

F.No. 1(12)/2012-Exam.-II

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NOTIFICATION

NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY TEST EXAMINATION -2012

Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB) will hold NET Examination – 2012 on **20.01.2013** at 33 centres across the country as per rules of the examination. The rules of the examination are given in Annexure-IV. The candidates must read the rules of the examination carefully before filling up the application form.

2. NET is a qualifying examination for determining eligibility for Lecturer / Assistant Professor in the State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) and other Agricultural Universities (AUs). Candidates clearing the National Eligibility Test will be eligible for Lecturers or Assistant Professors in the SAUs/AUs. NET Certificates will be issued to the candidates by the A.S.R.B. to the qualified candidates to enable them to apply against vacancies to be notified or advertised by the State Agricultural Universities. SAUs/AUs will consider their eligibility through interview or any such other tests as devised for recruitment of Lecturers or Assistant Professors.

3. **CENTRES OF EXAMINATION**

The centres of Examination where the examination will be conducted are mentioned in **Annexure-I**, The ASRB may increase or decrease the number of Centres or shift centres according to the requirements of the Board. Candidates must select the centres of Examination carefully. No request for change of Centre would be entertained under any circumstances.

4. **PRESCRIBED EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:-**

A candidate must possess a Master's degree or equivalent in the concerned discipline with specialization completed on or before 1st August, 2012. The list of disciplines and its prescribed educational qualifications are given in Annexure-II.

5. **AGE LIMIT**

A candidate must have attained the age of 21 years as on **01.08.2012**. There is no upper age limit for the National Eligibility Test.

6. **FEE :-**

The candidates seeking admission to NET examination must pay a fee as detailed below to the Board:

S.No.	Category	Fee
1.	General	Rs. 1,000/-
2.	Other Backward Classes (Non creamy layer)	Rs. 500/-
3.	Schedule Caste/Schedule Tribe/Physically challenged	Rs. 250/-

The fee must be paid through a Crossed Bank Draft only drawn in favour of Secretary, A.S.R.B. and payable at New Delhi with the application form. Candidates should write their name and address on the reverse of the Bank Draft. No other form of payment will be accepted by the Board.

7. **PLAN OF EXAMINATION:-**

The plan of examination is given in **Annexure III**.

8. **HOW TO APPLY:-**

A candidate seeking admission to the Examination must apply to **The Secretary, Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board, Krishi Anusandhan Bhavan, Pusa, New Delhi-110012** on the application form available on ICAR Website www.icar.org.in or ASRB Website www.asrb.org.in The application form should be filled up by the candidate in his / her own handwriting only. A candidate must read the provisions contained in this Notification for NET Examination – 2012 carefully and abide by the same. A candidate must fulfill all the conditions of eligibility regarding age limits, educational qualifications etc. prescribed for admission to the examination. The candidates are not required to attach the copies of the documents/certificates in support of their candidature.

The envelopes containing the application form should be superscribed in bold letters as: “Application for NET Examination – 2012”.

Centre _____
Discipline _____

Code No _____
CodeNo. _____

9. **LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IN A.S.R.B.**

- a) The completed application form must reach the Secretary, Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board, Krishi Anusandhan Bhavan-I, Pusa, New Delhi-110012 by post or delivered in person on or before **20.11.2012**.

In respect of applications received only by post (by post/ speed post) from the candidates residing in Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Lahaul & Spiti Districts and Pangi Sub-Division of Chamba Distt. of Himachal Pradesh, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshdweep or **abroad**, the last date for receipt of application will be **04.12.2012**. **The benefit of extended time will be available only in respect of applications received by post / speed post from the above mentioned areas/regions. In the case of applications received by hand or through courier service, benefit of extended time will not be available regardless of the place of the residence of the applicant.**

- b) Candidates should clearly note that the Board will in no case be responsible for non-receipt of their application or any delay in receipt thereof on any account whatsoever. **No application, received after the prescribed last date will be entertained under any circumstances and all the applications received after the prescribed date will be summarily rejected.** They should, therefore, ensure that their applications reach the Board’s Office on or before the prescribed last date.

