

- (iii) For all other type of Higher Secondary courses or Examinations recognised equivalent thereto, the marks of the respective subjects as shown in the mark list of the respective Board of Examinations will be considered for academic eligibility.
- (iv) The Vocational Higher Secondary Examination, Kerala, has been recognised as equivalent to the Higher Secondary Examination, Kerala.
- (v) In the case of Nominees of Government of India and Nominees of Reciprocal quota seats who are selected on the basis of the marks in the qualifying examination, the academic eligibility as specified in clause 6.2.2 is applicable.

6.2.3 **Architecture course:**

- a. Candidates who have passed Higher Secondary Examination, Kerala or Examinations recognised equivalent thereto with at least 50 % aggregate marks in Physics, Chemistry & Mathematics or passed 10+3 Diploma Examination with Mathematics as compulsory subject with at least 50 % marks in aggregate are eligible.
- b. In addition to the academic eligibility prescribed under clause 6.2.3 (a), only those candidates who score the minimum eligibility marks as per the Information Brochure of National Aptitude Test in Architecture (NATA) 2023 will be considered for admission to B. Arch. Course. There is no relaxation in the minimum passing score of NATA to any category of candidate as per letter No. CA/5/Academic-NATA dated 11.03.2008. The candidates are advised to qualify in NATA on or before 30.06.2023.
- c. There is no provision for lateral admission to the second year or at any stage during the 5 year course in Architecture.

6.2.4 **B.Pharm course:**

Candidates who have passed 10+2 examination conducted by the Board of Higher Secondary Education, Kerala or Examinations equivalent there to with English as one of the subjects and Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics/Biology as optional subjects individually are eligible.

6.2.5 **Relaxation in marks:**

- (i) **In the case of MBBS/BDS courses**, candidates belonging to SC/ST or SEBC, the minimum marks obtained in Physics, Chemistry and Biology/Bio-Technology taken together in qualifying examination shall be 40% instead of 50%. In respect of candidates, included in the PD quota list published by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations, the minimum marks obtained in Physics, Chemistry and Biology/Bio-Technology taken together in qualifying examinations shall be 45% instead of 50%.
- (ii) **In the case of BAMS/ BHMS/BSMS/BUMS courses**, candidates belonging to SC/ST or SEBC, the minimum marks obtained in Physics, Chemistry and Biology taken together in qualifying examination shall be 40% instead of 50%. In respect of candidates included in the PD quota list published by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations the minimum marks obtained in Physics, Chemistry and Biology taken together in qualifying examinations shall be 45% instead of 50%.

- (iii) **In the case of B.Sc.(Hons.) Agri., B.Sc.(Hons) Forestry, B.Sc.(Hons)Co-operation & Banking, B.Sc.(Hons) Climate Change & Environmental Science, B.Tech Biotechnology (under (KAU), BFSc courses,** candidates belonging to SEBC and the candidates included in the PD quota list published by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations, the minimum marks required for admission shall be 5% less than that prescribed for General Category. For candidates belonging to SC/ST, a minimum pass mark is required.
- (iv) **In the case of B.VSc & AH course,** Candidates belonging to SC/ST/SEBC and the candidates included in the PD quota list published by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations, the minimum marks required for admission shall be 47.5% instead of 50%.
- (v) **In the case of Engineering Courses,** candidates belonging to SC/ST/ SEBC or PD the minimum mark obtained in Physics, Mathematics, Chemistry/Computer Science/Biotechnology/Biology taken together in qualifying examination shall be 40% instead of 45%.

Note: The relaxation of marks in the qualifying examination extended to SEBC candidates only will be applicable to OEC candidates, even if they are allotted against unavailed seats of SC/ST quota.

- 6.2.6 (i) Candidates who have appeared for the Higher Secondary or equivalent examination will be permitted to take the Entrance Examinations provisionally. The candidates should have appeared for the qualifying examination before taking the Entrance Examination. Such candidates should prove their academic eligibility on the date of admission.
- (ii) Candidates who have qualified in the Engineering Entrance Examination should submit their qualifying examination marks online through the Official website of the Commissioner For Entrance Examinations (www.cee.kerala.gov.in) and upload the mark list of final year of the qualifying examination within the stipulated time.
- 6.2.7 Candidates referred to in Note to Clause 6.2.1 who have only appeared or are appearing for the BSc. Degree Examination, are not eligible to apply as per Clause 6.2.6.
- 6.2.8 No rounding off of the percentage of marks to the nearest whole number is permitted. For example, a score of 50 marks out of 100 or 150 marks out of 300 alone will be considered as 50% marks and scores of 45 out of 100 or 135 out of 300 alone will be considered as 45% marks for determining eligibility.
- 6.2.9 In case, where only grades are given for qualifying examination and marks are not mentioned, the grades covering the minimum required percentage of marks will be considered as criteria for eligibility.

