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Abstract

Higher Education – Technical – Admission to Professional Degree Courses for the academic year 2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27 - Fee structure and Allotment of seats by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations in the Self Financing Engineering Colleges under Kerala Catholic Engineering College Management Association (KCECMA) - Orders Issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION (G) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.398/2024/HEDN Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 26-06-2024

Read 1 G.O (Ms) No 209/2024/H.Edn Dated 26/03/2024.

2 Agreement executed on 20/06/2024 by Government of Kerala and the Kerala Catholic Engineering College Managements Association (KCECMA).

ORDER

The Prospectus for Admission to Professional Degree Courses, Kerala 2024 has been approved by the Government vide Government Order read as first paper above.

- 2. As per the clause 1.7 of the Prospectus "Allotment of seats from the rank lists for all courses in Self-financing Colleges will be made in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India /High Court of Kerala or orders of the Government of Kerala/Government of India as per the law in existence at the time of Centralised Allotment Process (CAP) and will be notified separately."
- 3. Government vide 2nd paper above entered into an agreement with Kerala Catholic Engineering College Managements Association (KCECMA) representing 14 (Fourteen) Private Engineering College Managements for seat sharing, tuition fee payable, collection of interest-

free deposits and other charges for the academic years, 2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27 in respective colleges.

- 4. In the circumstances, Government are pleased to approve the agreement and publish the major clauses of the agreement with regard to the fee structure and allotment of seats for information, appropriate action and compliance by all concerned.
 - 1) 50% of the total seats in each of the Member Colleges are set apart to be filled up by the Commissioner for Entrance Examination (CEE) from the list prepared by CEE on the basis of merit and in accordance with the reservation principles followed by the Government from time to time. The remaining 50% seats will be filled up by the Managements of the Member Colleges. Of this 50%, 35% of the total seats will be filled up by the Managements and remaining 15% of the total seats filled up by the Managements from the dependents of the Non Resident Indian category.
 - 2) The Educational agency shall fill up 50% of the total seats from among students who satisfy the prescribed criteria of academic eligibility, for admissions. The educational agency shall admit and fill up 35% seats from the applications received by the educational agency as detailed in Paragraph 18.
 - 3) Nothing in this agreement shall be deemed as a surrender of the unconditional rights of the Association or the member colleges regarding admission of students in all the seats in the colleges.

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- 4) The Managements are entitled to fill up 15% in NRI category (NRI) by admitting qualified students who are dependents of Non Resident Indians. All these Students are exempted from qualifying in any Entrance Test and can be admitted based on their academic eligibility as stipulated by the respective University.
- 5) The CEE shall furnish the list of the students to be admitted in the college by the Management and the Management shall admit the students specified in the list. The students in the list will be given specific instructions as to the date and time of presentation before the college for admission, the amount of fees to be paid, the amount of refundable deposit to be remitted, and the records to be submitted at the time of admission. The Management need admit only those

students who have complied with the instructions as required by the CEE.

- 6) The Commissioner for Entrance Examinations shall be free to make any number of allotments. The Commissioner for Entrance Examinations will assign only such students for admission to a college who are finally allotted to that college. The Commissioner for Entrance Examinations shall complete all allotments as decided by him on or before the dates stipulated as per the AICTE Regulations. The last date for such students to join the respective colleges will be the dates stipulated as per the AICTE Regulations. The CEE will not re-allot students already allotted to a college and admitted in the college either by the CEE or the Management after this final allotment.
- 7) The Educational Agency shall be entitled to fill up those seats still remaining unfilled after the dates stipulated as per the AICTE Regulations, from the seats set apart for allotment by the CEE. These unfilled seats from Government side will be reverted to the Educational Agency as additional management seats and the Educational Agency can fill up those seats as per Paragraph18.
- 8) The fee payable by all the students shall be Rs.100,500/- (Rupee One Lakh five hundred only) per annum and over and above the fees, all the candidates, other than those students allotted by the CEE who belong to SC, ST, OEC or Fishermen community, will have to make a one-time interest free deposit of Rs.1,00,000/-(Rupees One Lakh Only) which will be remitted by Banks concerned in case of educational loan or by the students as the case may be. The interest free refundable deposit shall be part of the fee structure. The students allotted by the CEE shall remit Rs.10,000/-(Rupees Ten Thousands only) of the first year tuition fee at the specified bank, and such amount shall be returned by the CEE. For the students admitted in the member colleges based on the allotment of the CEE, the rest of the Tuition Fee, Special fee, any Statutory fee and any other Miscellaneous fee shall be paid by the student directly in the college at the time of admission in the college based on the allotment of the student but not later than the dates stipulated as per the AICTE Regulations. The amount retained by the Commissioner for Entrance Examination in respect of each student shall be paid to the college on or before dates stipulated as per the