Applications received through Couriers or courier Services of any type shall be treated as having been received ‘By Hand’ at the Board’s Counter.

IMPORTANT NOTES :-

- I) Candidates must ensure that they fulfil all the eligibility conditions for admission to the examination. Their admission to the examination will also, therefore, be purely provisional. If on verification at any later stage, it is found that they do not fulfil all eligibility conditions; their candidature will be cancelled / rejected and fee paid for examination will be forfeited.
- II) Candidates are not required to attach any certificates/mark sheets with the application. It is the sole responsibility of the candidates to ensure that they fulfil the specified eligibility before applying for the examination.
- III) Applications received incomplete in any manner shall be summarily rejected and fee paid will be forfeited. The incomplete applications may include:
- (i) Applications not accompanied by the prescribed applicable fee through a crossed bank draft drawn in favour of Secretary, ASRB and payable at New Delhi.
 - (ii) Applications not duly filled and left any column blank.
 - (iii) Unsigned applications.
 - (iv) Applications without photograph being affixed.
 - (v) Applications not in proper format given on ICAR/ASRB's website.
- IV) While filling up the application form, the candidate should carefully decide about his/her choice for the centre and discipline for the examination. More than one application form from a candidate giving different centres and/or discipline will not be accepted under any circumstances. Even if a candidate sends more than one completed application, the board will accept only one application at its discretion and the board's decision in the matter shall be final.
- V) In case their claim regarding age, educational qualifications, Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe/ Other Backward Class/ Physically Challenged/ being I.C.A.R. /SAU employee is found to be incorrect, may render themselves liable to disqualified by the Board / I.C.A.R. in terms of the rules of the examination and their candidature will stand cancelled.
- VI) Due care should be taken by the candidates to fill up their application form. No column of the application should be left blank. Incomplete or defective or unsigned applications shall be summarily rejected. No representation or correspondence regarding such rejection shall be entertained under any circumstances.
- VII) No candidate will be allowed to take the examination unless he holds a certificate of admission for the examination. On the receipt of Admission Certificate, check it carefully and bring discrepancies/errors, if any, to the notice of Board immediately.
- VIII) If any candidate appears at a centre/Discipline other than the one indicated by the board in his/her admission certificate the papers of such a candidate will not be evaluated and his /her candidature will be liable to cancellation.
- IX) Candidates should note that the name in the Admission Certificate in some cases, may be abbreviated due to technical reasons.
- X) In the event of a candidate receiving more than one admission certificate from the Board, he should use only one of these Admission Certificates for appearing in the examination and return the other(s) to the Board Office.

XI) If a candidate receives an admission certificate in respect of some other candidate on account of handing error, the same should be immediately returned to the Board with a request to issue the correct Admission Certificate. Candidates may note that they will not be allowed to take the examination on the strength of an Admission Certificate issued in respect of another candidate.

XII) The candidates are advised to read the Notification for the Examination carefully before filling up the application form. **No request for change in the entries once made in the application form will be entertained under any circumstances.**

XIII) No request for withdrawal of candidature/application received from a candidate after he/she has submitted his/her application will be entertained under any circumstances.

XIV) The particulars of the candidates will be uploaded on ICAR/ASRB's websites tentatively by one month prior to the date of examination. The candidates should check their particulars carefully and bring discrepancies/errors of the Board to the notice of the Board immediately through email at coe@asrb.org.in within 10 days of the uploading of the particulars.

XV) E-mail address in the application form is a must. The candidates will be issued admission certificates through e-mail only. No other form of communication will be used for issue of admission certificates.

XVI) The candidates are advised to stay in touch with the ICAR and ASRB's websites www.icar.org.in and www.asrb.org.in respectively. All the information related to the examination will be uploaded on these websites only.