6.3 AGE

- 6.3.1 Applicants should have completed 17 years of age as on the 31st December 2023. No relaxation in the minimum age will be allowed. There is no upper age limit for Engineering, Architecture B.Pharm, BAMS, BSMS, BHMS and BUMS Courses. For

MBBS and BDS courses, the upper age limit will be as per the Information Bulletin of NEET (UG)-2023. For other Medical Allied courses, the age limit prescribed by the respective Central Councils will be applicable.

7. HOW TO APPLY FOR THE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION / ADMISSION

7.1 **Online Submission of Application:** Online submission of application through the website www.cee.kerala.gov.in is required to apply for admission to all the courses (MBBS, BDS, Other Medical & Medical Allied courses, B. Pharm, Engineering and Architecture).

7.2 APPLICATION FEE

7.2.1 A candidate who does not belong to SC/ST communities will be treated as 'General' candidate for the collection of application fee. The application fee for all candidates will be as follows:

	Course(s) opted	General	SC	ST
(a)	Engineering only/ B. Pharm only/both	700	300	Nil
(b)	Architecture only/Medical & Allied only/both	500	200	Nil
(c)	Both (a) & (b)	900	400	Nil

Candidates referred to in Clause 5.4.2 (d), who are children of Inter-Caste married couple of which one is SC/ST who will be eligible for educational and monetary benefits admissible to SC/ST as per Clause 2 (ii) of G.O. (MS) No.25/2005/SCSTDD dated 20.06.2005, should mention the same in the form meant for it. They should upload an inter-caste marriage certificate from the Tahsildar to the online application.

7.2.2 Candidates choosing 'Dubai' as Examination Centre will have to remit an additional fee of **Rs.12,000/-** by way of online payment. The additional fee can also be remitted by way of e-chalan, in the designated post offices in Kerala, if payment is made inside India. (See clause 7.3.1 for more details) Such candidates should give a local contact number, if available, in their application in the appropriate place.

7.2.3 Candidates desirous of getting admission to Architecture Course and possessing the required minimum qualification mentioned under Clause 6.2.3 will have to appear for the "National Aptitude Test in Architecture" (NATA), conducted by the Council of Architecture. They should appear for NATA in such a manner that they can submit their NATA score to the CEE as stipulated in clause 9.7.9. The details will be notified separately. Candidates applying for the Engineering and/or Medical streams and opting for Architecture also will have to appear for the 'National Aptitude Test in Architecture', as mentioned above. The candidates are advised to qualify in NATA on or before 30.06.2023.

7.3 Mode of Payment of Application Fee:

7.3.1 Candidate can pay application fee in either of the two following methods:

- a. **Online Payment:** The fee may be paid by credit card/debit card/Internet Banking. On successful payment of fee, a Payment Confirmation Page will appear displaying the

message 'Transaction Successful'. If the payment is unsuccessful, the message 'Transaction Unsuccessful' will be displayed. Due to communication failure, if the outcome of the payment attempt is not displayed, the 'Payment' tab in the candidate's home page should be checked to see if it has turned green. If not, the transaction was unsuccessful and the payment needs to be made again and ensure that it's successful. If the amount was debited from the account of the candidate for an unsuccessful transaction, the debited amount will be reverted to that account within 5-7 working days.

- b. E-chalan:** In case of payment through e-chalan, the payment can be made in the designated Post Offices in Kerala, in cash. The e-chalan generated from the website after online submission of the application should be handed over to the post office and after depositing the fee plus processing charge, as applicable, the counterfoil (Candidate's copy) of the e-chalan must be collected back from the post office official. It must be ensured that the post office official has recorded the Payment ID pertaining to the payment on the counterfoil and put the office stamp and his/her initials at the designated places on the counterfoil. If the payment was successful, the 'Payment' tab in the candidate's home page turns green. Candidates are advised to login to the website and examine the 'Payment' tab to make sure that the fee status has been updated by the post office official. If the payment tab has not turned green, the candidate should immediately contact the concerned post office and get the payment status updated.

On successful Payment, the required entries in the application will be made automatically.

Note: The Application fee/additional fee once remitted will not be refunded under any circumstances.

7.4 **Online submission of Application:**

- a. The detailed instructions for filling each item in the application are given in the link, "**How to Apply**" to be provided on the website www.cee.kerala.gov.in.
- b. There are 5 steps for the online submission of application and all the steps are mandatory. Candidates should complete all steps including uploading of the necessary certificates and documents on or before the last date notified for the same.
- c. Candidate has to visit the website www.cee.kerala.gov.in where he/she can find the link "KEAM-2023 Online Application".

