GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

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

HIGHER EDUCATION (G) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.513/2026/HEDN Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 24-07-2026

Read
1. G.O. (Ms) No. 398/2024/H.Edn dated 26.06.2024.
2. G.O. (Ms) No. 3/2026/H.Edn dated 01.01.2026.
3. G.O.(Ms) No. 525/2025/HEDN dated 14.07.2025
4. G.O.(Ms) No. 495/2026/HEDN dated 15.07.2026
5. Letter dated 16.07.2026 from the Kerala Catholic Engineering College Managements' Association (KCECMA).
6. Letter No.G3/32/2026-HEDN dated 22-07-202
7. Agreement executed on 23.07.2026 by Government of Kerala and the Kerala Catholic Engineering College Management' Association.
8. G.O.(Ms)No.510/2026/HEDN Dated 24.07.2026

ORDER

As per the Government Order read as 1st paper above, the Kerala Catholic Engineering College Managements' Association (KCECMA) was entered into a Seat Sharing Agreement with the Government for three academic years, namely 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27. Further, vide the

Government Order read as the 4th paper above, Government ordered that the provision for collecting an interest-free refundable deposit of ₹1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) from students shall be excluded from all Government-Management Agreements entered into with the managements of Self-financing Engineering and Architecture Colleges with effect from the Academic Year 2026-27.

2. The Prospectus for Admission to Professional Degree Courses, Kerala, 2026 was approved by the Government vide Government Order read as the 2nd paper above. Clause 1.7 of the Prospectus provides that the allotment of seats from the rank lists for all courses in Self-financing Colleges shall be made in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala, or the Government of Kerala/Government of India, as per the law in force at the time of the Centralised Allotment Process (CAP), and that the same shall be notified separately.

3. Subsequently, vide the Government Order read as the 8th paper above, Government exempted the Kerala Catholic Engineering College Managements' Association (KCECMA), for the Academic Year 2026-27 only, from the provisions relating to the collection of an interest-free refundable deposit of ₹1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only), in view of the fact that the management had already commenced admissions for the current academic year.

4. Government vide paper read 7th above entered into a Seat Sharing Agreement with the Kerala Catholic Engineering College Managements' Association (KCECMA), representing Fourteen (14) Private Engineering College Managements for seat sharing, tuition fee payable, collection of Interest free deposits and other charges for the Academic Year 2026-27, with exemption from the provisions relating to the collection of an interest-free refundable deposit in accordance with the Government Order read as the 8th paper above in the respective colleges.

5. In the above 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 from the eligible students who have figured in the rank list of the recognized entrance list of KEAM-2026/JEE-2026 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.

4. The Educational Agency is entitled to fill up 15% seats in the 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 Commissioner for entrance examinations shall furnished 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 Commissioner for entrance examinations.

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 before the AICTE Academic Calendar. The last date for such students to join the respective colleges will be AICTE Academic Calendar. The Commissioner for Entrance Examinations will not re-allot students already allotted to a college ad admitted in the college either by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations or the Management after this final allotment.

7. The Educational Agency shall be entitled to fill up those seats still remaining unfilled after the AICTE Academic Calendar, from the seats set apart for allotment by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations. 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 Paragraph 18.

8. The fee payable by all the students shall be **Rs.1,05,525/- (Rupees One Lakh Five Thousand Five Hundred and twenty five 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) (For the academic year 2026-2027 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 Commissioner for Entrance Examinations shall remit the amount as prescribed by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations and which will be adjusted in the first year tuition fee at the specified bank, and such amount shall be returned by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations. For the students admitted in the member colleges based on the allotment of the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations, 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 last date of admission as per the AICTE Academic Calendar. The amount retained by the Commissioner for Entrance Examination in respect of each student shall be paid to the college before 31st December of every year.

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 Commissioner for Entrance Examinations, 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 student, if any, by way Demand Draft after proper 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.

11. In the case of SC/ST/OEC candidates and students from fishermen community and those candidates who are eligible for fee concession, 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 Commissioner for Entrance Examinations 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 Commissioner for Entrance Examinations 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 Commissioner for Entrance Examinations 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 Commissioner for Entrance Examinations 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 Commissioner for Entrance Examinations before the date specified by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations 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 Commissioner for Entrance Examinations should obtain such documents from students, 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 Commissioner for Entrance Examinations during the online counselling.

