



**APENGINEERING COMMON ENTRANCE TEST FOR DIPLOMA HOLDERS AND  
B.Sc .GRADUATES (with Mathematics as one of the optional subjects)-2026**

**APECET-2026**

**(Being conducted on behalf of APSCHE)**

**INSTRUCTION BOOKLET**



**CONVENER, APECET-2026**

**JAWAHARLAL NEHRU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY ANANTAPUR**

**ANANTHAPURAMU 515 002**

## IMPORTANT DATES

SNo	Particulars	Date & Day
1.	Date of Notification	: 03.02.2026 (Monday)
2.	Starting Date of Application Submission	: 04.02.2026 (Wednesday)
3.	Last Date for Application Submission Without Fine	: 02.03.2026 (Monday)
4.	Last Date for Submission with Rs.1000/- Fine	: 06.03.2026 (Friday)
5.	Last Date for Submission with Rs.2000/- Fine	: 10.03.2026 (Tuesday)
6.	Last Date for Submission with Rs.4000/- Fine	: 14.03.2026 (Saturday)
7.	Last Date for Submission with Rs.10000/- Fine	: 18.03.2026 (Wednesday)
8.	Correction of online application data already submitted by the candidate	: 20.03.2026 (Friday)
9.	Hall Ticket Downloading from website	: 09.04.2026 (Thursday)
10.	<b>Date of Examination</b>	: 23.04.2026 (Thursday)
11.	Release of Preliminary Key	: 27.04.2026 at 05:00pm (Monday)
12.	Last Date for Receiving Objections on Preliminary Key	: 29.04.2026 at 05:00pm (Wednesday)
13.	Result Release	: 07.05.2026 (Thursday)

\*Fee to be paid for each objection raised on a question is Rs. 300/- and the same is refundable for valid objection only. The decision of the committee on validity of the objection is final and no further correspondence is entertained.

### 1.0 GENERAL

A Common Entrance Test designated in full as Andhra Pradesh Engineering Common Entrance Test for Diploma Holders and for B.Sc.(with Mathematics as one of the optional subjects)Degree Holders and in short as APECET 2026 will be conducted by JNTUniversity Anantapur on behalf of the Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education for the academic year 2026-2027.

For lateral admission into 2<sup>nd</sup> year regular B.E. and B.Tech. Courses in University Engineering colleges to the extent of 10% of over and above sanctioned intake and in All India Council for Technical Education approved Un-Aided Private Professional institutions (Minoritys non-Minority) to the extent of 10% of over and above sanctioned intake for Diploma holders and B.Sc. degree holders for the academic year 2026-27.

(i) For lateral admission into 2<sup>nd</sup> year regular B. Pharmacy Courses as approved by Pharmacy Council of India in university colleges to the extent of 10% of over and above sanctioned

intake and in Un-Aided Private Professional institutions (Minoritys non-Minority) to the extent of 10% of over and above sanctioned in take for the seats specifically earmarked for Diploma holders for the academic year 2026-27. The candidates with B.Sc. degree are not eligible for admission into pharmacy course.

## 2.0 ELIGIBILITY FOR WRITING THE TEST

The Candidates satisfying the following requirements shall be eligible to appear for ECET:

- (i) They should be of Indian Nationality.
- (ii) They should belong to the State of Andhra Pradesh. The candidates should satisfy local/non- local status requirements as per the Government of A.P orders for 2026-27.
- (iii) They should have obtained Diploma in Engineering and Technology/Pharmacy from the State Board of Technical Education of Andhra Pradesh State or any other Diploma from an AICTE approved institution recognized by the Government of Andhra Pradesh as equivalent there to for admission into the relevant B.E./B.Tech./ B. Pharmacy courses into the Courses corresponding to the Diplomas as given in the following Annexure.

(OR)

They should have passed the 3-year B.Sc. Degree examination with Mathematics as one of the subjects in the group combination from a recognized University in the state or its equivalent for entry into relevant courses as given in the following Annexure.

