | : | 18.09.2025 |
| 3) Last date for payment of the fees | : | 19.09.2025 |
| 4) Date of Hall ticket release | : | 24.10.2025 |
| 5) Date of Examination | : | 02.11.2025 |

CANDIDATES CAN APPLY FOR KSET-2025 IN “ONLINE” MODE ONLY. THE APPLICATION IN ANY OTHER MODE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. SUBMISSION OF ONLINE APPLICATION FORM MAY BE DONE BY ACCESSING KEA WEBSITE OF KEA : <https://cetonline.karnataka.gov.in/kea/>

CANDIDATES ARE REQUESTED TO GO THROUGH THE NOTIFICATION CAREFULLY BEFORE FILLING THEIR ONLINE APPLICATION.

- The details of KSET – 2025 Test Centers for 33 subjects are furnished in page numbers 7 & 8.
- Candidates who qualify the KSET - 2025 are governed by the recruitment rules and regulations stipulated for the post of Assistant Professors by the concerned Universities / Colleges / Institutions (Government/ Aided /Private) state of Karnataka.
- Candidates belonging to Schedule Caste (SC), Schedule Tribe (ST), Persons with Disability (PwD), OBCs [Cat- I, IIA, IIB, IIIA & IIIB] should be as per the backward classes listed in Government of Karnataka web site: <https://bcwd.karnataka.gov.in/>.

(I) CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY:

1. Candidates who have secured at least 55% of marks (without rounding off) for General category and 50% for Schedule Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST), Persons with Disability (PwD), Transgender, OBCs i.e., Cat-I, IIA, IIB, IIIA and IIIB, in Master's Degree or equivalent examination from universities / institutions recognized by UGC New Delhi, in the subjects opted for KSET.



2. Candidates who are pursuing their Master's Degree (First or Second) or equivalent course or candidates who have appeared for their Master's Degree (Final Year) examination and whose result is still awaited or candidates whose qualifying examinations have been delayed may also apply for this test. However, such candidates will be admitted provisionally and for those who clear the KSET, eligibility certificate will be issued only on production of proof for having passed the Master's degree or equivalent examination securing at least 55% marks (50% in case of SC, ST, OBC i.e., Cat- I, IIA, IIB, IIIA, IIIB, Transgender and PwD candidates) **within two years** from the date of **KSET result**, failing which they will be treated as disqualified.
3. Candidates shall appear for KSET in their relevant subject of their post-graduation only. In case the candidate did not find the subject of his/her post-graduation in the list of KSET subjects, the candidate may appear in UGC-NET / UGC-CSIR NET which is held twice a year.
4. The Ph.D. degree holders whose Master's level examination had been completed by 19th September, 1991 (irrespective of date of declaration of result), shall be eligible for a relaxation of 5% in aggregate marks (i.e. from 55% to 50%) for appearing in KSET.
5. Candidates other than general category are required to mention their reservation status in the online application form. **The category certificates issued by the competent authorities on or before the last date for submission of online application form. [for SC, ST, CAT-I, IIA, IIB, IIIA and IIIB & Transgender candidates only].** In case their ineligibility is detected due to invalid certificate by the KSET authority at any stage, their candidature will be cancelled without prior notice and they shall be liable for legal action. It's mandatory for the candidates belonging to other than General category to enter the existing valid RD number while filling the application. KEA won't accept the certificates if the candidates submit the same later.
6. Candidates from other states are not eligible for reservation. Hence, in the Masters Degree examination, if they have scored the required minimum 55% or above, fixed for 'GENERAL' category as per the qualifying criteria, then only are eligible to register for KSET through KEA. Please note that SC/ST/OBC/ Transgender/PwD eligibility criteria are applicable to Karnataka SC/ST/OBC/ Transgender/PwD candidates only.
7. Candidates should note that their candidature is provisional. The mere fact that admission to the examination will not imply that the KEA has finally accepted his/her candidature. Candidates may note that candidature will be deemed final only upon fulfilling the eligibility conditions.
8. Candidate who **became eligible in Previous KSET exam are not eligible to apply again in the same subject.** If any candidate found to be eligible in previous KSET tests and reappearing on same subject in current KSET, their candidature will be cancelled and the previous eligibility is withdrawn through de-notification.
9. Candidates with two year post-graduate diploma/certificate awarded by Indian University/Institution or foreign degree/diploma/certificate awarded by the foreign University/ Institute should in their own interest, ascertain the equivalence of their diploma/degree/certificate with Master's degree of recognized Indian Universities from Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi (www.aiu.ac.in).

