GUIDELINES FOR PUNJAB STATE TEACHER ELIGIBILITY TEST (PSTET)

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

The implementation of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 requires the recruitment of a large number of teachers across the country in a time bound manner. In spite of the enormity of the task, it is desirable to ensure that quality requirement for recruitment of teachers is not diluted at any cost. It is therefore necessary to ensure that persons recruited as teachers possess the essential aptitude and ability to meet the challenges of teaching at the primary and upper primary level.

In accordance with the provisions of sub-section (1) of Section 23 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) had vide Notification dated 23rd August, 2010 laid down the minimum qualifications for a person to be eligible for appointment as a teacher in classes I to VIII.

The one of the essential qualifications for a person to be eligible for appointment as a teacher in any of the schools referred to in clause (n) of section 2 of the RTE Act is that he/ she should pass the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) which will be conducted by the appropriate Government in accordance with the Guidelines framed by the NCTE.

The rationale for including the TET as a minimum qualification for a person to be eligible for appointment as a teacher is as under:

i) It would bring national standards and benchmark of teacher quality in the recruitment process

ii) It would induce teacher education institutions and students from these institutions to further improve their performance standards

iii) It would send a positive signal to all stakeholders that the Government lays special emphasis on teacher quality

The Department of School Education, Government of Punjab has entrusted the responsibility of conducting the Punjab State Teacher Eligibility Test (PSTET) -2011 to the SCERT, Punjab which shall be held on 12-06-2011.

ELIGIBILITY

The following persons are eligible for appearing in the PSTET:-

Minimum Qualifications for Classes I-V:

Senior Secondary (or its equivalent) with at least 50% marks and passed or appearing in final 2–year Diploma in Elementary Education (or its equivalent)

OR

Senior Secondary (or its equivalent) with at least 45% marks and passed or appearing in final 2–year Diploma in Elementary Education (or its equivalent), in accordance with the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure), Regulations 2002

OR

Senior Secondary (or its equivalent) with at least 50% marks and passed or appearing in final 4–year Bachelor of Elementary Education (B.El.Ed.)

OR

Senior Secondary (or its equivalent) with at least 50% marks and passed or appearing in final 2–year Diploma in Education (Special Education)*

Note:
i) Relaxation of 5% in minimum qualifying marks at BA/B.Sc./Senior Secondary level is admissible for SC/ST Candidates.
ii) **For this year only,** a candidate with BA/B.Sc. with at least 50% marks and B.Ed qualification shall also be eligible for test for classes I to V, provided he/she undergoes, after appointment, an NCTE recognized 6–month special program in Elementary Education.

Minimum Qualifications for Classes VI-VIII:

B.A. /B.Sc and passed or appearing in final 2–year Diploma in Elementary Education* (or its equivalent)

OR

B.A. /B.Sc. with at least 50% marks and passed or appearing in 1–year Bachelor in Education (B.Ed)*

OR

B.A. /B.Sc. with at least 45% marks & passed or appearing in 1–year Bachelor in Education (B.Ed)*, in accordance with the NCTE (Recognition Norms & Procedure) Regulations issued from time to time in this regard.

OR

Senior Secondary (or its equivalent) with at least 50% marks and passed or appearing in final 4–year Bachelor in Elementary Education (B.El.Ed.)*

OR

Senior Secondary (or its equivalent) with at least 50% marks and passed or appearing in final 4–year BA/B.Sc. Ed or B.A. (Ed.)/B.Sc. (Ed.)*

OR

B.A. /B.Sc. with at least 50% marks and passed or appearing in 1–year B.Ed. (Special Education)*

A diploma/degree course in teacher education recognized by the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) only shall be considered. However, in case of Diploma in Education (Special Education) and B.Ed. (Special Education), a course recognized by the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) only shall be considered.

Note:

   i) *Relaxation of 5% in minimum qualifying marks at BA/B.Sc./Senior secondary level is admissible for SC/ST Candidates.*

STRUCTURE AND CONTENT OF PSTET

All questions in PSTET test will be Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs), each carrying one mark, with four alternatives out of which one answer will be correct. There will be no negative marking.

There will be two papers of PSTET.

(i)   Paper I will be for a person who intents to be a teacher for classes I to V.

(ii)   Paper II will be for a person who intents to be a teacher for classes VI to VIII.

Note: *A person who intents to be a teacher for both levels (classes I to V and classes VI to VIII) will have to appear in both the papers (Paper I and Paper II).*

Paper I (for classes I to V); No. of MCQs – 150

Duration of examination: One-and-a-half hours

Structure and Content (All Compulsory)

(i)	Child Development and Pedagogy	30 MCQs	30 Marks
(ii)	Language I	30 MCQs	30 Marks
(iii)	Language II	30 MCQs	30 Marks
(iv)	Mathematics	30 MCQs	30 Marks
(v)	Environmental Studies	30 MCQs	30 Marks
	Total	**150 MCQ**	**150 Marks**

Nature and standard of questions:

- The test items on Child Development and Pedagogy will focus on educational psychology of teaching and learning relevant to the age group of 6-11 years. They will focus on understanding the characteristics and needs of diverse learners, interaction with learners and the attributes and qualities of a good facilitator of learning.

- The Test items for Language-I will focus on the proficiencies related to the medium of instruction, (as chosen from list of prescribed language options in the application form).

- The Language-II will be from among the prescribed options other than Language-I. A candidate may choose any one language from the available language options and will be required to specify the same in the application form. The test items in language II will also focus on the elements of language, communication and comprehension abilities.

- The test items in Mathematics and Environmental Studies will focus on the concepts, problem solving abilities and pedagogical understanding of the subjects. In all these subject areas, the test items will be evenly distributed over different divisions of the syllabus of that subject prescribed for classes: I–V, by the Punjab State Government/SCERT.

- The questions in the tests for Paper I will be based on the topics prescribed for classes: I–V, but their difficulty standard, as well as linkages, could be up to the secondary stage.

Paper II (for classes VI to VIII): No. of MCQs – 150

Duration of examination: One-and-a-half hours

Structure and Content:

(i)	Child Development & Pedagogy (compulsory)	30 MCQs	30Marks
(ii)	Language-I (compulsory)	30 MCQs	30Marks
(iii)	Language-II (compulsory)	30 MCQs	30Marks
(iv)	(a) For Mathematics and Science teacher: Mathematics and Science	60 MCQs	60Marks
	(b) For Social Studies/Social Science Teacher: Social Science	60 MCQs	60Marks
	(c) For any other teacher - either (a) or (b)		

- The test items on Child Development and Pedagogy will focus on educational psychology of teaching and learning, relevant to the age group 11-14 years. They will focus on understanding the characteristics, needs and psychology of diverse learners, interaction with learners and the attributes and qualities of a good facilitator of learning.

- The test items for Language-I will focus on the proficiency related to the medium of instruction, as chosen from list of prescribed options in the application form.

- The Language-II will be a language other than Language-I. A candidate may choose any one language from among the available options and as in the specified list in the application form and attempt questions in the one indicated by the candidate in the application form by him. The Test items in Language-II will also focus on the elements of language, communication and comprehension abilities.

- The test items in Mathematics and Science, and Social Studies will focus on the concepts, problem solving abilities and pedagogical understanding of these subjects. The test items of Mathematics and Science will be of 30 marks each. The test items will be evenly distributed over different divisions of the syllabus of that subject as prescribed for classes VI-VIII by the Punjab State Government/SCERT.

- The questions in the tests for Paper II will be based on the topics of the prescribed syllabus of the Punjab State for classes VI-VIII but their difficulty standard as well as linkages could be up to the senior secondary stage.

QUALIFYING MARKS

A person who scores 60% or more in the PSTET exam will be considered as PSTET pass. School Management (Government, Local bodies, Government aided and unaided)

(a) May consider giving concessions to persons belonging to SC/ST, OBC, differently abled persons, etc., in accordance with their extant reservation policy;

(b) Should give weightage to the PSTET scores in the recruitment process; however, qualifying the PSTET would not confer a right on any person for recruitment/employment as it is only one of the eligibility criteria for appointment.

APPLICABILITY

The PSTET shall apply to the Schools owned and managed by the Punjab State Government/Local Bodies and aided school.

PSTET may also apply to the unaided private schools who may exercise the option of considering the PSTET

Important Dates

SN.	Activity	Date of the Activity
1	Publish of Advertisement	26- April-2011
2	Online registration process Start	27- April-2011
3	Last date of Receipt of application (online)	13- May-2011
4	Last date of Receipt of Fee	18- May-2011
5	Fee reconciliation and uploaded the status for information to candidates	01- June-2011
6	Uploading of Admit Card (online)	03- June-2011
7	Conduct of written Examination	12- June-2011
8	Declaration of Results	20- June-2011

SCHEDULE OF EXAMINATION

Date of Examination	Paper	Timing	Duration
12-06-2011 (Sunday)	Paper - I	10:00 to 11:30 hrs	1.30 hrs
12-06-2011 (Sunday)	Paper – II	13:30 to 15:00 hrs	1.30 hrs

Fee

(i) For General/OBC Candidates - Rs. 500/-per paper.

(ii) For SC/ST candidates - Rs. 300/-per paper.

(iii) For Ex-Servicemen Self-only - Nil.