XVII) Syllabus for NET examination – 2012 is available on ICAR website www.icar.org.in and ASRB website www.asrb.org.in.

XVIII) All communications in respect of an application made for this Examination should be addressed to the **Controller of Examinations, Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board, Krishi Anusandhan Bhavan-I, Pusa, New Delhi– 110012** and should invariably contain the following particulars:-

1. Name and year of Examination (NET Examination - 2012)
2. Name of candidate (In full and in Capital letters)
3. Centre of examination
4. Roll No. (If communicated)
5. Complete postal address with code numbers
6. Telephone/Mobile number

Note:- Communication not containing the above particulars may not be attended to.

XIX) **No request for change in postal address shall be entertained.**

XX) In case of any discrepancy between English and Hindi versions of the advertisement / information, the English version will be treated as final.

XXI) **NOTIFICATION INCLUDING APPLICATION FORM IS AVAILABLE ON ICAR WEBSITE www.icar.org.in AND ASRB WEBSITE www.asrb.org.in**

CENTRES OF EXAMINATION

Centre	Centre Code No.
Anand	01
Bangaluru	02
Bikaner	03
Bhopal	04
Bhubaneswar	05
Chennai	06
Cochin	07
Coimbatore	08
Dharwad	09
Dehradun	10
Delhi	11
Guwahati	12
Hyderabad	13
Imphal	14
Izatnagar	15
Jabalpur	16
Jammu	17
Junagadh	18
Karnal	19
Kolkata	20
Lucknow	21
Ludhiana	22
Mumbai	23
Nagpur	24
Palampur	25
Patna	26
Port-Blair	27
Raipur	28
Ranchi	29
Srinagar	30
Tirupati	31
Udaipur	32
Varanasi	33

(The ASRB may increase or decrease the number of Centres according to the requirement).

Candidates must select the centre of Examination carefully.

(NO REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF CENTRE WOULD BE ENTERTAINED).

Disciplines and their Eligibility qualifications for National Eligibility Test – 2012

Code No.	Discipline	Eligibility qualifications
01	Agricultural Biotechnology	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Biotechnology/ Molecular Biology & Bio-Technology/ Genetic Engineering/ Botany Plant Sciences/ Life Sciences with specialization in Plant Biotechnology.
02	Agricultural Entomology	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Entomology/ Zoology/ Sericulture/ Apiculture/ Plant Protection with specialization in Agricultural Entomology.
03	Agricultural Microbiology	Master's degree in Agricultural Microbiology/ Microbiology
04	Economic Botany & Plant Genetics Resources	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Botany/ Horticulture with specialization in Agricultural Botany/ Economic Botany/ Plant Genetic Resources.
05	Genetics & Plant Breeding	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Agricultural Botany/ Plant Breeding or Genetics or Genetics and Plant Breeding.
06	Nematology	Master's degree in Agriculture Nematology/ Entomology/ Plant Pathology/ Zoology/ Plant Protection with specialization in Nematology.
07	Plant Biochemistry	Master's degree in Plant Biochemistry/ Agricultural Biochemistry/ Biochemistry with specialization in plants.
08	Plant Pathology	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Botany/ Life Sciences/ Plant Protection with specialization in Plant Pathology/ Mycology.
09	Plant Physiology	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Plant Physiology/ Botany with specialization in Plant Physiology.
10	Seed Science & Technology	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Seed Science/ Seed Technology or Seed Science and Technology.
11	Floriculture & Landscaping	Master's degree in Floriculture/ Agriculture or Horticulture with specialization in Floriculture and Landscaping/ PHT (Horticulture).
12	Fruit Science	Master's degree in Pomology/ Agriculture or Horticulture with specialization in Fruit Sciences/ PHT (Horticulture).
13	Spices, Plantation & Medicinal & Aromatic Plants	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Horticulture/ Botany with specialization in Spices/ Plantation Crops and/ or in Medicinal and Aromatic Plants/ PHT (Horticulture).
14	Vegetable Science	Master's degree in Olericulture/ Vegetable Sciences/ Agriculture or Horticulture with specialization in Vegetable Sciences/ PHT (Horticulture).
15	Animal Biochemistry	Master's degree in Veterinary/ Animal Sciences/ Dairy/ Fisheries Science with specialization in Biochemistry.