15. The Self Financing College Management are permitted to fill up the Lapsed Seats (Merit / Management) after completing the allotment process of Commissioner for Entrance Examinations by observing the academic eligibility prescribed by the AICTE for B Tech Admission.

16. There shall be no liquidated damages as per the norms and regulations of clause 6.45 of chapter VI of AICTE Approval Process Handbook 2024-2027.

In the event of a student withdrawing before the starting of the Course, the entire fee collected from the student, after a deduction of the processing fee of not more than Rs.1000/-(Rupees One Thousand only) shall be refunded by the Educational Agency.

In case, if a student leaves after joining the Course and if the vacated seat is consequently filled by another student by the last date of admission, The Educational Agency must refund the fee collected after a deduction of the processing fee of not more than Rs.1000/- (Rupees One Thousand only) and proportionate deductions of monthly fee and hostel rent, where applicable.

In case, if a student leaves after joining the Course and if the vacated seat is not filled, the Educational Agency can collect the current year fees and should refund the security deposit and return the original documents. Institution should not demand fee for the subsequent years from the students cancelling their admission at any point of time.

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 payment but subject to the final outcome of the W.P(C)No.645/2014 pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala.

17. Each Member College shall be bound to report to the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations, the seats remaining unfilled after the admission following the second allotment. The third and final allotment by Commissioner for Entrance Examinations 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 Commissioner for Entrance Examinations has allotted students for any course of a Member College, shall be deemed to have been filled. Seats that are not reported to the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations 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.

18. 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 admitted both in the Govt. Quota and Management Quota will be available on the last date of admission and a copy of the list forwarded to APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University shall be forwarded to the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations as well for effecting allotment under Tuition Fee Waiver Scheme (TFW).

19. 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.

20. This Agreement is valid for the Academic Year, **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.

21. 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.

22. Every management will set apart a sum of Rs.3,00,000/- (Rupees three Lakhs 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 lakhs 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. 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.

23. 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 Commissioner for Entrance Examinations. The Candidates who are entitled to receive any other scholarship will not be entitled to the benefit of this scholarship or fee waiver.

24. 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.

25. 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.

26. Calling for options and allotments to all Engineering Colleges, Whether Government/Aided/Unaided, shall be done simultaneously.

27. 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.

28. 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.

29. The dates mentioned in the above paragraphs will be changed as per the AICTE norms and Government Directions.

30. <u>CLARIFICATION REGARDING SEPARATE AGREEMENT WITH GOVERNMENT BY MEMBER COLLEGES:-</u>

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 2026-27 in respect of existing courses.

31. 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.

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

(By order of the Governor)
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The list of Colleges under Kerala Catholic Engineering College Management Association (KCECMA)

1. Albertian Institute of Science and Technology Kalamassery, Kochi – 682022. (Autonomous)
2. Amal Jyothi College of Engineering Koovapally P.O, Kanjirappally, Kottayam district- 686518. (Autonomous)
3. Bishop Jerome Institute Fathima College Road, Kollam – 691001.
4. Carmel College of Engineering and Technology Punnapara, Alappuzha - 688004.
5. Christ College of Engineering Irinjalakkuda, Thrissur – 680125. (Autonomous)
6. Jyothi Engineering Colleges, Vettikkattiri P.O Cheruthuruthy, Thrissur – 679531. (Autonomous).
7. Lourdes Matha College of Science and Technology, Kuttichal, Thiruvananthapuram – 695574.
8. Mar Baselios College of Engineering & Tehnology, Thiruvananthapuram. (Autonomous).
9. Marian Engineering College, Menamkulam, Kazzhakuttom, 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. (Autonomous).

12. St.Joseph's College of Engineering & Technology, Palai, Choodacherry P.O, Kottayam – 686579. (Autonomous).

13. Vimal Jyothi Engineering College Chemperi P.O, Kannur (Dist) – 670632. (Autonomous).

14. Viswajyothi College of Engineering & Technology Vazhakulam, Muvattupuzha – 686670. (Autonomous).