AICTE Regulations.

- 9) The fees payable by NRI candidate will be the same as that of the other candidates. In addition to this, they will have to pay to the College up to but not more than US\$7000 at the time of admission as fixed by each Member College. However, they do not have to remit the interest free refundable deposit of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only).
- 10) Where a student has at the time of admission remitted fees as envisaged in this Agreement, but thereafter is found eligible for the total fee exemption after the Tuition Fee Waiver Scheme or found eligible for the Scholarship specified below, the Management is liable to return the excess fee realized from the student within one week of the intimation of such concession by the CEE, and the Management shall be liable to pay interest to the Student at 18% per annum for any delay over this stipulated period of one week. Furthermore, where the student has been admitted to a college after the first allotment but has subsequently been allotted to another College on the basis of the second allotment /final allotment, the Management is liable to return the entire fee remitted, by the Draft after Demand way any, by if acknowledgement within three days of the second allotment/ final allotment to the Student, failing which the Management shall be liable to pay interest to the student at 18% per annum for any delay over this stipulated period.
- fishermen community, the fees shall be paid by Government. However, they will not be required to deposit the one time Interest Free refundable deposit of Rs.1,00,000/- In lieu of this deposit, Government shall pay an amount of Rs.8000 (Rupees Eight Thousands only) per annum in addition to the fees specified above. Separate orders will be issued by the Department of Scheduled castes and Scheduled tribes Development on the procedures to be followed in this regard. The students from the fishermen community who are admitted to the member colleges based on the allotment of CEE are eligible for educational concessions given to the students from the Scheduled castes and Scheduled Tribes families. The Department of Fisheries shall issue separate orders in this regard.

- 12) In case any candidates make the deposit, out of any bank loan, the respective colleges will stand guarantee for the return of the deposit to the Bank and in such cases, the Colleges will refund the deposits only to the banks concerned. The candidates will have to give the interest portion of such deposits directly to the Banks concerned.
- 13) The Educational Agency shall be entitled to collect from every student admitted to the College irrespective of whether they have been allotted by CEE under reservation or otherwise or by the Management, Caution Deposit of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) and other pro rata expenses which the colleges has to pay to the University, from students joining in Member Colleges. Such fees and amounts shall be specifically listed out in the prospectus and published each year by the Member college. The Management will be entitled to collect from each student up to but not more than Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) per annum towards the value added courses and special facilities, if any provided by the Management. The Association and the Educational Agency hereby undertake not to collect any amount from any student so admitted, other than those specified above.
- 14) The CEE shall allot 10% of the total seats (i.e. 6 in very batch of 60) from among the students belonging to the community to which the educational Agency belongs on the basis of merit. However, for the colleges belonging to Latin Catholic Community, the CEE shall allot 15% of the total seats (i.e.9 in each batch of 60) from among the students belonging to the community, on the basis of merit. For allotment under these categories, every member College shall inform the CEE on or before 31st December 2024. regarding the community, criteria for eligibility and documents to be submitted for the same. This right is at the option of the Educational Agency. The CEE should obtain such documents from students before dates stipulated as per the AICTE Regulations, so that allotment based on the merit to such seats can be done in the online counselling process along with other seats. If sufficient number of candidates are not available under this category the balance seats will be reverted as State Merit (SM) Seats for allotment by the CEE during the online counselling.