Code No.	Discipline	Eligibility qualifications
16	Animal Biotechnology	Master's degree in Veterinary/ Animal/ Fisheries Science with specialization in Biotechnology.
17	Animal Genetics & Breeding	Master's degree in Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Animal Genetics and Breeding.
18	Animal Nutrition	Masters degree in Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Animal Nutrition.
19	Animal Physiology	Master's degree in Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Animal Physiology.
20	Animal Reproduction & Gynaecology	Master's degree in Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Animal Reproduction and Gynaecology.
21	Dairy Chemistry	Masters degree in Dairy Chemistry/ Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Dairy Chemistry.
22	Dairy Microbiology	Master's degree in Dairy Microbiology/ Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Dairy Microbiology.
23	Dairy Technology	Master's degree in Dairy Technology or Dairy Science/ Animal Products Technology/ Food Technology with specialization in Dairy Technology.
24	Livestock Product Technology	Master's degree in Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Livestock Products Technology.
25	Livestock Production Management	Master's degree in Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Livestock Production Management/ Animal Husbandry.
26	Poultry Science	Master's degree in Poultry Sciences/ Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Poultry Sciences.
27	Veterinary Medicine	Master's degree in Veterinary Medicine/ Veterinary Preventive Medicine/ Veterinary Clinical Medicine.
28	Veterinary Microbiology	Master's degree in Veterinary Sciences with specialization in Microbiology/ Bacteriology/ Virology/ Mycology/ Immunology.
29	Veterinary Parasitology	Master's degree in Veterinary Parasitology.
30	Veterinary Pathology	Masters degree in Veterinary Pathology.
31	Veterinary Pharmacology	Master's degree in Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology/ Veterinary Pharmacology.
32	Veterinary Public Health	Master's degree in Veterinary Public Health/ Epidemiology.
33	Veterinary Surgery	Master's degree in Veterinary Surgery.
34	Aquaculture	Masters degree in Aquaculture/ Fishery Sciences/ Marine Biology/ Aquatic Biology with specialization in Mariculture/ Aquatic Environmental Management/ Aquatic Ecology/ Inland Aquaculture.

Code No.	Discipline	Eligibility qualifications
35	Fisheries Resource Management	Master's degree in Fishery Sciences/ Fisheries Resource Management/ Marine Biology/ Aquatic Biology with specialization in Fisheries Resource Management/ Fish Population Dynamics/ Fishery Hydrography/ Ecosystem Management/ Aquatic Ecology.
36	Fish Process Technology	Master's degree in Fishery Sciences/ Fish Processing Technology/ Post Harvest Technology/ Industrial Fisheries with specialization in Fish Harvest and Processing.
37	Fish Nutrition	Master's degree in Fishery Sciences with specialization in Fish Nutrition and Fish Physiology/ Feed Technology/ Fish Nutrition and Biochemistry.
38	Fish Health	Master's degree in Fishery Science/ Marine Biology with specialization in Fish Health/ Fish Pathology and Microbiology.
39	Fish Genetics & Breeding	Master's degree in Fishery Science/ Marine Biology with specialization in Fish Genetics and Breeding/ Fish Biotechnology.
40	Agricultural Chemicals	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Agricultural Chemicals/ Organic Chemistry with specialization in Agricultural Chemicals.
41	Agricultural Meteorology	Masters degree in Agricultural Meteorology/ Agricultural Physics with specialization in Agricultural Meteorology.
42	Agroforestry	Master's degree in Forestry/ Agroforestry/ Botany/ Agronomy/ Horticulture with specialization in Agroforestry.
43	Agronomy	Master's degree in Agriculture with specialization in Agronomy/ Soil Water Management/ Conservation Agriculture/ Farming Systems Management/ Forage Production.
44	Environmental Sciences	Master's degree in Environmental Science/ Agro-forestry/ Agriculture Physics/ Agriculture with specialization in Environmental Science.
45	Soil Sciences	Masters degree in Agriculture/ Soil Sciences/ Agricultural Chemistry/ Agricultural Physics with specialization in Soil Physics and Soil and Water Conservation/ Soil Fertility/ Soil Microbiology/ Soil Chemistry.
46	Agricultural Business Management	Master's degree in Agricultural Business Management/ Agricultural Marketing/ Business Management with specialization in Agricultural Business/ Fisheries Business Management.
47	Agricultural Economics	Master's degree in Agricultural Economics/ Dairy Economics/ Veterinary Economics/ Fisheries Economics with specialization in Agriculture.
48	Agricultural Extension	Master's degree in Agricultural Extension/ Veterinary Extension/ Dairy Extension/ Fisheries Extension/ Agriculture Communication in Agricultural Sciences/ Rural Development/ Rural Management.
49	Agricultural Statistics	Master's degree in Agricultural Statistics/ Statistics with specialization in Agriculture.

