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Admission Schedule for the NRI/OCI/PIO/CIWGC/FNS Candidates to
Technical Education Courses in Maharashtra for Academic Year 2026-27

The registration schedule for NRI/OCI/PIO/CIWGC/FNS candidates (International Students) seeking admission to Technical Education courses in Maharashtra for the Academic Year 2026-27 is as mentioned below-

Sr. No.	Activity	Start Date	End Date
1.	Online registration of application, submission of the application form, and uploading of required documents by the Candidate, along with payment of the non-refundable eligibility fee (USD 50) and the one-time non-refundable processing fee (USD 1,150).	–	15-08-2026

The activities and scheduled dates for the Centralized Admission Process (CAP) Rounds for International Students are as follows –

A candidate exercising the Betterment option may wait for a seat of higher preference for one round beyond the round in which a seat is first offered: a candidate first allotted a seat in Round I may wait until Round II at the latest, and a candidate first allotted a seat in Round II may wait until Round III at the latest. A candidate first allotted a seat in Round III or Round IV must accept and pay immediately, with no further round available. In no case may a candidate's participation extend beyond Round IV.

Sr. No.	Activity	Start Date	End Date
1.	Round I Merit List (Category-Wise Allotment) for FN/OCI/PIO/CIWGC candidates. <i>Colleges having NRI quota shall simultaneously publish a separate NRI category merit list in Round I itself; NRI category seats are not held back for a later round.</i>	17-08-2026	17-08-2026
2.	Accepting the offered seat by the Candidate through his/her login – Round I: • Candidates allotted a seat as per their first preference must accept the seat and pay the final college fee through online mode. Such candidates shall not be eligible for participation in any subsequent round. • Candidates allotted a seat other than their first preference, if satisfied with the allotment, may Freeze the seat: accept and pay the final college fee through online mode. Such candidates shall not be eligible for participation in any subsequent round. • Candidates allotted a seat other than their first preference and wishing to be considered for a seat of higher preference must accept the allotted seat with the "Betterment" option and pay the applicable part-payment of the college fee through online mode. A candidate first allotted a seat in Round I may exercise Betterment up to Round II only, which is the maximum wait available to such a candidate.	18-08-2026	20-08-2026

Sr. No.	Activity	Start Date	End Date
3.	New registration for candidates seeking consideration in Round II closes.	–	25-08-2026
4.	Round II Merit List (Category-Wise Allotment) for FN/OCI/PIO/CIWGC candidates. <i>Colleges having NRI quota shall simultaneously publish the NRI category merit list. By the conclusion of Round II, all seats reserved for the NRI category shall stand allotted.</i>	28-08-2026	28-08-2026
5.	Accepting the offered seat by the Candidate through his/her login – Round II: - Candidates who exercised the Betterment option in Round I shall be considered for a seat of higher preference in Round II. If allotted a better seat, the candidate must accept it and pay the balance of the final college fee through online mode; this becomes the candidate's final seat. If not allotted a better seat, the candidate shall retain the seat allotted in Round I and must pay the balance of the final college fee to confirm it as the final seat. In either case, this is final – no further participation in any subsequent round, since Round II is the maximum wait for a candidate first allotted a seat in Round I. - Candidates allotted a seat for the first time in Round II, including new registrants, have the same three options as in Round I: (a) allotted first preference – accept and pay the final college fee, final; (b) allotted a seat other than first preference and satisfied – Freeze: accept and pay the final college fee, final; or (c) allotted a seat other than first preference and seeking a better seat – accept with the “Betterment” option and pay the applicable part-payment. A candidate first allotted a seat in Round II may exercise Betterment up to Round III only, which is the maximum wait available to such a candidate.	29-08-2026	31-08-2026
6.	New registration for candidates seeking consideration in Round III closes.	–	07-09-2026
Vacant seats reserved for CIWGC candidates may be allotted to eligible FN/OCI/PIO candidates, and vacant seats reserved for FN/OCI/PIO candidates may be allotted to eligible CIWGC candidates. This interchange shall take place in Round III.			
7.	Round III Merit List (Category-Wise Allotment), including the interchange of vacant seats between the FN/OCI/PIO and CIWGC quotas as set out below.	08-09-2026	08-09-2026
8.	Accepting the offered seat by the Candidate through his/her login – Round III: - Candidates who exercised the Betterment option in Round II shall be considered for a seat of higher preference in Round III. Whether or not a better seat is allotted, the candidate must accept the resulting seat (upgraded or retained) and pay the balance of the final college fee through online mode. This is final – no further participation in Round IV, as Round III is the maximum wait available to a candidate first allotted a seat in Round II. - Candidates allotted a seat for the first time in Round III, including through the FN/OCI/PIO–CIWGC interchange, are not eligible for any further round. Such candidates must accept the seat and pay the final college fee through online mode; no Freeze or Betterment option is available at this stage.	09-09-2026	10-09-2026
9.	New registration for candidates seeking consideration in Round IV (final registration) closes.	–	12-09-2026
Any seats remaining vacant in the FN/OCI/PIO/CIWGC quota after Round III shall be made available to eligible NRI candidates. This interchange shall take place in Round IV only.			
10.	Round IV Merit List – Final Round (Category-Wise Allotment), including the interchange of vacant seats to the NRI category as set out below.	13-09-2026	13-09-2026