- 15) The Educational Agency can retain the Tuition Fee remitted by the student, in the event a student admitted under the Management quota or Government quota, deserts or discontinues his/her studies for any reason at any time after as per the rules mentioned in AICTE APPROVAL PROCESS HAND BOOK 2024-2027. The Educational Agency shall also be entitled to collect the tuition fee of the entire course. However, in the event of the seat so falling vacant being filled up by a new candidate, the tuition fee collected as per this clause shall be refunded. The documents pertaining to such student shall be released only on payment of the above amount. Provided that candidates will not have to make any payment, as stated above, if such candidate is forced to leave the college on the grounds of ragging, or serious illness as certified by a medical board which prevents the student from continuing with his or her studies in the college. In the case of students joining AFMC/NDA/Naval Academy/Defense Institutions, also will not have to make such final outcome the subject to payment W.P(C)No.645/2014 pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala.
- 16) Each Member College shall be bound to report to the CEE, the seats remaining unfilled after the admission following the second allotment. The third and final allotment by CEE shall be done taking into account the reported position also. If any Member College fails in so furnishing the exact details of unfilled seats, then all the seats, for which the CEE has allotted students for any course of a Member College, shall be deemed to have been filled. Seats that are not reported to the CEE on the date specified after the admissions are to be closed following the second allotment/final allotment shall not be available for filling up as additional seats for admissions as stipulated above. Furthermore, default in reporting such unfilled seats shall be deemed to be a violation of this Agreement, and the Government shall have the right including retaining the share of the tuition fee remitted by the Student with the CEE, recommending to the University for cancellation of affiliation of the course for which such admissions have been made in breach of this Agreement and for withholding permission for the renewal of validity of the course for the succeeding years.
- 17) The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has

sanctioned 5% of the sanctioned total intake as supernumerary seats for admission under Tuition Fee Waiver Scheme (TFW), and such seats have to be mandatorily allotted. The Commissioner for Entrance Examinations shall fill up these seats under the Tuition Fee Waiver scheme as per AICTE norms. "The total number of students admited both in the Government Quota and Management quota will be available on the last date of admission and copy of the list forwarded to the APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University shall be forwarded to the Commissioner as well for effecting allotment under Tuition Fee Waiver Scheme (TFW).

- 18) The Educational Agency shall fill up 50% of the total seats from among Students who satisfy the prescribed criteria of academic eligibility for admissions. The Educational Agency shall admit and fill up 35% seats from the applications received by the Educational agency on the basis of merit list prepared based on the marks obtained in the qualifying examination in the core subjects (mathematics, physics and chemistry) and marks secured in the entrance examination conducted by the CEE. The educational agency will have the right to apportion the seats within this 35% to various categories within the community or denominations thereof, based on iterse merits.
- 19) This Agreement is valid for the Academic Years 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27 and shall not prejudicially affect the rights of the parties by virtue of the clauses herein, in respect of the cases pending before any Court of Law.
- 20) The Association and the Managements hereby undertake that no consideration in cash or kind other than those specified above shall be received, accepted or collected in any form whatsoever from any student admitted by the Management to the college.
- 21) Every management will set apart a sum of Rs.3,00,000/-(Rupees Three Lakh Only), for a batch of 60 students to be provided as Scholarship in the form of Tuition fee waiver to students from Below Poverty Line (BPL) families, other financially poor and marginalized. Where the amount of Rupees Three lakh is not adequate to provide scholarships to students from BPL families, The Management shall make sufficient provisions for the same. The said money will be kept in a separate fund by the Management.

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However, if by any chance, the number of candidates admitted in any batch is less than 60, the above said sum will also be proportionately reduced.

- 22) The scholarship amount can be apportioned among the BPL and the other eligible candidates, in accordance with G.O.(MS) 689/2013/HEDN dated 16.11.2013. The beneficiaries of this scheme will be confined to those allotted by the CEE. The Candidates who are entitled to receive any other scholarship will not be entitled to the benefit of this scholarship or fee waiver.
- 23) If there is an excess money remaining after covering the students from BPL families and those falling in the category 'economically poor' as defined by Government, the rest of the amount will be pooled in a scholarship fund for assisting students from 'BPL' and 'economically poor' families in the subsequent years.
- 24) Management reserves the right to seek an enquiry by any competent Agency of the income claimed by any student for availing the scholarship to avoid malpractices. In case it is found that, any candidate has availed the scholarship by furnishing false information, the amount so claimed could be forfeited from such candidates.
- 25) Calling for options and allotments to all Engineering Colleges, Whether Government/Aided/Unaided, shall be done simultaneously.

