

**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
ABSTRACT**

Directorate of School Education – Secretariat Wing – Applicability of Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) conducted by the neighbouring states viz., TNTET, KTET, APTET along with CTET as valid for appointment as Teacher in the Union Territory of Puducherry – Orders – Issued.

**DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION
(SECRETARIAT WING)**

G.O. Ms. No. 31

Puducherry, dated. 04 .01.2022

- READ :** 1. This Secretariat's G.O.Ms.No.76, dated.18.03.2015
 2. I.D.Note No.2103/DSE/Estt.IV/C/2012, dated.14.07.2021 from the Director of School Education, Puducherry.

ORDER:

The Directorate of School Education vide G.O. first read above, had recognized only the Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET) conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), for the purpose of appointment as Teacher in Class I to VIII in the Union Territory of Puducherry.

2. Now, the Director of School Education has stated that the aspirants for the post of Primary School Teacher / Trained Graduate Teacher are facing much hardship in qualifying under CTET. Further, as most of the candidates have done their schooling in their respective regional languages (Tamil / Telugu / Malayalam), they find it very difficult to secure more marks in CTET conducted by CBSE, wherein the medium of question paper is bilingual only i.e, English / Hindi. Whereas, in the TNTET, APTET and KTET conducted by the Governments of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala respectively, the question paper is in their regional language of the regions (Puducherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam) encompassed by the States concerned. Hence, aspirants hailing from Union Territory of Puducherry will have opportunities to secure more marks in Teacher Eligibility Tests (TNTET / APTET / KTET), conducted by Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala.

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3. Further, the Director of School Education has stated that as per the NCTE guidelines for conducting Teacher Eligibility Test issued by the NCTE, dated.11.02.2011, a person who scores 60% or more in the TET will be considered as TET passed. However, the said guidelines provide ample power to the Government for giving concessions to various reserved categories in accordance with the extant reservation policy. The legal validity of such concessions has also been upheld by the Court of Law. (CIVIL APPEAL NO.10700 of 2016, arising out of SLP(C) NO.29245/2014, V.LAVANYA AND OTHERS VS. STATE OF TAMIL NADU).

4. The Director of School Education has further stated that the Government of Andhra Pradesh which has converted the APTET as TET-cum-Teacher Recruitment Test vide G.O.Ms.No.38, dated.19.11.2014, has now issued revised guidelines for conducting Teacher Eligibility Test vide G.O.Ms.No.25, dated.04.05.2018 in supersession of the earlier guidelines. Therefore, the aspirants from Yanam region may appear and get themselves qualified in APTET.

5. Having considered the above fact, the Council of Ministers reviewed the G.O. first read above in its meeting held on 14.10.2020 and decided to consider all the Teacher Eligibility Tests i.e, TNTET, APTET and KTET conducted by the neighbouring State Governments, viz., Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala respectively, and CTET conducted by the CBSE as valid for appointment as Teacher in class I to VIII in the Union Territory of Puducherry and to withdraw the G.O. first read above which recognized only the CTET for the purpose of appointment as Teacher, vide its Resolution No.2020/M.53/361 of Meeting held on 14.10.2020.

6. Therefore, the Director of School Education has submitted proposal to recognize the Teacher Eligibility Test conducted by the Governments of Tamil Nadu (TNTET), Kerala (KTET) and Andhra Pradesh (APTET) in addition to the Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET) conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) for the purpose of appointment as Teacher in class I to VIII in the Union Territory of Puducherry.

7. The Directorate of School Education has further suggested that to get rid of practical difficulties experienced earlier in considering multiple TET's with different qualifying marks, and to ensure uniformity all over

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the Union Territory of Puducherry, it is also proposed to prescribe the uniform qualifying marks for various reserved categories irrespective of the marks scored by the aspirants in TET(TNTET, APTET, KTET and CTET) as follows:

Sl. No	Category	Qualifying Marks
1	General Category	60% (90 marks)
2	Most Backward Class	55% (82 marks)
3	Extremely Backward Class	55% (82 marks)
4	Other Backward Class	55% (82 marks)
5	Backward Class Muslim	55% (82 marks)
6	Scheduled Caste	50% (75 marks)
7	Backward Tribe	50% (75 marks)
8	Differently-abled persons	50% (75 marks)

8. The Directorate of School Education has suggested that, the recognition of the Teacher Eligibility Test conducted by the Tamil Nadu (TNTET), Kerala (KTET), Andhra Pradesh (APTET) and the CBSE (CTET) for the purpose of appointment as Teacher in class I to VIII in the Union Territory of Puducherry, may be made applicable prospectively and hereafter those who have scored the minimum qualifying marks prescribed as above in the Teacher Eligibility Test conducted by the Tamil Nadu (TNTET), Kerala (KTET), Andhra Pradesh (APTET) and the CBSE (CTET) may be considered as 'TET Qualified' and become eligible to apply for the post of Teacher for class I to VIII in the Union Territory of Puducherry.

9. After careful consideration of the proposal, in supersession of the G.O first read above, save as respect things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Lieutenant Governor is pleased to order that hereafter, all the Teacher Eligibility Tests i.e, TNTET, APTET and KTET conducted by the neighbouring State Governments Viz., Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala respectively, and CTET conducted by the CBSE shall be considered as recognized to apply for the post of Teacher for Class I to VIII in the Union Territory of Puducherry.

10. The Lieutenant Governor is further pleased to prescribe the uniform qualifying marks for various reserved categories of persons

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