

**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 Architecture Colleges Management Association (ACMA) - Orders Issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION (G) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.477/2026/HEDN Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 08-07-2026

- Read 1. G.O. (MS) No. 3/2026/H.Edn dated 01.01.2026.
2. Agreement executed on 06.07.2026 by Government of Kerala and the Architecture Colleges Management Association (ACMA).

ORDER

The Prospectus for Admission to Professional Degree Courses, Kerala 2026 has been approved by the Government vide Government Order read as 1st 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. As per the paper read 2nd above, Government entered into an agreement with ACMA for seat sharing, tuition fee payable and other

charges for the academic year 2026-27.

4. 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% seats in the member colleges are set apart to be filled up by the Commissioner for Entrance Examination from the list prepared by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations in accordance with merit and reservation principles followed by Government from time to time. The remaining 50% seats will be filled up by the Managements of the Member colleges. Of this, 35% of the seats will be filled up by the Managements and the remaining 15% of the seats will be filled up by the Managements from the Non Resident Indian category.

2. Commissioner for Entrance Examinations shall issue notifications, invite options and allotments on the Centralized Allotment process and these shall be done simultaneously for all the Architecture Colleges, whether Government/Aided/Un-aided/Government Self - Financing/Private Self Financing under Catholic Engineering College Management Association, under Kerala Self Financing Engineering College Management Association, and Architecture College Management Association, etc.

3. Non – Keralite Category II (NK II) Candidates are eligible for Admission to both Govt. Seats and Management Seats in Private Self-financing Colleges. Candidates who do not come under 'Keralite' or 'Non Keralite' category I' will be categorised as 'Non Keralite Category II (NK II)'. The explanations and definitions of these are explained, defined and approved vide G.O. (MS) No. 3/2026/H.Edn dated 01.01.2026.

Commissioner for Entrance Examinations has to include these students

options in the CAP/Centralised Allotment Process to the Member Colleges based on their option submission. However they will not be eligible for Communal/Special/Persons with disabilities reservation or any fee concessions.

4. Commissioner for Entrance Examinations shall be free to make any number of allotments. Commissioner for Entrance Examinations will assign only such students for admission to the College who are finally allotted to that College. Commissioner for Entrance Examinations shall complete all allotments as decided by him on or before the last date of admission as per the COA Academic Calendar. The last date for such students to join the respective colleges will be the last date of admission as per the COA Academic Calendar. Commissioner for Entrance Examinations will not re-allot students already allotted to a College and admitted in the College either by Commissioner for Entrance Examinations or the Management after this final allotment.

5. Commissioner for Entrance Examinations shall furnish the lists of the students to be admitted in the College by the Educational Agency and the Educational Agency shall admit the students specified in the lists. The students in the lists will be given specific instruction as to the date and time of presenting themselves 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 Educational agency shall admit the students who have complied with the instructions as required by Commissioner for Entrance Examinations. Commissioner for Entrance Examinations shall furnish the allotment lists of the students to be admitted to the College on or before the last date of admission as per the COA Academic Calendar. Commissioner will not re-allot students already allotted in the College after this final allotment.

6. Commissioner for Entrance Examinations shall not allot any student to the Educational Agency after the last date of admission as per the COA Academic Calendar. The Educational Agency shall be entitled to fill up those seats still remaining unfilled after the dates stipulated as per the last date of admission as per the COA Academic Calendar 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 on or before the last date of admission as per the COA Academic Calendar.

7. The students allotted by Commissioner for Entrance Examinations shall remit Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) of the first year tuition fee at the Specified bank and such amount shall be retained by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations. For the students admitted in the College based on the allotment of Commissioner for Entrance Examinations, rest of the tuition fee and 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 final allotment of the student. The amount retained by Commissioner for Entrance Examination in respect of each student shall be paid to the Colleges before the 31st day of December, 2026.

8. Where a student has at the time of admission remitted fees as specified in the Table below, but found eligible for the Lower Fees specified in the Table 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, the Management is liable to return the entire fee remitted, by the student, if any, by way of Cash or Demand Draft after proper acknowledgement, within three days of the second allotment, failing which the Management shall be liable to pay interest to the student at 18% per annum for any delay over this stipulated period.

9. The fee structure applicable to the seats under the categories mentioned below in the member colleges, shall be as given below and this annual fees shall be the same for all the five years of study for the student admitted in 2026-27.

Annual Fee per student for five years of B.Arch	Seats to be filled up by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations (50%)		Seats to be filled up by the Management (50%)	
	Lower Income Group	Others	(Management)	(NRI)
% of Seats	25%	25%	35%	15%
Yearly Tuition Fee	81,250/-	1,12,500/-	Upto 1,37,500/-	Upto 2,20,000/-
Yearly Special Fee	Nil		40,000/-	40,000/-
Interest free Refundable Deposit for five years	Nil	Nil	1,75,000/-	1,75,000/-

There shall be no fees other than Rs. 81,250/- and Rs.1,12,500/- for the students admitted in 50% Government merit seats. Out of the students opting to a member college, students admitted under SC/ST/OEC and students

identified for fee concession under lower income group based on the lower annual family income shall be included in the lower fee category.

10. In the case of SC/ST/OEC students allotted under Government Quota all the fees shall be paid by the Government.

11. In case any student remit the Interest Free Refundable Deposit, out of any Bank Loan, the respective College will stand guarantee for the return of the deposit to the Bank and in such cases, the College will refund the deposits only to the Banks. The Students will have to give the interest portion of such deposits directly to the Banks Concerned.