- (iv) Candidates who are pursuing a Diploma course shall be eligible for entry into the relevant B.E./B.Tech./B.Pharmacy courses provided they have completed the prescribed course and passed all the subjects for the award of diploma course before admission in to the college.
- (v) Candidates should have passed Diploma in Engineering and Technology/Pharmacy/B.Sc. Degree with at least 45% marks (40% incase of candidates belonging to BC/SC/ST) for entry into relevant courses.

## 3.0. ELIGIBILITY FOR LATERA LENTRY ADMISSIONIN TO B.E./B.Tech./Pharm.:

Candidates should have appeared and qualified at the APECET-2026. Mere appearance at the Entrance Test does not automatically entitle a candidate to be considered for entry into any course unless the candidate satisfies the requirement of eligibility and other criteria laid down in the rules of admission.

The lateral entry seats in case of Un-Aided Private Professional institutions (Minoritys non-Minority) are 10% over and above the sanctioned intake in to the course. In case of University Colleges the lateral entry seats are 10% over and above the sanctioned intake into the course.

While filling up the lateral entry seats based on the APECET-2026 ranks, B.Sc.(with Mathematics as one of the optional subjects)stream students will be considered for admission only after exhausting all the qualified diploma holders.

### 3.1. EXPLANATION OF LOCAL AND NON-LOCAL CANDIDATES:

**The explanation of Local and Non-Local candidates will be as per the guidance issued by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for 2026-27. (Candidates should belong to the State of Andhra Pradesh. The candidates should satisfy Local / Non-Local Status requirements as per the Government of Andhra Pradesh Orders for 2026-27.)**

### 4.0. PATTERN OF EXAMINATION

The examination will be for 200 Marks with 200 objective type questions and the distribution of marks for each stream will be as follows:

#### ENGINEERING STREAM:

Subject	Maximum Marks	Remarks
Mathematics	50	Common to all branches
Physics	25	Common to all branches
Chemistry	25	Common to all branches
Engineering(Civil/Electrical/Mechanical/ Electronics Communications/Computer Science/Chemical/Metallurgical/Mining/ Electronics s Instrumentation/Ceramic Technology/Biotechnology/Agricultural Engineering as the case may be)	100	Separate Question Paper for Each branch of engineering

#### PHARMACY STREAM:

Subject	Maximum Marks
SectionI: Pharmaceutics	50
SectionII: Pharmaceutical Chemistry	50
SectionIII: Pharmacognosy	50
SectionIV: Pharmacology	50

#### B.Sc.(with Mathematics as one of the optional subjects) STREAM:

Subject	Maximum Marks
Mathematics	100
Analytical Ability	50
Communicative English	50

## 5.0.Qualifying marks in APECET-2026

The qualifying percentage marks for obtaining a rank in APECET-2026 is 25% of the aggregate marks in the four subjects (three subjects for B.Sc. Mathematics) i.e., 50 marks out of a total of 200. However, in the case of SC/ST candidates, there shall be no minimum qualifying marks for ranking the candidates.

The rank obtained with the benefit of relaxation of the minimum qualifying marks at the APECET [FDH s B.Sc.(with Mathematics as one of the optional subjects)]-2026 by any candidate claiming to be long to SC/ST category will be cancelled in case the claim is found to be in valid at the time of admission.