Step 1: Registration

This is a one-time procedure. During the process, candidates will get a system generated Application Number. Candidates are requested to enter their own password when demanded. Preferably a strong password is recommended. It ensures the candidates' safe online activities. The requirements of a strong password are:

a minimum length of 8 characters

a minimum of one alphabet character [a-z or A-Z]

a minimum of one number (0-9)

a minimum of one symbol [!@#\$\$%^&*]

The candidate has to re-enter the password for confirmation.

For further login, candidates have to note down all the information provided during this stage.

Don't disclose password to others. Remember the password till the end of allotment process of KEAM-2023 for further login including mark submission and CAP.

Step 2: Fill Application

All the basic information, required by the Office of the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations are to be filled in at this step. Before filling the details, read the Prospectus carefully.

The data provided here will be used for processing the application. Any mistake in filling this sheet or providing false/incomplete/wrong information will affect the candidate's eligibility for admission or claim for reservation under any category. It is obligatory that the candidate should fill all the items in the application.

If the application is filled completely, candidate can preview the details of the application before going to the next step, by clicking the 'Save & Preview' button. After confirming that all the information given are correct and true, click the 'Save & Finalize' button to complete the application filling process.

Note:- No modification of the application will be possible after clicking the 'Save & Finalize' button in step 2.

Step 3: Application Fee

At this step, the candidate has to make the payment of application fee by way of Online Payment or by way of e-chalan.(Refer clause 7.3.1)

Step 4: Upload Images & Certificates

A recent passport size photograph of the candidate and Signature of the candidate, all in jpeg format of given specifications are to be uploaded. In addition all the certificates and documents in support of the various claims made in the applications should be uploaded. Nativity proof as stipulated in clause 6, proof for date of birth and SSLC or equivalent certificate are mandatory.

Note: *If more than one documents have to be uploaded for a single claim, all the documents should be converted into a single pdf file and uploaded.*

Step 5: Print Application Acknowledgement Page

After completing **step 4**, Candidate should take a printout of the Application Acknowledgement page from the online application for future references.

(d) Applications should be complete in all respects. A candidate will be considered for the Entrance Examination or for admission, only if he/she has furnished the relevant certificates

prescribed in the Prospectus, in proof of eligibility, or in support of any claim for reservation, under any category.

The procedure of online submission of application will be completed only by uploading all supporting documents and certificates. Candidates are directed to keep a copy of the printout of Application Acknowledgement page of the online application form for further reference. Do not send the printout of the Application Acknowledgement page and supporting documents to the Office of the CEE by post/e-mail/in person. Candidates are liable to produce all the original documents as and when required by CEE/admitting authority for verification.

7.5 Reservation Claims:

7.5.1 **To claim Communal Reservation:** Only ‘Keralites’ as specified in Clause 6.1(i) are eligible for Communal Reservations.

- (a) **Non-Creamy Layer Certificate for State Government Education purpose** in the prescribed format (**Annexure XXVII**) should be uploaded to the online application for claiming reservation under SEBC quota, OEC claim for Government Seats.
- (b) **Community certificate** in the prescribed format should be uploaded to the online application for claiming reservation under SC/ST, for Govt. seats.
- (c) **Inter-Caste marriage certificate** in the prescribed format from the Tahsildar concerned should be uploaded to the online application for candidates who are children of Inter-Caste married couple of whom one is SC/ST, and who are eligible for educational and monetary benefits admissible to SC/ST as per Para 2 (ii) of GO (MS) No.25/2005/SCSTDD dated 20.06.2005. Proforma of the certificate is available in website (See **Annexure XV**).
- (d) **EWS certificate** in the prescribed format (**Annexure XXVI (a) / (b)**) should be uploaded to the online application for claiming reservation under EWS quota seats.

Note:(i) Candidates claiming SC/ST reservation who are children of Intercaste married couple of whom one is SC/ST, should upload the Extract of First standard school admission register showing the Caste/Community and the relevant page of Secondary School Leaving Certificate also. If the candidate is not from the Kerala SSLC stream, relevant page of the School Leaving Certificate of the parents should be uploaded.

- (ii) SC/ST claims in respect of candidates whose parents were natives of other states but migrated to the State of Kerala before 1950 shall upload documents in evidence of migration also.

7.5.2 **To claim Special Reservation:** Candidates should upload required certificates to the online application in support of any special reservation claimed by them and produce Original certificates before the admitting authority (See clause 5.2).

7.5.3 **To claim reservation under ‘Persons with Disabilities’:** No documents/certificates in support of disability claim is to be uploaded to the online application. However, candidate claiming PD status must indicate this on the application.

7.5.4 **To claim any Fee Concession/Scholarship:** Candidates belonging to ‘Keralite’ category as defined in Clause 6.1(i) (except those who are eligible for educational and monetary benefits admissible to SC/ST/OEC categories who wish to be considered for any fee concession/scholarship/any other benefit based on the annual family income, that may be announced by the Government/College/Admitting authority at any time after the submission of the application) should upload the income certificate from the concerned authorities in the prescribed format, to the online application itself, to avail of such concessions. **Income certificates produced after final submission of online application will not be considered for granting any such concession.**

Note: Certificates which are defective and incomplete will not be considered for granting any claim. [See Clause 9.6.2 (c)]

7.6 Documents to be uploaded:

- (a) Proof for Nativity as specified in Clause 6.1.1.(Mandatory)
- (b) (i) SSLC or equivalent certificate (Mandatory)
(ii) If the date of birth is not mentioned in the SSLC Certificates candidate should upload equivalent certificate to prove date of birth (Mandatory).
- (c) The following students must upload the course certificate duly filled in with signature and seal of the Head of the Institution for getting weightage/reservation-
 - (i) Final year Plus-two students who studied Sanskrit as second language.
 - (ii) Final year VHSE (Livestock Management), HSE (Dairy Farmer Entrepreneur course), HSE (Small Poultry Farmer course) and Final year VHSE (Agri.)course/ HSE (as per NSQF Agri. stream) students.
 - (iii) The candidates who have already passed the above Plus-two/VHSE course must upload the mark list of the qualifying examination.
- (d) Non-Creamy Layer Certificate for State Government Education purpose in the prescribed format given in **Annexure XXVII** from the Village Officer concerned for community reservation claims in the case of SEBC/OEC candidates.
- (e) Community Certificate from the Tahsildar concerned in the prescribed format given in **Annexure XXIX** in the case of SC/ST candidates.
- (f) Certificates as proof in support of any claim for special reservation.
- (g) Inter-Caste marriage certificate in the prescribed format given in **Annexure XV** from the Tahsildar concerned, if applicable. [See Clause 7.5.1 (c)].
- (h) Mark lists of all parts of the BSc. Degree Examination and Higher Secondary or equivalent Examination with Physics, Chemistry and Biology as optional subjects, in case of those seeking admission to Medical courses as per Note to Clause 6.2.1.
- (i) Documents of Minority reservation, if applicable as per clause 5.6. (In the prescribed format given in **Annexure XXVIII**)

- (j) EWS Certificate in the prescribed format (**Annexure XXVI** (a), (b)) as per the G.O (MS) No.23/2022/P&ARD dated 04.10.2022, issued by the Village Officer (if applicable).
- (k) The following documents shall be uploaded for NRI Quota reservation (As per G.O.No.375/2020/H&FWD, Dated 22.02.2020 and G.O (Rt)No.1480/2022/H&FWD, Dated 22.06.2022).
- Passport copy and Visa attested by the Embassy or Consulate authorities / Green Card/Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) documents of their respective sponsors. The job of the sponsor should be mentioned in any of the above documents.
 - The visa of the Sponsor should be valid till the closing date of admission in respect of Medical and Medical Allied courses.
 - In case, the employment of the sponsor is not mentioned in the above documents, the candidate has to produce the Employment Certificate of the Sponsor attested by the Embassy/Consulate authorities.
 - The Certificates clearly establishing the relationship of the sponsor with the candidate shall be obtained from the Revenue authorities as per the G.O (MS) No. 243/14/H&FWD dated 06.08.2014.

Note : Relationship should clearly be established. In case relationship is mentioned as Niece/Cousin/Uncle/Aunt only in the space provided for in the certificate, the Village Officer should give an explanation of the relation in the certificate itself. Niece/Cousin/Uncle/Aunt should be explained with clear relationship. The relationship link should be clearly explained. Certificates showing mere Niece/Cousin/Uncle/Aunt without establishing clear relationship link will be rejected. Candidates shall verify the certificate properly before submitting online.

5. However the relationship between the candidate and his/her father/mother which are recorded in the educational certificates maintained in the usual course of transaction by the competent authorities shall be accepted.
 6. The candidate shall produce the sworn affidavit from the Sponsor in a stamp paper worth Rs. 200/-. The same shall also be notarized by the Notary Public, disclosing that the student is dependent of the sponsor and all expenses i.e. tuition fee and special fee, of the candidate for the entire course period will be borne by the Sponsor.
- 7.7 (i) Those seeking admission to Medical courses as per Clause 6.2.1 should satisfy the academic eligibility conditions at the time of submission of application.
- (ii) All Candidates who have passed/are appearing for the Higher Secondary or equivalent examination will be provisionally permitted to apply for admission under Medical & Medical Allied courses including MBBS/BDS, if they otherwise satisfy the eligibility conditions. They should produce the original mark list of the qualifying examination passed, at the time of admission.

As per sub-clause 4(2) in the Regulation of Graduate Medical Education (Amendment) 2017 Notification dated 22.01.2018 of MCI, candidates who have