Sr. No.	Activity	Start Date	End Date
11.	Accepting the offered seat by the Candidate through his/her login – Round IV (Final Round): • All eligible candidates allotted a seat in Round IV, including through the NRI interchange, must accept the seat and pay the final college fee through online mode. Round IV is the last round of the admission process; no Freeze, Betterment, or further round is available.	14-09-2026	15-09-2026
12.	For Institutes: Last date of uploading the data (details of admitted candidates).	–	_____
13.	For Students: Last date of reporting to the Admitted Institute for Confirmation of Admission.	–	_____

Note on Fees:

The non-refundable eligibility fee (USD 50) and the one-time processing fee (USD 1,150) referred to in the General Circular are non-refundable under all circumstances, except as specifically provided therein.

The final college fee, once paid to confirm a seat – whether on allotment of the first preference, on exercising Freeze, or on final confirmation of the seat after Betterment – is non-refundable under any circumstances.

The part-payment made at the time of exercising the Betterment option is not a separate, distinct fee. It forms part of the college fee and is adjusted against the final fee payable when the candidate's seat is finally confirmed.

A candidate who is allotted a seat in any round and neither pays the final college fee nor exercises the Betterment option (where available) within the stipulated deadline shall not be eligible for participation in any subsequent round. Such a candidate shall stand out of the admission process, and the eligibility fee and the one-time processing fee already paid shall stand forfeited and shall not be refunded.

Colleges are strictly required to follow the guidelines provided in the information brochure for the admission of NRI/OCI/PIO/CIWGC/FNS candidates. All further important updates and information will be available on the <https://fn.mahacet.org/> portal.

Sd/-
Commissioner and Competent Authority
State Common Entrance Test Cell,
Maharashtra, Mumbai

Annexure I: Copy of the Ordinance dated on 25th June 2025

RNI No. MAHENG /2009/35528



महाराष्ट्र शासन राजपत्र असाधारण भाग आठ

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असाधारण क्रमांक ४७

प्राधिकृत प्रकाशन

महाराष्ट्र विधानमंडळाचे अधिनियम व राज्यपालांनी प्राख्यापित केलेले अध्यादेश व केलेले विनियम आणि
विधी व न्याय विभागाकडून आलेली विधेयके (इंग्रजी अनुवाद).

In pursuance of clause (3) of article 348 of the Constitution of India, the following translation in English of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025 (Mah. Ord. No. VI of 2025), is hereby published under the authority of the Governor.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

SATISH WAGHOLE,
Secretary (Legislation) to Government,
Law and Judiciary Department.

(Translation in English of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025 (Mah. Ord. VI of 2025), published under the authority of the Governor).

HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Mantralaya, Madam Cama Marg, Hutatma Rajguru Chowk,
Mumbai 400 032, dated the 25th June 2025.

MAHARASHTRA ORDINANCE No. VI OF 2025.

AN ORDINANCE

further to amend the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015.

WHEREAS both Houses of the State Legislature are not in session;

AND WHEREAS the Governor of Maharashtra is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary for him to take immediate action further to amend the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015, for the purposes hereinafter appearing ;

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of 2015.

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NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of article 213 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Maharashtra is hereby pleased to promulgate the following Ordinance, namely :—

Short title
and
commencement.

1. (1) This Ordinance may be called the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

Amendment
of section 2 of
Mah. XXVIII
of 2015.

2. In section 2 of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015, for clause (n), the following clause shall be substituted, namely :—

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of 2015.

“(n) “Non-Resident Indian (NRI)” means, a person who is “not ordinary resident” as defined under sub-section (6) of section 6 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 and has been issued a Non-Resident Indian certificate accordingly by an Indian Mission or Post abroad and includes his child or ward as defined in the Guardians and Wards Act, 1890 ;”.

43 of 1961.
8 of 1890.

STATEMENT

The Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015 (Mah. XXVIII of 2015), provides for regulation of admissions and fees by Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions in the State of Maharashtra and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

2. The Act, *inter-alia*, provides for allocation of the seats for admission to professional educational courses under the Non-Resident Indian (NRI) quota. The term "Non-Resident Indian (NRI)" is defined in clause (n) of section 2 of the said Act.