Note: **The candidate who intend to appear for both Papers I & II, the fee shall be Rs. 1000/- for General/OBC and Rs. 600/- for SC/ST candidates**

How to apply online

1. Before applying online non-refundable Bank Demand Draft for Rs 500/- per paper and Rs 300/- for SC Candidates per paper **(The candidate who intend to appear for both Papers I & II, the fee shall be Rs. 1000/- for General/OBC and Rs. 600/- for SC/ST candidates)** in favour of "Director, C-DAC, Mohali **payable at Mohali/ Chandigarh** should be ready as the application fee details are needs to be entered in the form.

2. Fill the online application form available on the website **http://recruitment.cdacmohali.in** by clicking at the link **PSTET Online Registration.**

3. The application can be filled online only till 13-05-2011 **up to 5.00 PM**.

4. If by mistake the candidate has filed in wrong data, he/she can correct the data from 27-4-2011 to 13-05-2011 up to 5:00 PM. by entering his/her registration number and password. Henceforth no editing will be done and thereafter data will be locked and no change will be acceptable/ allowed.

5. The Registration slip will be generated after filing the online form. Get the printout (2 copies) of the registration slip.

6. Only online forms will be entertained. The registration number generated in the form should be written at the back of the demand draft along with the name of the candidate, father name and postal address.

7. Send/ post one copy of the on line registration slip (Printed) with a self attested photograph along with the original demand draft of requisite fee (Non refundable) to **"Director, C-DAC, A-34,Phase 8, industrial area Mohali** which should reach positively by 18-5-2011 (Please do not send any other document). The application fee in the shape of demand draft received after the last date i.e. 18-5-2011 will not be considered.

8. The list of candidates whose fee is confirmed will be available on **http://recruitment.cdacmohali.in** for candidate reference from 01-06-2011.

9. The candidate can download their **ADMIT CARDS** by visiting the website **http://recruitment.cdacmohali.in** again by entering his/her registration number and password **(Candidates are advised not to disclose the password to any one for data security)** from 03-06-2011. Incase candidate unable to get the admit card, he/ she must contact C-DAC Mohali personally or on helpline numbers one day before the said examination **upto 5.00 PM**, failing which department will not be held responsible.

10. For any clarifications regarding the online filling of the form, the candidate can call at CDAC Mohali help-line numbers 0172-6619054-55 on all working days from 9:00 am to 5.30 pm.

11. Candidate are advised to visit the website http://recruitment.cdacmohali.in regularly for more updates and important information.

12 Candidate must bring a admit card/ Registration slip on the day of written examination at the venue of the examination centre. The candidates without admit card/ Registration slip will not be allowed to appear in the written examination.

13 Candidate will be responsible for any mistakes made by him/ her in the on line application form, Education Department shall not be responsible or liable in any way.

14 The result list will be prepared on the basis of the written test and will be available on website http://recruitment.cdacmohali.in

Instructions:

1. The candidate has to apply only online http://recruitment.cdacmohali.in. No other mode of applying will be entertained.

2. The written examination will be conducted out of those candidates only who will fulfill the prescribed academic and technical qualification and will submit the bank demand draft of prescribed fee.

3. The proposed date for the written examination for the said PSTET is 12-06-2011. The venue of Exam Centre will be available on the website on 03-06-2011.

4. The candidates should reach the examination centre one hour before the start of the examination. At the examination centre, the candidate has to produce his/her admit card pasted with passport size photograph and duly attested by self along with identity proof, which may be either any of from the Driving license, Voter ID Card, Passport, PAN Card.

5. The candidates must satisfy themselves that they fulfil all the eligibility conditions for this test. Merely appearing in the examination and qualifying the test does not entitle the candidate for issue of the certificate. The issue of certificate will be subject to their Verification of original documents. The purpose would be to verify different records regarding identification, age, qualifying examination, state of eligibility, category etc, of the candidate. On failing to establish of any of the documents the candidate will not be considered for issue of certificate and liable for criminal action.

6. The Question Paper will be of objective type (150 marks) having 150 questions with multiple choices on OMR sheet with one correct answer of each question of appropriate standards. The duration of the paper will be of 90 minutes. There will be NO NEGATIVE MARKING. Each right answer will carry one mark.

7. No candidate will be allowed to appear in the examination without Roll Number Slip and identity proof in original.

8. Candidates should bring with them BLUE or BLACK Ball Pens only. Books, written notes, calculator, mobile phones and other electronic devices etc. will not be permitted to be carried in the examination hall.

9. Candidates are advised to visit the web-site http://recruitment.cdacmohali.in regularly.

10. The Proposed date of declaration of written examination result is 20-06-2011.

Director,
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Chandigarh