Code No.	Discipline	Eligibility qualifications
50	Home Sciences	Master's degree in Home Science with specialization in Family Resource Management/ Textile and Clothing/ Child Development/ Foods and Nutrition.
51	Farm Machinery and Power	Master's degree in Agricultural Engineering/ Mechanical Engineering with specialization in Farm Machinery and Power.
52	Agricultural Structures and Environmental Management	Master's degree in Agricultural Engineering with specialization in Agricultural Structures/ Aquaculture Engineering.
53	Land and Water Management Engineering	Masters degree in Agricultural Engineering/ Civil Engineering with specialization in Soil and Water Conservation/ Irrigation and Drainage/ Water Resources/ Hydrology/ Aquatic Engineering.
54	Agricultural Process Engineering	Master's degree in Agricultural Engineering with specialization in Agricultural Process Engineering/ Food Process Engineering/ Dairy Engineering.
55	Food Technology	Master's degree in Food Science/ Food Technology/ Food Science and Technology/ Post Harvest Technology.

PLAN OF NET EXAMINATION

There will one paper of 150 marks consisting of 150 objective type multiple choice questions to be solved in 2 (Two) hours. Each question carries one mark. These 150 questions shall be derived from the respective discipline in which the candidate has opted to appear.

Minimum marks required for qualifying NET Examination

Category of candidate	Minimum qualifying marks
General / OBC	60%
SC / ST/ Physically Challenged Person	50%

1/3 mark will be deducted for each wrong answer in the NET examination.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- (i) Question paper will be available in both English or in Hindi.
- (ii) Candidates must write the papers in their own hand. In no circumstances will they be allowed the help of a scribe to write the answers for them. Only the visually Challenged and OH candidates will both arms affected may be allowed the help of a Scribe only with the prior permission of the Board.
- (iii) The standard of paper will be that of a Master's degree of an Indian University.

RULES

The rules for the National Eligibility Test (NET) Examination – 2012 to be held by the Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board are published for general information.

1. **CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY**

Nationality: *A candidate must be either:-*

- (a) a citizen of India, or
- (ii) a citizen of Nepal, or
- (b) a citizen of Bhutan, or
- (iv) a Tibetan refugee who came over to India before the 1st January, 1962, with the intention of permanently settling in India, or
- (v) a person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Burma, Sri Lanka and East African countries of Kenya, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, (formerly Tanganyika and Zanzibar) Zambia, Malawi, Zaire, Ethiopia and Vietnam with the intention of permanently settling in India.

Provided that a candidate belonging to categories (ii), (iii), (IV) above shall be a person in whose favour a certificate of eligibility has been issued by the Government of India.

2. **AGE LIMITS:-**

A candidate must have attained the age of 21 years as on **01-08-2012**. There will be no upper age limit for the National Eligibility Test.

3. **EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:-**

A candidate for the National Eligibility Test must have a Master's degree or equivalent in the concerned subject with specialization completed on or before 01.08.2012 as defined in **Annexure-II** from any Indian University incorporated by an Act of Central or State Legislature in India or other educational institution established by an Act of Parliament or declared to be deemed University under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 or he/she must have qualification from a foreign University recognized as equivalent by the Government of India.

4. **FEE :-**

The candidates seeking admission to NET examination must pay a fee as detailed below to the Board:

S.No.	Category	Fee
1.	General	Rs. 1,000/-
2.	Other Backward Classes (Non creamy layer)	Rs. 500/-
3.	Schedule Caste/Schedule Tribe/Physically challenged	Rs. 250/-

The fee shall be paid through a Crossed Bank Draft only drawn in favour of Secretary, A.S.R.B. and payable at New Delhi with the application form. Candidates should write their name and address on the reverse of the Bank Draft. No other form of payment will be accepted by the Board.

5. **Number of Attempts:-**

The number of attempts for appearing in the National Eligibility Test Examination will be limited to **FIVE** for all candidates (whether M.Sc./Ph.D.) including the in-service candidates of I.C.A.R. However, this restriction will not apply to SC and ST candidates, who are otherwise eligible.

Note:- The number of attempts made by the candidates prior to National Eligibility Test Examination - 2012 will not be taken into account for counting the number of attempts made.

6. The decision of the Board as to the eligibility or otherwise of a candidate for admission to the examination shall be final.
7. No candidate will be admitted to the examination unless he/she holds a certificate of admission from the Board.
9. Any attempt on the part of a candidate to obtain support for his candidature by any means may disqualify him for admission to the examination.
10. A candidate who is or has been declared by the Board guilty of impersonation or of submitting fabricated documents or documents which have been tempered 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 of misbehavior in the examination hall, may, in addition to rendering himself liable to criminal prosecution:
 - (a) Be debarred permanently or for a specific period.
 - (i) By the Board, from admission to any examination or appearance at an interview held by the Board for selection of candidates and
 - (ii) By the Indian Council of Agricultural Research from Employment under them.
 - (b) Will be liable to disciplinary action under the appropriate rules, if he is already in service under Government / Indian Council of Agricultural Research/State Agricultural Universities.

6. (a) Particulars of examinations passed

Examination level	Class or Division	OGPA %	Year of Passing	Subject taken / Title of thesis at M. Sc. / Ph.D.	Name of the University / Board
Name of Degree					
Matriculation level (10 th)					
Intermediate level (12 th)					
Graduation level					
Post Graduation level					
Doctorate					

6. (b) Field of specialization in Master's Degree _____

6. (c) Date of completion of Master's Degree _____

7. If you have at any time been employed, give details including present employment.

Designation of post held and description of work	Period with exact dates		Full address of employer	Whether employment is Under Govt./ ICAR/ Scientific Institution
	From	To		

8. Have you ever been debarred or disqualified by the ICAR/ASRB or any Public Service Commission from any of their examination/selections? If so, give details:

DECLARATION TO BE SIGNED BY THE CANDIDATE:

I hereby declare that all the statements made in this application are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. In the event of any information being found false or incorrect or ineligibility being detected before or after the examination, action can be taken against me by the Board. I have read the provisions in the Notification for NET Examination - 2012 carefully and I hereby undertake to abide by the same. I further declare that I fulfill all the conditions of eligibility regarding age limits, educational qualifications etc. prescribed for admission to the examination.

I have informed my Head of Office / Department in writing that I am applying for this examination (if applicable).

DATE _____

PLACE _____

SIGNATURE OF THE CANDIDATE