12. 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 such other permitted amounts at the rates stipulated by the respective University, from students joining in Member Colleges. 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, from students admitted in Management and NRI Quota seats only. Such fees and amounts shall be specifically listed out in the prospectus and published each year by the Member College. The Association and the Educational Agency hereby undertake not to collect any amount from any student so admitted, other than those specified above.

13. Out of the 50% category of seats filled up by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations, the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations shall allot 15% of the total seats from among the students belonging to the

Community/ Registered Society/ Registered Trust to which the Educational Agency belongs on the basis of merit. For allotment under these categories, every Member College shall inform 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. Those students who are seeking admission under the Community/Registered Society/Registered Trust Quota shall apply to the respective college and the college shall submit the list of such candidates to the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations on or before the date notified by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations. In this regard, the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations shall prepare an online management system to facilitate the College Managements to update, validate and uploaded the details of the applicants who seek admission under the Community/Registered Society/ Registered Trust Quota. Necessary notification in this regard shall be issued by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations. If sufficient numbers of candidates are not available under this category, the balance seats will be available as State Merit seats for allotment by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations during the online counselling.

14. The Educational Agency shall be entitled to fill up those seats still remaining unfilled after the closure of allotment by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations for the seats set apart for allotment by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations. These unfilled seats from Government side shall be available to the Educational Agency as additional seats for admission and the Educational Agency can fill up those seats as per clause 15 from candidates who applied in that College.

15. 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 and marks secured in the National Aptitude Test in Architecture (NATA/JEE Paper II).

16. However, each Member College shall be bound to report to the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations, the seats remaining unfilled after the admissions subsequent to the second allotment. 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 shall not be available for filling up as additional seats for admission as stipulated in the previous paragraph. Furthermore, default in reporting such unfilled seats shall be deemed to be a violation of this agreement, and the first party shall have the right including retaining the share of the tuition fee remitted by the student with the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations, 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 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 as per the Section 2(6) of Act XIX of Kerala Professional Colleges or Institutions Act, 2006. . All these students have to qualify National Aptitude Test in Architecture (NATA/JEE Paper II) and to satisfy the prescribed

conditions of academic eligibility.

18. 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.

The Starting of the courses will be as per the COA Academic Calendar and the last date of admission shall be as per the COA Academic Calendar for the purpose of refund cases, unless otherwise decided.

19. This agreement is valid for the academic year 2026-2027 only 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. 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.

21. As per GO(Ms)No.128/2020/HEdn dated 20.03.2020, It has decided to implement 10% reservation for Economically Weaker Section (EWS) for forward classes in all institutions under Higher Education Department, other than minority institutions. Hence the respective colleges/institutions will admit deserving candidates who got admitted as per the allotment process by the CEE based on the Rules/Regulations/Orders which are issued in this regard.

22. No consideration in cash or kind other than those specified above shall be received, accepted or collected in any form what so ever 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 complaints 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, it shall be the duty of the first party to take such steps as required to redress the complaint.

23. In case any of the Managements violates the provisions of this Agreement or 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.

24. It is clarified that all private Self-Financing Architecture Colleges who are now part of Architecture Colleges management Association (ACMA) which entered into this agreement need not be required to enter into separate agreement for the year 2026-27 in respect of those courses covered under the respective agreements entered into with them.

5. Accordingly Non Objection Certificate granted to all private Self financing Architecture Colleges that are now part of Architecture Colleges Management Association (ACMA) need not be renewed this year as was applicable last year and shall be valid for the year 2026-27. However, if the member colleges get new courses/increase in intake they have to enter into separate agreement with Government.

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

(By order of the Governor)
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The Secretary, Architecture Colleges Management Association (ACMA).

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- 1. ABATE Institute of Architecture, Malaparamba, Perinthalmanna, Malappuram Dt.
- 2. Bishop Jerome Institute, Fathima College Road, Kollam – 691001
- 3. Devaki Amma's Guruvayurappan College of Architecture, Chelembra, Pulliparamba P.O, Malappuram Dt- 673634
- 4. IES College of Architecture, Chittilappally, Thrissur.
- 5. Global Institute of Architecture, Peradikunnu, Nagaripuram, Pathiripala, Palakkad-678642
- 6. KMCT College of Architecture, Kalanthode, Poolakode, Kozhikode.
- 7. School of Architecture, Mookambika Technical Campus, Ambika Nagar, Eattappily, Mannathur, Muvattupuzha, Ernakulam.
- 8. M.E.S. College of Architecture, Nedumalakkunnu, Kizhakkummuri Post, Kakkodi (Via), Kozhikode.
- 9. Thejus College of Architecture, Vellarakkad. PO, Erumappetty, Thrissur.
- 10. Vedavyasa College of Architecture, Ponnempadam, KaradParamba. PO, Malappuram Dt.
- 11. Eranad Knowledge City College of Architecture, Cherukulam, Elankur. PO, Manjeri, Malappuram Dt.
- 12. Mangalam School of Architecture and Planning, Perumbaikad, Kottayam District.
- 13. TKM School of Architecture, Musaliar Hills, Karuvelil PO, Ezhukone, Kollam - 691505

- 14. Nehru College of Architecture, Jawahar Gardens, Lakkidi, Mangalam Post, Palakkad District, Kerala – 679301
- 15. Talent Institute of Architecture[TIBA], Mudur. PO, Edapal, Malappuram Dt - 679578.
- 16. M.E.S. School of Architecture, