GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
ABSTRACT

Directorate of School Education - Secretariat Wing - Prescribing Uniform Qualifying Marks for various reserved categories in the Union Territory of Puducherry on Teacher Eligibility Tests (TNTET, APTET, KTET and CTET) - Orders - Issued.

DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION
(SECRETARIAT WING)

G.O. Ms. No.48 **Puducherry, dated 20-11-2026**

Read:

1. G.O.Ms.No.76, dated 18.03.2015 of the Directorate of School Education, Puducherry.
2. G.O.Ms.No.31, dated 04.01.2022 of the Directorate of School Education, Puducherry.
3. Judgment dated 01.09.2025 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No.1385 of 2025 (Anjuman Ishaat-e-Taleem Trust Vs. The State of Maharashtra and others).
4. G.O.Ms.No.23, dated 28.01.2026 of the School Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu.
5. Order dated 29.05.2026 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Review Petition (Civil) Diary No.53434/2025.
6. e-file No. A/2865/2026/DSE/EI dated 09.09.2026 of the DSE, Puducherry

ORDER:

The Directorate of School Education, Puducherry, vide G.O.Ms.No.31, dated 04.01.2022, recognized the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) 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 CBSE, for appointment as teachers for Classes I to VIII in the Union Territory of Puducherry. The said G.O. also prescribed uniform category-wise minimum qualifying marks for the same.

2. Consequent on the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India regarding the mandatory requirement of TET qualification for in-service teachers and its implications on promotions, representations were received from various Teachers' Welfare Associations seeking a reduction in the prescribed minimum qualifying marks, with a view to mitigating career stagnation and administrative difficulties faced by senior teachers.

3. After careful consideration of the field-level ramifications and the representations of the Teachers' Associations, the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Puducherry, is pleased to order revision of the category-wise minimum qualifying marks prescribed in G.O.Ms.No.31, dated 04.01.2022, bringing them on par with the provisions implemented by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

4. Accordingly, the revised category-wise minimum qualifying marks for passing the Teacher Eligibility Test (TNTET/KTET/APTET/CTET) for eligibility for appointment and promotion to teaching posts in the Union Territory of Puducherry, shall be as follows:

Sl. No.	Category	Existing Qualifying Marks	Revised Qualifying Marks
1.	General Category	60% (90 marks)	60% (90 marks)
2.	Most Backward Class (MBC)	55% (82 marks)	50% (75 marks)
3.	Extremely Backward Class (EBC)	55% (82 marks)	50% (75 marks)
4.	Other Backward Class (OBC)	55% (82 marks)	50% (75 marks)
5.	Backward Class Muslim (BCM)	55% (82 marks)	50% (75 marks)
6.	Scheduled Caste (SC)	50% (75 marks)	40% (60 marks)
7.	Backward Tribe (BT) / Scheduled Tribe (ST)	50% (75 marks)	40% (60 marks)
8.	Differently-abled persons / PWD	50% (75 marks)	40% (60 marks)

6. The aspirants and in-service teachers of the Union Territory of Puducherry who have secured the revised qualifying marks in any one of the recognized Teacher Eligibility Tests, namely TNTET, KTET, APTET, or CBSE-CTET, shall be treated as "TET qualified" and remain eligible for appointment and promotion as applicable under the rules and as per NCTE guidelines.

7. This order takes immediate effect and all other conditions and criteria stipulated in G.O.Ms.No.31, dated 04.01.2022, shall remain unchanged.

(BY ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR)

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Puducherry.

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