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- 26) APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE:- Both parties to this Agreement shall place the Agreement before the fee Regulatory Committee and file the same for the approval and ratification of the Admission Supervisory Committee.
- 27) COLLECTION OF CONSIDERATIONS:- The Association and Educational Agency hereby undertake that no consideration in cash or kind other than those specified above shall be received; accepted or collected in any form whatsoever from any student admitted by the Educational agency to the college. It shall be the liability of the Association and the Educational agency jointly and severally to redress compliance from the students, parents or interested parties on any matter other than those covered by the terms and conditions of this agreement. Where the second party fails to redress any

complaints referred to as above or on any matter covered under this agreement. Where the second party fails to redress any complaints referred to as above or on any matter covered under this agreement; it shall be the duty of the first party to take such steps as required to redress the complaint.

28) The dates mentioned in the paragraphs above apply only to the academic year 2024-25. In respect of corresponding dates for the academic years 2025-26 and 2026-27, the dates shall be determined by Government observing the same schedule, but mutatis, mutandis, adjusting for eventualities like public holidays or national events. However, if the SECOND PARTY, finds that such adjustment has adversely affected their rights or interests they may make a reference to Government and such differences shall be resolved amicably to the satisfaction of both parties.

29) CLARIFICATION REGARDING SEPARATE AGREEMENT WITH GOVERNMENT BY MEMBER COLLEGES:-

It is clarified that all private self financing engineering colleges who are now part of Kerala Catholic Engineering College Managements' Association, which entered into this agreement need not be required to enter into separate agreement for the academic year 2024-25, 2025-2026 & 2026-2027 in respect of existing courses.

30) In case any of the Management violates the provisions of the Agreement or to collect any fee in excess of what is provided under the agreement, the admission supervisory committee shall initiate proceedings against such managements for imposing penalty, recommending for the withdrawal of affiliation by the University concerned etc.

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31) The list of Colleges under Kerala Catholic Engineering College Management Association (KCECMA) is appended herewith.

(By order of the Governor)

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ANNEXURE

The list of Colleges under Kerala Catholic Engineering College Management Association (KCECMA)

- 1. Albertian Institute of Science and Technology Kalamassery, Kochi 682022.
- 2. Amal Jyothi College of Engineering, Koovappally P.O, Kanjirappilly, 686518 (Autonomous)
- 3. Bishop Jerome Institute, Fathima College Road, Kollam 691001.
- 4. Carmel College of Engineering and Technology, Punnapra, Alappuzha 688004.
- 5. Christ College of Engineering, Irinjalakkuda, Thrissur 680125.
- 6. Jyothi Engineering Colleges, Vettikkattiri P.O, Cheruthuruthy, Thrissur 679531.
- 7. Lourdes Matha College of Science and Technology, Kuttichal, Thiruvananthapuram 695574.
- 8. Mar Baselios College of Engineering & Technology, Mar Ivanious Vidyanagar, Thiruvananthapuram 695015 (Autonomous)
- 9. Marian Engineering College, Menamkulam, Kazhakuttom, Trivandrum 695582.
- 10. Rajagiri School of Engineering & Technology, Rajagiri Valley P.O, Kochi 682039. (Autonomous)
- 11. Sahrdaya College of Engineering and Technology, P.B.No.17, Kodakara, Trissur 680684.
- 12. St.Joseph's College of Engineering & Technology, Palai, Choondacherry P.O, Kottayam 686579.
- 13. Vimal Jyothi Engineering College, Chemperi P.O, Kannur (Dist) 670632.
- 14. Viswajyothi College of Engineering & Technology, Vazhakulam, Muvattupuzha 686670.