## 6.0. Evaluation and ranking in APECET 2026

- a) The student will be ranked based on the marks obtained by him/her in the APECET 2026 Examination.
- b) Every care will be taken to avoid errors in valuation, checking, scrutiny, tabulation, and ranking. Hence request for re-totaling and revaluation will be in no case been entertained. Candidates will be ranked in the order of merit in APECET 2026, separately in each branch of Engineering Course.
- c) As per Government Order, all Diploma holders in any branch of Engineering/Technology, who qualify in APECET 2026 are eligible for admission into B.Tech. Information Technology and Computer Science and Engineering branches. The Integrated Merit Rank is taken into consideration for admission into B.Tech. Information Technology and Computer Science and Engineering branches. The Integrated Merit Rank is based on the total marks obtained in APECET 2026 by candidates with Diploma in any branch of Engineering/Technology.
- d) Resolving Tie in Engineering Stream: Incase of a tie in aggregate, the marks obtained in Engineering subject, and incase of further tie the marks obtained in the Mathematics subject and if the tie continues, the marks obtained in Physics subject will be taken into account to decide the relative ranking. In case of candidates getting equal marks in each of the four subjects, they will be bracketed for the purpose of award of rank. Age of the candidate will be considered at the time of admission for resolving the tie, the older candidate being given preference.
- e) Resolving Tie in Pharmacy Stream: Incase of tie the students, who get the same aggregate marks are given same rank and at the time of admission, age will be taken into consideration; the older candidate will be given priority.
- f) Resolving Tie in B.Sc.(with Mathematics as one of the optional subjects) Stream: Candidates will be ranked based on the marks obtained in the entrance examination. Incase of tie in aggregate, the marks obtained in Mathematics subject will be considered, and in case of further tie, the students who get the same aggregate marks are given same rank and at the time of admission, age will be taken into consideration; the older candidate will be given priority.

## 7.0. SUBMISSION OF ONILE APPLICATION

1. For registration and submission of online application the aspiring candidates must visit the website <https://cets.apsche.ap.gov.in/ECET>.
2. All the details required such as **qualifying examination**(diploma or degree as the case may be),**hall ticket number**, **SSC or 10<sup>th</sup> class hall ticket number**, **places of study from 6thclass onwards**, **caste category- Meeseva Certificate number**, **Income certificate-Meeseva certificate number**, **good quality passport size photograph in .jpg or .jpeg format of 50 Kb size, scanned image of Signature affixed with a black pen on a whitepaper in.jpg or .jpeg format of 30Kb size, Ration card of the family, Aadhar card of self** in the application form shall be entered in the specified fields.

3. The Aadhar Card number of the candidate is mandatory.
4. The payment of the registration fee can be done online through AP Online services or Payment Gateway (through Credit Card/Debit Card/Netbanking). The registration fee is Rs.800/- for OC students, 750/- for BC students and 700/- for SC/ST students.

## 8.0. ELIGIBILITY FOR WRITING VARIOUS APECET-2026 PAPERS

ELIGIBILITY BRANCHES FOR VARIOUS APECET PAPERS	
ECETENGINEERINGSUBJECTPAPER	ELIGIBLEDIPLOMACANDIDATES
AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING	AGRICULTURE ENGINEERING
BIO-TECHNOLOGY	BIO TECHNOLOGY, PHARMACY, CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
CERAMIC TECHNOLOGY	CERAMIC TECHNOLOGY
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING	CERAMIC, LEATHER, TEXTILE, CHEMICAL ENGINEERING, CHEMICAL-PETROCHEMICAL, CHEMICAL-PLASTICS & POLYMERS, CHEMICAL-OIL TECHNOLOGY, CHEMICAL-SUGAR TECHNOLOGY, PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY, PETROCHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY
CIVIL ENGINEERING	CIVIL, CIVIL-CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY
COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING	COMPUTER ENGINEERING, ELECTRONICS AND COMPUTERS, SPECIAL DIPLOMA IN ELECTRONICS WITH COMPUTERS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING, ANIMATION AND MULTIMEDIA, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, 3D ANIMATION AND GRAPHIC ENGINEERING, CLOUD COMPUTING AND BIG DATA ENGINEERING, WEB DESIGNING, COMMUNICATIONS AND COMPUTER NET WORKING
ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATION ENGINEERING	ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATION ENGINEERING, SPECIAL DIPLOMA IN ELECTRONICS-BIOMEDICAL, TV AND SOUND, INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS, COMMUNICATION ENGG, EMBEDDED SYSTEMS, APPLIED ELECTRONICS AND INSTRUMENTATION, ELECTRONICS AND INSTRUMENTATION, ELECTRONICS AND TELEMATICS
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING	ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING, ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY
ELECTRONICS AND INSTRUMENTATION ENGINEERING	ELECTRONICS AND INSTRUMENTATION, SPECIAL DIPLOMA IN ELECTRONICS-INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS, APPLIED ELECTRONICS AND INSTRUMENTATION
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, AUTOMOBILE ENGINEERING, FOOTWEAR TECHNOLOGY, INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING, INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION ENGINEERING, JEWELLERY DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (SANDWICH), PACKAGING TECHNOLOGY, PRINTING TECHNOLOGY, AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING, REFREGIRATION AND AIRCONDITIONING
METALLURGICAL ENGINEERING	METALLURGICAL ENGINEERING