(II) **AGE LIMIT:**

There is no upper age limit to apply for KSET-2025 exam.

(III) EXEMPTION:

KSET-2025 shall remain the minimum eligibility condition for recruitment and appointment of Assistant Professors in Universities / Colleges / Institutions of Higher education (Government/Aided/Private) in Karnataka State.

- NET/SET/SLET shall remain the minimum eligibility condition for recruitment and appointment of Assistant Professors in Universities/Colleges/Institutions. In this regard, exemption from NET/SET/SLET will be governed by the UGC regulations and amendments notified in the Gazette of India from time to time.
- The candidates who have passed the UGC-NET/CSIR JRF examination prior to 1989 are also exempted from KSET examination.
- For SET candidates:** The candidates who have cleared the States Eligibility Test (SET) accredited by UGC for eligibility for Assistant Professor held prior to 1st June 2002, are exempted from appearing in KSET, being eligible to apply for Assistant Professor anywhere in India. For SET held from 1st June 2002 onwards, the qualified candidates are eligible to apply for the post of Assistant Professor only in the Universities/ Colleges situated in the state from where they have cleared their SET.

(IV) EXAMINATION FEE AND MODE OF PAYMENT:

i) Examination Fees:

Category	Fees (in Rs.)
General, Cat-IIA, IIB, IIIA, IIIB & Other State Candidates.	1,000/-
Cat-I, SC,ST, PwD & Transgender Candidates.	700/-

ii) Mode of payment:

The payment has to be made **through online mode** only as prescribed by KEA.

Please Note :

- Fee submitted by any other mode like Money Order/Demand Draft/IPO/Post office challan/ etc., will NOT be accepted.
- Fee once paid will NOT be refunded under any circumstances.

(V) SCHEME AND DATE OF TEST:

The test will be consisting of two papers. Both the papers will consist of only objective type Multiple-Choice Questions (MCQs). The test will be held on **02.11.2025**, in one session as mentioned below:

Date	Paper	Max. Marks	Number of Questions	Duration
02.11.2025	I	100	50 Compulsory questions	3 Hours (10.00 AM to 1.00 PM)
	II	200	100 Compulsory questions	

NOTE : The candidates are not allowed to leave the examination center before 1.00 PM

Paper-I: Shall consist of 50 objective type compulsory questions each carrying 2 marks. The questions which will be of general nature, intended to assess the teaching/research aptitude of the candidate. It will primarily be designed to test reasoning ability,



comprehension, divergent thinking and general awareness of the candidate.

Paper – II: Shall consist of 100 objective type compulsory questions each carrying 2 marks which will be based on the subject selected by the candidate.

The candidate will have to mark the responses for questions of Paper-I and Paper – II on the Optical Marks Reader (OMR) Sheet provided along with the test booklet.

(VI) PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA FOR DECLARATION OF KSET RESULT:

(Qualifying criteria for UGC-NET to be implemented for KSET, is as per UGC Guidelines / Competent Authority / University are final and binding).

This will comprise the following steps for considering a candidate for the eligibility for Assistant Professors.

The required minimum marks in aggregate of all two papers i.e.,

Paper – I & Paper – II for eligibility for Assistant Professor is given below:

CATEGORY	MINIMUM MARKS (%) TO BE OBTAINED	
	PAPER - I	PAPER - II
GENERAL [GM]	40% Aggregate marks in the two papers taken together	
SC / ST/ CAT-I / IIA/ IIB / IIIA / IIIB / PwD / TRANSGENDER	35% Aggregate marks in the two papers taken together	

Step 1: The total number of candidates to be qualified (total slots) for Eligibility for Assistant Professors shall be equal to 6% of the candidates appeared in both the papers (Paper I and Paper II) of KSET.

Step 2: The total slots arrived, amongst those candidates who have appeared in the two papers and cleared step I, a merit list will be prepared subject-wise and category – wise using the aggregate marks of the two papers secured by such candidates.

In order to be considered for 'Eligibility for Assistant Professor', the candidate must have appeared in both the papers and secured at least 40% aggregate marks taken together for GENERAL category candidates and at least 35% aggregate marks taken together for all candidates belonging to the reserved categories (viz., Cat-I, IIA, IIB, IIIA, IIIB, SC, ST, PwD, TRANSGENDER) (belonging to Non-Creamy Layer). The merit list will be prepared based on the marks earned by the candidates. The slots will be calculated according to the UGC formula. The assistant professor's qualification result will be published in compliance with the state government's reservation policy.

The Notification of KSET result is in accordance with UGC-NET guidelines for KSET. In this regard the Decisions of KEA shall be final.