3. It is observed that, the genuine NRI candidates are often deprived of the opportunity to seek admission in professional educational courses under the Non-Resident Indian (NRI) quota in the State of Maharashtra. Therefore, it is considered expedient to amend the definition of the term "Non-Resident Indian (NRI)" in the said Act, with a view to bring the same in consonance with the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of P. A. Inamdar, wherein it has been observed that—

"It was also pointed out that people of Indian origin, who have migrated to other countries, have a desire to bring back their children to their own country as they not only get education but also get reunited with Indian cultural ethos by virtue of being here. They also wish the money which they would be spending elsewhere on education of their children should rather reach their own motherland. A limited reservation of such seats, not exceeding 15%, in our opinion, may be available to NRIs depending on the discretion of the management subject to two conditions. First, such seats should be utilized *bona fide* by the NRIs only and for their children or wards. Secondly, within this quota, the merit should not be given a complete go-by."

4. The process for admission to various professional educational courses in the State of Maharashtra for the academic year 2025-2026 will start in the immediate future. It is, therefore, considered expedient to amend the said Act, immediately.

5. As both Houses of the State Legislature are not in session and the Governor of Maharashtra is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary for him to take immediate action further to amend the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015, for the purposes aforesaid, this Ordinance is promulgated.

Mumbai,
Dated the 24th June 2025.

C. P. RADHAKRISHNAN,
Governor of Maharashtra.

By order and in the name of the
Governor of Maharashtra,

B. VENUGOPAL REDDY,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

List of documents to be uploaded on the Portal:

PIO-OCI Person Of Indian Origin/ Overseas citizens of India (PIO/OCI) Applicant

- Passport Size Photograph
- Passport of the Candidate/ Country ID Card of the Candidate
- Student's Signature
- Statement of Marks or Certificate of Passing SSC/Qualifying Equivalent Examination/ 10th Marksheet
- Statement of Marks or Certificate of Passing HSC/Qualifying Equivalent Examination/ 12th Marksheet
- Passing Provisional Certificate
- Birth Certificate
- Migration Certificate (Start of Admission)
- PIO / OCI Card
- Proof of Residence
- Eligibility Certificate from the Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi (AIU) if candidate passed Qualifying examination from abroad.

NRI Non-Resident Indian Applicant

- Passport Size Photograph
- Passport of the Candidate/Country ID card of the Candidate
- Passport, Nationality Certificate of candidate and Parents/ Guardian
- In Case of Guardian, certificate issued by the court having power to make order as to guardianship.
- Student's Signature
- Statement of Marks or Certificate of Passing SSC/Qualifying Equivalent Examination/ 10th Marksheet
- Statement of Marks or Certificate of Passing HSC/Qualifying Equivalent Examination/ 12th Marksheet
- Passing Certificate
- Birth Certificate
- Migration Certificate (Start of Admission)
- Eligibility Certificate from the Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi (AIU) if candidate passed Qualifying examination from abroad.
- Residence of NRI
- Proof of Residence
- True copy of foreign bank account passbook (copies of main page indicating bank name & address, name & address, with entries of last preceding 6 months prior to admission) of candidate/Parents/Guardian
- Certificate issued by an Indian Mission/ Post abroad regarding Non-Resident Indian status of candidate/Parents/ Guardian/ NRI Certificate of the Candidate

Foreign National Applicant

- Passport Size Photograph
- Passport of the Candidate/ Country Id Card of the Candidate
- Student's Signature
- Statement of Marks or Certificate of Passing SSC/Qualifying Equivalent Examination/ 10th Marksheet
- Statement of Marks or Certificate of Passing HSC/Qualifying Equivalent Examination/ 12th Marksheet

- Passing Certificate
- Birth Certificate
- Migration Certificate (Start of Admission)
- Proof of Residence
- Eligibility Certificate from the Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi (AIU) if candidate passed Qualifying examination from abroad.

NRI of Gulf Children of Indians workers in Gulf countries (CIWGC) Applicant

- Passport Size Photograph
- Passport of the Candidate/ Country ID Card of the Candidate
- Student's Signature
- Statement of Marks or Certificate of Passing SSC/Qualifying Equivalent Examination/ 10th Marksheet
- Statement of Marks or Certificate of Passing HSC/Qualifying Equivalent Examination/ 12th Marksheet
- Passing Certificate
- Birth Certificate
- Migration Certificate (Start of Admission)
- Proof of Residence
- Passport of Parent or Sponsor
- In Case of Guardian, certificate issued by the court having power to make order as to guardianship.
- Residence of permit (VISA copy)
- Work Permit or Letter of employment
- Six-month Bank True copy of foreign bank account passbook (copies of main page indicating bank name & address, name & address, with entries of last preceding 6 months prior to admission) of candidate/Parents/Guardian
- CIWGC Certificate
- Eligibility Certificate from the Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi (AIU) if candidate passed Qualifying examination from abroad.

Contact Information

- For queries/enquiry: mail us student@mahacet.org or Help Line No. +91-8879082178 between 10.00 AM. to 06.00 PM.

For detailed instructions, eligibility criteria, FAQs, and updates, please visit <https://fn.mahacet.org> and information brochure available on the State CET Cell website.