MINING ENGINEERING	MINING ENGINEERING, INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION ENGINEERING
PHARMACY	PHARMACY
B.SC	B.Sc. WITH MATHEMATICS AS ONE OF THE OPTIONAL SUBJECTS

#### **G.0.ORDER OF PREFERENCE WHILE GIVING ADMISSIONS**

**The following order of preference shall be observed in considering Diploma Holders for admission into various courses:**

- (1) For admission into Degree programme in Information Technology and Computer Science and Engineering, first preference will be given to candidates who have obtained the Diploma in Information Technology and Computer Science and Engineering respectively. Any seats still vacant shall be filled with candidates who have obtained their Diploma in any branch of Engineering/ Technology based on the integrated merit ranking.
- (2) For admission into Degree programme in Chemical Engineering, candidates who have obtained their Diploma in Textile Technology (Design & Manufacturing) and Textile Technology(Knitting) must necessarily have completed their Intermediate or equivalent with Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry as compulsory subjects.
- (3) For admission into Degree programme in Biotechnology, first preference will be given to candidates who have obtained the Diploma in Biotechnology. Any seats still vacant shall be filled with candidates who have obtained their Diploma in Pharmacy or Chemical Engineering in the ratio of 1:1 respectively.
- (4) Diploma Holders of Special Diploma course in Industrial Electronics & Instrumentation Engineering/Diploma Holders in Electronics Instrumentation Engineering must appear for APECET Examination in Electronics Instrumentation Engineering only (EIE) for admission into Instrumentation Engineering (IE) / Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering(EIE)/Applied Electronics Instrumentation Engineering/ Instrumentation Control Engineering courses.
- (5) The qualified candidates from B.Sc.degree holders will be considered for admission, only after exhausting all branches of Diploma holders vide GO.Ms.No.4G.

#### **10.0 TESTCENTRES FOR APECET-2026**

**APECET 2026 TEST CENTRES ARE AVAILABLE IN WEB APPLICATION. TEST CENTRE ALLOCATION WILL BE MADE ON FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS. NO GAURANTEE CAN BE GIVEN THAT THE APPLICANT WILL BE ALLOTTED HIS FIRST CHOICE.**