Step 3: According to UGC guidelines for SET 6% of the appearing candidates are to be declared qualified for Eligibility for Assistant Professorship only [Appearing means appeared in both the papers of SET]. The reservation policy prevalent in the State is to be used to compute the category-wise qualifying slots available for eligibility for Assistant Professor.

The subject-wise and category-wise distribution of qualifying slots will be calculated by using the formulae mentioned below:

i) For General Category candidates

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{No. of Slots in a Subject} \\ \text{For General Candidates} \end{array} = \frac{\text{Number of General candidates who have} \\ \text{Secured 40\% or more marks in aggregate} \\ \text{in the subject}}{\text{Total Number of General candidates who}} \times \begin{array}{l} \text{Total Number of} \\ \text{slots available under} \\ \text{General Category} \end{array}$$

have Secured 40% or more marks in
Aggregate over all subjects

ii) For Reserved Category candidates

$$\text{No. of Slots in a Subject For a Reserved Category candidates} = \frac{\text{Number of a Reserved Category candidates who have Secured 35\% or more marks in aggregate in a subject}}{\text{Total Number of a Reserved Category candidates who have Secured 35\% or more marks in Aggregate over all subjects}} \times \text{Total Number of slots available under a Reserved Category candidates}$$

Hence, the category should be correctly entered in the online application form. (Change of category, subject, center etc. will not be allowed in the online application form at any stage of the Examination process).

It may be noted that the above qualifying criteria prescribed by the UGC is final and binding.

(VII) SYLLABUS:

Syllabi for all the KSET subjects can be downloaded from the KEA website
<https://cetonline.karnataka.gov.in/kea/>

(VIII) SUBJECTS & MEDIUM OF QUESTION PAPER:

The list of 33 subjects for which examination will be conducted by KEA along with their respective codes and the medium of question paper is given below:

Sl No	Subject	Subject Code	Medium of Question Paper
1	Commerce	01	English
2	Kannada	02	Kannada
3	Economics ⁽ⁱ⁾	03	Kannada & English
4	English	04	English
5	Political Science	05	Kannada & English
6	History	06	Kannada & English
7	Sociology	07	Kannada & English
8	Geography	08	Kannada & English
9	Hindi	09	Hindi
10	Management ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾	10	English
11	Education	12	Kannada & English
12	Library & Information Science	13	English
13	Mass Communication & Journalism	14	Kannada & English
14	Psychology	15	Kannada & English
15	Social work	16	Kannada & English
16	Law	18	English
17	Sanskrit	19	Sanskrit
18	Physical Education	20	Kannada & English
19	Urdu	22	Urdu
20	Public Administration	23	Kannada & English
21	Computer Science & Applications	24	English
22	Physical Sciences ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾	25	English
23	Mathematical Sciences ^(iv)	26	English
24	Chemical Sciences ^(v)	27	English
25	Life Sciences ^(vi)	28	English
26	Environmental Sciences	29	English

Sl No	Subject	Subject Code	Medium of Question Paper
27	Home Science	30	English
28	Electronic Science	31	English
29	Earth Sciences ^(VII)	32	English
30	Women Studies ^(VIII)	37	Kannada & English
31	Performing Arts	39	Kannada & English
32	Music	40	Kannada & English
33	Visual Arts	41	Kannada & English

Note : (I), (II), (III), (IV), (V), (VI), (VII), (VIII), (IX), (X) in the above table indicate as below

