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DEGREE COURSE IN ARCHITECTURE

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Sr. No.	ACTIVITY	SCHEDULE	
		First Date	Last Date
1	Online registration for MAH-M. ARCH-CET 2023 on the website https://marchcet2023.mahacet.org/	05 APR 2023	14 APR 2023

The schedule displayed above is provisional and may change under unavoidable circumstances. The revised schedule, if any, will be notified on website <https://marchcet2023.mahacet.org/>



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1.0 Introduction

Government of Maharashtra has established a State Common Entrance Test Cell (CET CELL) under Admission Regulating Authority (ARA) as per the provision in Section 10 of Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015, (Herein after called the Act).

The Competent Authority shall conduct the MAH-M. ARCH-CET 2023 for admission to first year of two-year full time post graduate degree course in Architecture (M. ARCH), for Academic Year 2023-24.

The admissions to the following institutes will be based on the score of CET, provided they are approved & recognized by Government of Maharashtra and are affiliated to any of the Non- Agricultural University in Maharashtra State.

1. All Government Aided Institutes offering M. ARCH Course
2. All Un-Aided M. ARCH Institutes covered as per the Act

2.0 Competent Authority

“Commissioner, State CET Cell' is the **Competent Authority** to conduct the MAH- M. ARCH- CET 2023 as per the Provisions of 2(e) and Section 10(2) of the Act.

3.0 Eligibility for Appearing MAH- M. ARCH -CET 2023

The candidate should fulfill the following eligibility criteria:

- (i) The candidate should be an Indian National;
- (ii) Passed Bachelor Degree in Architecture from All India Council for Technical Education or Council of Architecture or Central or State Government approved institutions or equivalent, with at least 50% marks (at least 45% marks in case of candidates of Backward class categories Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and Person with Disability (PWD) belonging to Maharashtra State only)
- (iii) Candidates appearing for final year of qualifying examination are also eligible to appear for CET

Note:

- Aggregate marks means the grand total of marks obtained by the candidate in subjects on which the class declaration is made in the particular University from which the candidate is passing the qualifying examination.
- In case the candidates are awarded grades/CGPA instead of marks, the conversion of grades/CGPA to percentage of marks would be based on the procedure certified by the University/institution from where they have obtained the bachelor's degree.
- The percentage of marks shall be calculated by rounding off to two places after decimal.
- The candidates belonging to SC, VJ/DT (NT (A)), NT (B), NT(C), NT (D), OBC and SBC categories should produce "Caste Validity Certificate" issued by Scrutiny Committee of Social Welfare Department and the Candidate belonging to ST category should submit "Tribe Validity Certificate" issued by Scrutiny Committee of Tribal Department and valid Non Creamy Layer certificate except SC, ST candidates, at the time of verification of documents.

4.0 MAH- M. ARCH-CET 2023 Schedule: - Detailed Examination Scheduled will be shared in due course of time on the home page of respective course.

5.0 Examination Fees for CET

Application form processing fees as stated below is to be paid through online system only by Internet Payment, Credit Card/ Debit Card (RuPay/Visa/MasterCard/Maestro), Internet Banking, IMPS, Cash Cards/ Mobile Wallets, UPI for which the service charges, as per rules, shall be applicable in addition to the application form processing fees. No other mode of payment shall be permitted. This fee is non-refundable and nontransferable under any circumstances.

For Open Category Candidates from Maharashtra State, Outside Maharashtra State (OMS)	₹. 1000/-
For Candidates of Backward Class Categories [SC, ST, VJ/DT- NT(A), NT(B), NT(C), NT(D), OBC, SBC and EWS] and Persons with Disability Candidates belonging to Maharashtra State only.	₹. 800/-

- **Candidates will be required to submit the Caste Certificate, Caste Validity Certificate and Non Creamy Layer Certificate if applicable at the time of filling CAP Application form to be considered under category.**
- **Candidates will be required to submit Economically Weaker Section Certificate if applicable at the time of filling CAP Application form.**
- **Candidates will be required to submit Persons with Disability (PWD) Certificate if applicable at the time of filling CAP Application form**

6.0 Procedure for Online Application Form Filling and Registration for MAH- M. ARCH -CET 2023: -

Please refer user manual available in download section of the home page of respective course.

7.0 Ticketing System for Candidate Grievance Redressal

Ticketing System is available for candidate inside candidate login to solve candidate grievances / queries /questions etc. Candidate can raise ticket for their grievances via ticketing system after registration candidate can raise the query by submitting the Ticket from candidate's login. To raise query (Ticket) please follow the below step.

- Click on Already Registered and enter your application number and Password and click on Login Button.
- To raise any query, click on 'Generate Ticket' link, select the Query Type and enter your detailed query in English language.
- After filling up all details click on Generate Ticket Button. On successful submission of Ticket, Unique Ticket Number will be Generated and your query will be assigned to Admin to resolve the issue.
- After submission of Ticket, candidate can check the status of submitted Ticket using 'Check Ticket Status' link.
- If a candidate is not satisfied with resolution given by the admin, in such case, candidate can Re-Open the Ticket by clicking on Re-Open Button.

8.0 Download Hall Ticket: -

As per the schedule, Candidates will have to visit the website www.mahacet.org for downloading Hall Ticket for online test. Intimation for downloading Hall Ticket will also be sent through email/SMS. Once the candidate clicks the relevant link, he/she can access the window for Hall Ticket download. The candidate is required to use (i) Registration Number/Roll Number, (ii) Password/Date of Birth for downloading the Hall Ticket. Candidate needs to affix recent recognizable photograph on the Hall Ticket preferably the same as provided during registration and appear at the examination center with (i) Hall Ticket (ii) Photo Identity Proof as stipulated below and also specified in the Hall Ticket and Photo Identity Proof as brought in original.

Refer Hall Ticket download guidelines available on CET CELL website.

8.1 Identity Verification

In the examination hall, the Hall Ticket along with original of the candidate's currently valid photo identity (bearing the same name as it appears on the Hall Ticket) such as PAN Card/ Passport/ Permanent Driving License/ Voter's Card/ Bank Passbook with photograph/ Photo identity proof issued by a Gazetted Officer on official letterhead along with photograph/ Photo identity proof issued by a People's Representative on official letterhead along with photograph / valid recent Identity Card issued by a recognized College/ University/ Aadhar/ E-Aadhar Card with a photograph/ Employee ID/ Bar Council Identity Card with photograph should be submitted to the invigilator for verification. The candidate's identity will be verified with respect to his/her details on the Hall Ticket, in the Attendance List and requisite documents submitted. If identity of the candidate is in doubt the candidate may not be allowed to appear for the Examination.

Ration Card & Learning Driving License are not valid id proof.

Candidates Reporting Late i.e. after the reporting time specified on the Hall Ticket for Examination will not be permitted to take the examination. The reporting time mentioned on the Hall Ticket is prior to the Start time of the test. Though the duration of the examination is 60 minutes, candidates may be required to be at the venue for about 120 minutes including the time required for completion of various formalities such as verification and collection of various requisite documents, logging in, giving of instructions.

Note: Candidates have to produce in original the photo identity proof along with Examination Hall Ticket while attending the examination, without which they will not be allowed to take up the examination. Candidates must note that the name as appearing on the Hall Ticket (provided during the process of registration) should match the name as appearing on the photo identity proof. Female candidates who have changed first/last/middle name post marriage must take special note of this. If there is any mismatch between the name indicated in the Hall Ticket and Photo Identity Proof the candidate will not be allowed to appear for the examination. In case of candidates who have changed their name, will be allowed only if they produce original Gazette notification / their original marriage certificate/affidavit in original.

9.0 Test Centre for CET

1. MAH-M. ARCH-CET 2023 will be conducted in the selected cities in Maharashtra State. The cities in which MAH- M. ARCH -CET 2023 will be conducted are designated as "Centre" for the CET.
2. Each centre may have many "Venues" depending upon the number of candidates appearing at that centre.
3. A candidate appearing for CET shall give his/her preference for the centre, however the Competent Authority reserves the right to allocate the centre and venue.
4. The examination will be conducted online at venues given in the respective Hall Ticket.
5. No request for change of centre/venue/date/session for Examination shall be entertained.
6. Competent Authority, however, reserves the right to cancel any of the Examination Centers and/ or add some other Centers, at its discretion, depending upon the response, administrative feasibility, etc.
7. Competent Authority also reserves the right to allot the candidate to any Centre other than the one he/she has opted for.
8. Candidate will appear for the examination at an Examination Centre at his/her own risks and expenses and Competent Authority will not be responsible for any injury or losses etc. of any nature.
9. Choice of centre once exercised by the candidate will be final.
10. If sufficient number of candidates does not opt for a particular centre for "Online" examination, Competent Authority reserves the right to allot any other adjunct centre to those candidates OR if the number of candidates is more than the capacity available for online exam for a centre, Competent Authority reserves the right to allot any other centre to the candidate.

10.0 Syllabus and Marking Scheme for MAH- M. ARCH -CET 2023 :-

The Online test will have 50 Questions based on Topics given below.

Sr.	Topics	No of Questions	Mark/s per Question	Maximum Marks	Total Marks
1	Building Technology Building systems, Building Science and services, concept of green building, construction materials.	10	2 marks	20 Marks	100
2	Environment Concept and Ecology and landscape design, Environment laws and regulations, Environment design strategies w.r.t site.	10	2 marks	20 Marks	
3	Architecture History and humanities Awareness of Art and culture and architectural theory, major architecture movements in the world and in India.	10	2 marks	20 Marks	
4	Settlement, design and planning Urbanization, Urbanism, Urban and rural system, Infrastructure planning theory and history.	10	2 marks	20 Marks	
5	Current Architecture Practice Awareness of National building code. Town planning laws and development control regulation, knowledge of Regulatory and professional bodies on architecture.	10	2 marks	20 Marks	
The test will comprise of multiple choice objective type questions (Four Options)					
There is no negative marking System for this test.					
Test Duration: 60 minutes					
Medium of CET: English					
Mode of Examination - Online or Offline as the case may be.					

11.0 Guidelines for persons with disabilities using a scribe :-

The visually impaired candidates and candidates whose writing speed is adversely affected permanently for any reason can use their own scribe at their cost during the online examination, subject to limits as in (i) and (ii) below. In all such cases where a scribe is used, the following rules will apply:

- The candidate will have to arrange his/her own scribe at his/her own cost.
- The scribe arranged by the candidate should not be a candidate for the same examination. If violation of the above is detected at any stage of the process; candidature of both the candidate and the scribe will be cancelled. Candidates eligible for and who wish to use the services of a scribe in the examination should invariably carefully indicate the same in the online application form. Any subsequent request may not be favorably entertained.

- A person acting as a scribe for one candidate cannot be a scribe for another candidate.
- The scribe may be from any academic stream. Both the candidate as well as scribe will have to give a suitable undertaking confirming that the scribe fulfils all the stipulated eligibility criteria for a scribe mentioned above. Further in case it later transpires that he/she did not fulfill any laid down eligibility criteria or suppressed material facts the candidature of the applicant will stand cancelled, irrespective of the result of the online examination.
- Those candidates who use a scribe shall be eligible for compensatory time of 20 minutes for every hour of the examination.
- Only candidates registered for compensatory time will be allowed such concessions since compensatory time given to candidates shall be system based, it shall not be possible for the Competent Authority to allow such time if he / she is not registered for the same. Candidates not registered for compensatory time shall not be allowed such concessions.
- Scribe should not answer on his/her own. Any such behavior observed will result in cancellation of candidature.
 - (i) Guidelines for Candidates with locomotors disability and cerebral palsy
A compensatory time of twenty minutes per hour or otherwise advised shall be permitted for the candidates with locomotors disability and cerebral palsy where dominant (writing) extremity is affected to the extent of slowing the performance of function (minimum of 40% impairment).
 - (ii) Guidelines for Visually Impaired candidates.
- Visually Impaired candidates (who suffer from not less than 40% of disability) may opt to view the contents of the test in magnified font and all such candidates will be eligible for compensatory time of 20 minutes for every hour or otherwise advised of examination.
- The facility of viewing the contents of the test in magnifying font will not be available to Visually Impaired candidates who use the services of a Scribe for the examination.

The details of applicability of Scribe and/or Extra Time for various types of Disabilities are given in the following table.

Types of Specified Disability	Sub Type	Whether scribe is allowed	Whether Extra time is allowed	
1) Physical Disability	a) Locomotor Disability	1) Leprosy Cured Person	If opted by candidate	If opted by candidate
		2) Cerebral Palsy	YES	YES
		a) Dominant Arm/Both Arms affected b) Stiff Back & Hips		
		3) Dwarfism	NO	NO
		4) Muscular Dystrophy	If opted by candidate	If opted by candidate
		5) Acid Attack Victims	NO	NO
	b) Visual Impairment	6) Blindness	YES	YES
		7) Low Vision	YES	YES
	c) Hearing Impairment	8) Deaf	NO	NO
		9) Hard of Hearing	NO	NO
	d) Speech & Language Disability	10) Speech & Language Disability a) Laryngectomy/Aphasia	No	No
	2) Intellectual Disability	a) Specific learning disabilities	11) Dyslexia	If opted by candidate
12) Dysgraphia			If opted by candidate	If opted by candidate
13) Dyscalculia			If opted by candidate	If opted by candidate

b) Autism Spectrum Disorder	14)Dyspraxia	If opted by candidate	If opted by candidate
	15)Developmental aphasia	If opted by candidate	If opted by candidate
	16)Autism Spectrum disorder	If opted by candidate	If opted by candidate
3) Mental Behavior	17)Mental Illness	If opted by candidate	If opted by candidate
4) Disability Caused due to: - a) Chronic Neurological Conditions	18)Multiple Sclerosis	YES	YES
	19)Parkinson's Disease	YES	YES
	20)Haemophilia	NO	NO
	21)Thalassemia	NO	NO
	b) Blood Disorder	22) Sickle cell disease	NO

These guidelines are subject to change in terms of GOI guidelines/ clarifications, if any, from time to time.

12.0 Action against candidates found guilty of misconduct/ use of unfair means:-

Candidates are advised in their own interest that they should not furnish any particulars that are false, tampered with or fabricated and should not suppress any material information while submitting online application. At the time of examination or in a subsequent admission procedure, if a candidate is (or has been) found guilty of –

- (i) Using unfair means or
- (ii) Impersonating or procuring impersonation by any person or
- (iii) misbehaving in the examination hall or disclosing, publishing, reproducing, transmitting, storing or facilitating transmission and storage of contents of the test(s) or any information therein in whole or part thereof in any form or by any means, verbal or written, electronically or mechanically for any purpose or
- (iv) Resorting to any irregular or improper means in connection with his/ her candidature, or
- (v) Obtaining support for his/ her candidature by unfair means, or
- (vi) Carrying mobile phones or similar electronic devices of communication in the examination hall, such a candidate may, in addition to rendering himself/ herself liable to criminal prosecution, be liable: to be disqualified from the examination/admission for which he/ she is a candidate

13.0 Test Information & Sample Questions:-

The time for the test is 60 minutes; however, you may have to be at the venue for approximately 2 hours including the time required for logging in, collection of the Hall Ticket, going through the instructions etc. All tests will be provided in English. You can attempt any question at any point of time within these 60 minutes. All the questions will have multiple choices. Out of the four answers to a question only one will be the correct answer. You have to select the most appropriate answer and ‘mouse click’ that alternative which you feel is appropriate/correct. The alternative/ option that you have clicked on will be treated as your answer to that question. There will be no penalty for wrong answers marked by you. However, you are advised, not to mark answers by random guessing.

The Scores of Online Examination will be obtained by adopting the following procedure:

Percentile Scores: Percentile scores are scores based on the relative performance of all

the Candidates who appear for the CET Examination. Basically, the marks obtained are transformed into a scale ranging from 100 to 0 for whole examination conducted in single Batch/shift using single Question Paper of all the examinees appearing for the said CET Examination.

The Percentile Score indicates the percentage of the candidates who have appeared for CET who have scored EQUAL TO OR BELOW (same or lower raw scores) in that examination. Therefore, the topper (highest score) of each CET Examination conducted in single shift will get the same Percentile of 100 which is desirable. The marks obtained in between the highest and lowest scores are also converted to appropriate Percentiles.

The Percentile score of a Candidate Appearing for the CET conducted in the single shift will be calculated using the following formula:

$$\frac{100 * (\text{No. of candidates appeared in the session with raw score} \leq \text{the candidate's Score})}{\text{Total no. of candidates in the session}}$$

The Percentile Scores will be calculated up to 7 decimal places to avoid bunching effect and reduce ties

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. The possibility of occurrence of some problem in the administration of the examination cannot be ruled out completely which may impact test delivery and/or result from being generated. In that event, every effort will be made to rectify such problem, which may include movement of candidates, delay in test. Conduct of a re-exam is at the absolute discretion of test conducting body. Candidates will not have any claim for a re-test. Candidates not willing to move or not willing to participate in the delayed process of test delivery shall be summarily rejected from the process.
2. Decision of State CET Cell in all matters relating to conduction of CET will be final and binding on the candidate. No correspondence or personal enquiries shall be entertained by the State CET Cell in this behalf.
3. If the examination is held in more than one session, the scores across various sessions will be equated to adjust for slight differences in difficulty level of different test batteries used across sessions. More than one sessions are required if the nodes capacity is less or some technical disruption takes place at any center or for any candidate.
4. State CET Cell would be analyzing the responses (answers) of individual candidates with those of other candidates to detect patterns of similarity of right and wrong answers. If in the analytical procedure adopted by State CET Cell in this regard, it is inferred/ concluded that the responses have been shared and scores obtained are not genuine/ valid, State CET Cell reserves right to disqualify the candidature of the concerned candidates and the result of such candidates (disqualified) will be null & void.
5. Instances for providing incorrect information and/or process violation by a candidate detected at any stage of the admission process will lead to disqualification of the candidate from the entire admission process.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

1. _____ is an example of green building material?
 - 1) emulsion paint
 - 2) epoxy paint
 - 3) aluminum based paint
 - 4) latex paint
2. This water may not contain much impurities, if its source is -----
 - 1) reservoirs

- 2) streams flowing in plains
 - 3) lakes in lower regions
 - 4) spring along hill slopes
3. Plinth area of a building can be calculated by taking external dimensions of the building excluding
- (1) Stair cover
 - (2) Machine room
 - (3) Area of loft
 - (4) Area of porch other than cantilevered
4. Gothic architecture is a style of architecture –
- (1) That flourished during the middle and late medieval period
 - (2) That prevailed in the Mughal period
 - (3) That prevailed in the Mayan period
 - (4) That flourished in the Hoysala period
5. The objective of National Building Code (NBC) is -----
- 1) to prepare guidelines as per international standards
 - 2) to homogenise building activities with international specifications
 - 3) to provide guidelines for regulating the building construction activities across the country
 - 4) to bring uniformity among practicing architects in building design.

(A) Details of the On-line Examination Pattern

- (1) The examination would be conducted on-line i.e. on a computer.
- (2) The tests will be provided in English.
- (3) All the questions will have multiple choices. Out of the five answers to a question only one will be the correct answer. **The candidate has to select the most appropriate answer and ‘mouse click’ that alternative which he/ she feels is appropriate/ correct. The alternative/ option that is clicked on will be treated as the answer to that question. Answer to any question will be considered for final evaluation, only when candidates have submitted the answers by clicking on “Save & Next” or “Mark for Review & Next”.**
- (4) The clock has been set at the server and the countdown timer at the top right corner of your screen will display the time remaining for you to complete the exam. When the clock runs out the exam ends by default - you are not required to end or submit your exam.
- (5) The question palette at the right of screen shows one of the following statuses of each of the questions numbered:



You have not visited the



question yet. You have not



answered the question.



You have answered the question.



You have NOT answered the question but have marked the question for review. You have answered the question but marked it for review.

The Marked for Review status simply acts as a reminder that you have set to look at the question again. If an answer is selected for a question that is Marked for Review, the answer will be considered in the final evaluation.

- (1) To select a question to answer, you can do one of the following:
 - (a) Click on the question number on the question palette at the right of your screen to go to that numbered question directly. Note that using this option **does NOT save your answer** to the current question.
 - (b) Click on ‘**Save & Next**’ to save answer to current question and to go to the next question in sequence.
 - (c) Click on ‘**Mark for Review and Next**’ to save answer to current question, mark it for review, and to go to the next question in sequence.
- (2) To select your answer, click on one of the option buttons.
- (3) To change your answer, click another desired option button.
- (4) To save your answer, you **MUST** click on **Save & Next**.
- (5) To deselect a chosen answer, click on the chosen option again or click on the **Clear Response** button.
- (6) To mark a question for review click on **Mark for Review & Next**. *If an answer is selected for a question that is Marked for Review, the answer will be considered in the final evaluation.*
- (7) To change an answer to a question, first select the question and then click on the new answer option followed by a click on the **Save & Next** button.
- (8) **Questions that are saved or marked for review after answering will ONLY be considered for evaluation.**
- (9) Test name(s) will be displayed on the top bar of the screen. Questions in a test can be viewed by clicking on the test name. The test you will view will be highlighted.
- (10) After clicking the **Save & Next** button on the last question for a test, you will automatically be taken to the first question of the (next) test.
- (11) You can move the mouse cursor over the test names to view the status of the questions for that test.
- (12) You can shuffle between test and questions anytime during the examination as per your convenience.
- (13) The candidates are requested to follow the instructions of the “Test Administrator” carefully. If any candidate does not follow the instructions / rules, it would be treated as a case of misconduct/ adoption of unfair means and such a candidate would be liable for debarment from appearing for examinations for a period as decided by CET Cell.
- (14) The candidates may ask the Test Administrator about their doubts or questions only before the commencement of the test. No query shall be entertained after the commencement of the examination.
- (15) After the expiry of 60 minutes, the candidates will not be able to attempt any question or check their answers. The answers of the candidate would be saved automatically by the computer system even if he/ she has not clicked the “Submit” button.

(16) Please note:

- (a) Candidates will not be allowed to “finally submit” unless they have exhausted the actual test time.**
- (b) Under no circumstances should a candidate click on any of the ‘keyboard keys’ once the exam starts as this will lock the exam.**

IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER

You are advised to bring with you the following:

- (i) Hall Ticket with photo affixed thereon and photo ID card in **Original** and photocopy as mentioned in point 8.**
- (ii) One Ball point pen**
- (iii) Persons with Disabilities (PWD) should bring duly filled Scribe form if applicable.**

WISH YOU GOOD LUCK