## 11.0 GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE STUDENTS

1. All the candidates shall take utmost care while submitting the online application.
2. The APECET2026 will be conducted online only and the candidates willing to appear are requested to get acquainted with the online Examination Process through practicing mock tests.
3. All the photographs submitted with the application must be identical. Otherwise, Hall Tickets will not be issued. Such applications will be summarily rejected.
4. Candidates are not admitted to the examination after 9.00A.M. and not permitted to leave the Examination Hall before 12.00 Noon in the Morning Session. Similarly, Candidates are not admitted to the examination after 2.30 P.M. and not permitted to leave the Examination Hall before 5.30P.M in the Afternoon Session.
5. It is the responsibility of the candidates to ensure that they are answering the correct question Paper of the branch for which they are eligible for admission (For Diploma Holders only).
6. Question paper will be in English only.
7. Any malpractice case will be dealt with as per rules of CETs in force.
8. The Online Answer Script images of APECET2026 will be preserved for six months from the date of publication of results after which time they shall be disposed.
9. In any litigation concerning APECET 2026, the parties to be impleaded are Secretary, A.P. State Council of Higher Education, Mangalagiri and the Convener, APECET2026. If the litigation is concerned with any issue related to Admissions based on APECET 2026, the parties to be impleaded are Secretary, A.P. State Council of Higher Education, Mangalagiri and the Convener (Admissions), APECET2026.
10. Any litigation concerning APECET 2026 shall be with in the jurisdiction of the High Court of Andhra Pradesh only.

## 12.0 IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE

1. Please check the details printed in the Hall Ticket carefully for your Name, Date of Birth, Gender, Category and Subject. In case of any discrepancy, communicate to the Chief Superintendent or the Observer immediately for necessary action.
2. Hall ticket shall be shown at the Entrance of the Test Centre and also in the Examination Hall, failing which the candidates will not be allowed to write the test.
3. Candidates will be permitted to appear for the examination only after their credentials are verified by the centre officials.
4. The candidate shall carry into the Examination hall (i) Black/Blue Ball Point Pen (ii) Hall Ticket (iii) Id Card.
5. Candidates shall bring the downloaded AP ECET Application form and hand over the same to the invigilator duly signing it in the presence of the invigilator.
6. Candidate will be permitted into the Examination Hall from 07:30 AM to 09:00 AM for FN Session and 01:00 PM to 02:30 PM for AN Session for identification.
7. Candidate will not be permitted into the Examination Hall once the test commences (i.e. 09:00 AM for FN Session and 02:30 PM for AN Session) and will not be allowed to leave the Examination Hall till the END of the Examination (i.e. 12:00 PM for FN Session and 05:30 PM for AN Session). Candidates will not be allowed into the examination hall even if they are late by one minute.
8. Listen to the instructions announced by the invigilator carefully. After login, read the instructions regarding the list of symbols related answering online examination displayed on the screen carefully. No clarifications or doubts related to the questions of the examination paper will be entertained during the examination.
9. In case you detect any hardware or software problems with the computer system provided, please raise your hand and talk to the Invigilators. The problem shall be rectified immediately. In case the problem is not rectified within reasonable time, the system will be changed for you. Time does not tick forward while this replacement is going on so no time will be lost for the candidate.
10. The check-in procedure inside the Examination hall includes capturing of biometric information (your photo and left hand thumb impression). This is a security feature which will allow authorities to verify your identity and also to avoid impersonation. Therefore, you are advised not to apply any external materials like Mehanadi, Ink etc. on Hands/Feet.

11. Carrying of Calculators, Mathematical / Log Tables, Pagers, Cell Phones, Watches (all types), Large Spectacles, any other Electronic Gadgets and loose sheets of paper into the examination hall is strictly prohibited.
12. Adoption of any kind of unfair means and any act of impersonation during the time of test will render the applicant liable for invalidation of his/her Examination. Further he/she will forfeit the claim of appearing for the test and will make him/her liable for criminal action.
13. There may not be a guaranteed security facility for safe-keeping of your valuable devices or personal belongings outside the exam hall.
14. Issue of Hall Ticket and appearance at the test does not automatically entitle the candidate for admission in to a College.
15. No traveling expenses will be paid for the journey to take up the test.
16. Blank papers will be provided for rough work in the examination hall. Candidates will not be allowed to leave the examination center without handing over the rough sheet to the invigilator concerned after the end of the examination.
17. Contact the center chief Superintendent / Invigilator in the room for any technical assistance, first aid, emergency or any other information during the course of examination if required.
18. Hall Ticket must be preserved till the time of admission into the college.