- (I) The candidates who have completed Master's degree / appearing in their two-year master's degree in Economics / Co-operation & other related subjects can also take KSET under **"Economics"**.
- (II) The candidates who have completed / appearing in their two-year master's degree / two year PG Diploma in Management & other related subjects can also take KSET under **"Management"**.
- (III) The candidates who have completed / appearing in their two-year master's degree in Physics / Electronics / Atomic & Molecular Physics / Classical Dynamics / Condensed matter Physics / Electromagnetic / Experimental Design / Nuclear, Space & Particle Physics / Quantum Physics / Thermodynamics, Astronomy, Astrophysics, Material Science and other related subjects can take KSET under **"Physical Sciences"**.
- (IV) The candidates who have completed / appearing in their two-year master's degree in Pure Mathematics / Statistics / Applied Mathematics, Mathematics with computer science & other related subjects can take KSET under **"Mathematical Sciences"**.
- (V) The candidates who have completed/ appearing in their two-year master's degree in Chemistry / Chemical Sciences / Analytical Chemistry / Inorganic Chemistry / Organic Chemistry / Physical Chemistry / Medicinal Chemistry / Applied Chemistry / Nuclear Chemistry / Environmental Chemistry / Marine Chemistry / Pharmaceutical Chemistry / Bio-organic Chemistry & other related subjects can take KSET under **"Chemical Sciences"**.
- (VI) The candidates who have completed / appearing in their two-year master's degree in Biochemistry / Biology / Biotechnology / Biodiversity & Taxonomy / Botany / Genetics / Microbiology / Physiology / Zoology / Fishery science / Animal Biology / Marine Biology / Applied Genetics & other related can take KSET under **"Life Sciences"**.
- (VII) The candidates who have completed/appearing in their two-year master's degree in Geology / Applied Geology / Geo-physics / Meteorology / Oceanography / Physical Geography / Earth Science / Earth & Atmospheric Science / Earth Science Resource Management / Marine Geology / Petroleum Geology / Geo-informatics / GIS / Applied Geochemistry / Geography & other related subjects can take KSET under **"Earth Sciences"**.
- (VIII) The candidates who have completed / appearing in their two-year master's degree in Women Studies. The candidates with Master's Degree in Humanities (including languages) and Social Sciences are eligible to appear under **"Women Studies"**.

Please Note :

- 1) Candidates should possess / be appearing for Masters Degree or any other equivalent examination from Universities / Institutions recognized by UGC New Delhi in the subject opted for KSET Examination.
- 2) Please note that students who have passed post graduate examination in more than one subject can appear for KSET only in one subject at a time. Subject once selected is final and will not be allowed for change of subject under any circumstances.

(IX) Test Centers:

Sl. No	Center Name
1	Bangaluru
2	Belagavi
3	Bellary
4	Vijayapura
5	Davangere
6	Dharwad
7	Kalaburgi
8	Mysuru
9	Shivamogga
10	Tumkur
11	Mangaluru

- i) The list of **18** Subjects mentioned in “**Part A**” for which the candidate can select any one Exam Centre of the above mentioned 11 Centers.

PART - A

Sl. No.	Subject Code	Subject
01	01	Commerce
02	02	Kannada
03	03	Economics
04	04	English
05	05	Political Science
06	06	History
07	07	Sociology
08	09	Hindi
09	10	Management
10	12	Education
11	13	Library & Information Science
12	16	Social work
13	20	Physical Education
14	24	Computer Science & Applications
15	25	Physical Sciences
16	26	Mathematical Sciences
17	27	Chemical Sciences
18	28	Life Sciences

- ii) The candidates have to select **Bengaluru** only as Exam Centre for the following **15** Subjects mentioned in “**Part B**”.

PART B

Sl. No.	Subject Code	Subject	Exam Centre
1	08	Geography	Candidates have to select BENGALURU as exam Centre for these 15 subjects.
2	14	Mass Communication & Journalism	
3	15	Psychology	
4	18	Law	
5	19	Sanskrit	
6	22	Urdu	
7	23	Public Administration	
8	29	Environmental Sciences	
9	30	Home Science	
10	31	Electronic Science	
11	32	Earth Sciences	
12	37	Women Studies	
13	39	Performing Arts	
14	40	Music	
15	41	Visual Arts	

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NOTE: 1. PLEASE NOTE THAT TEST CENTER ONCE SELECTED IS FINAL AND CHANGE OF CENTER WILL NOT BE ALLOWED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

2. CANDIDATE HAS TO SELECT BENGALURU CENTER ONLY FOR 18 SUBJECTS MENTIONED IN "PART B".

(X) HOW TO APPLY :

Candidates seeking to appear for KSET- 2025 examination must apply online by visiting KEA website <https://cetonline.karnataka.gov.in/kea/>

To avoid any kind of inconvenience or last-minute rush or unforeseen difficulties, candidates are advised to submit Online Application Form without waiting for the last date. KEA will not be responsible for network problems or any problem of this nature in submission of online application during the last day.

Candidates should register (sign up for registration) giving required details. Candidates then proceed to enter their candidature details, educational and KSET-2025 exam details. While mentioning the educational qualification candidates should mention their PG course as Passed or appearing as the case may be.

Note:

1. **Candidates should take the final print of the application forms of KSET-2025 and preserve with them. Further, they should produce the same whenever it is required**
2. **All Scanned copies must be in JPEG format only. The online application system will not allow to upload files smaller/larger than the mentioned sizes.**
 - a. The payment for KSET examination has to be made through online mode only.
 - b. Admission ticket should be downloaded from the KEA Website. No hard copy of admission ticket will be issued by KEA. Candidates should compulsorily bring the valid Photo ID and admission ticket to the examination centre without fail.

(XI) GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS :

1. Admission ticket has to be downloaded from the KEA Website, check the details printed on it. Confirm the exam centre.
2. Read the instructions downloaded along with the admission ticket.
3. There are no negative evaluation for incorrect answers.
4. Mere appearing for KSET-2025 examination does not confer any right on the candidate for determination of merit / recruitment.
5. Candidates will NOT be allowed to carry ANY Modern Electronic Equipments, Gadgets, Pagers, Mobile Phones, Bluetooth, Markers, White Fluid, Calculator, Wireless sets, bits of paper, books / note etc. into the Examination Hall. The candidate(s) found in possession of any of these items in the examination hall will be treated as unfair means and his / her result will not be declared.
6. There will not be any counter at the examination hall to keep above items, hence candidates should not carry any items listed in item 5 above.
7. **The candidates are not allowed to wear / carry any type of wrist watch in the examination hall / room.**

Candidates are informed to check the Bell Timings for Caution Bells at different intervals.
8. Candidates should wear half sleeve dresses and appear for the examination, dresses which cover the ear, head are prohibited in the examination.

9. Wearing Jewellery of any type is prohibited during the examination (except mangala soothra & toe ring).
10. The candidate should note that their candidature is strictly provisional. The mere fact that Admission Ticket has been issued and the candidate is allowed to appear for the examination shall not imply that KEA has finally accepted his / her candidature.
11. **Along with the KSET-2025 Admission Ticket candidate has to carry any one valid Photo Identity Card like Driving License/ Passport / Aadhar Card / PAN Card etc.**
12. The candidates have to follow the instructions given by the invigilators in the examination hall / room. The candidate, who will not follow the instructions, will be treated as unfair means and his / her result will not be declared.
13. Read the instructions given in the Admission Ticket carefully.
14. No candidate will be allowed to appear at the examination centre other than that allotted to him / her in the admission ticket.
15. Any candidate writes / shades anything other than the required entries on the OMR Answer Sheet, which may result in disclosing the candidate identity, or use of abusive language or employ any other unfair means, such as change of marking answers by scratching or using white fluid, such candidate's are liable for disqualification.
16. The question paper in few subjects will be printed both in English and Kannada Language. In case of any doubt/clarification about any question, candidate may refer Kannada / English version.
17. For PwD candidates 20 minutes compensatory time shall be provided for Paper-I and 40-minutes extra time shall be provided for Paper – II separately. Such of those (PwD) candidates seeking services of scribes have to visit KEA Website for more information regarding to avail the scribe benefits.

(XII) EXAMINATION INSTRUCTIONS :

1. The detailed instructions for the candidates will be uploaded on the KEA website <https://cetonline.karnataka.gov.in/kea/> Candidates may please see the instructions regarding use of text booklets, OMR sheet and specimen copy of OMR sheet from the KEA website. It may be noted that instructions to candidates will not be sent to the candidates either by post or by email.
2. There is no provision for re-evaluation or re-totaling.
3. The KSET-2025 Provisional Key Answer will be displayed on the KEA website (<https://cetonline.karnataka.gov.in/kea/>) after the test is over to provide an opportunity to the candidates to challenge the Provisional Key Answer. The candidate will be given an opportunity to make a challenge, online against the Provisional Key Answer by submitting application form paying a sum of Rs.100/- per question.
4. **The KEA decision on the challenges shall be final and the result will be declared on the basis of Final Answer keys which will be notified on the KEA website.**
5. **No grievance with regard to KSET answer key(s) after declaration of result of KSET 2025 will be entertained.**
6. The decision of the KEA Authorities shall be final in all matters.
7. KEA Authority will not issue any marks sheet to qualified / non-qualified candidates.
8. Any changes in notification are subject to UGC Regulations from time to time.
9. All legal disputes pertaining to this test shall fall within the jurisdiction of High Court of Karnataka only.

(XIII) The entire application process for KSET-2025 is online, including uploading of scanned images, payment of fees, and printing of confirmation page, admit card, etc. Therefore, candidates are neither required to send any certificates/documents in support of their eligibility nor printout of their Application Form or Confirmation Page to KEA. However, the candidates, in their own interest, must ensure themselves about their eligibility for the test. In the event of any ineligibility being detected by the KEA at any stage, their candidature will be cancelled, and they shall be liable for legal action. KEA does not verify the information provided by the candidates during online registration and hence candidature will be purely provisional subject to the fulfillment of eligibility criteria.

(XIV) **CONTACT DETAILS :**

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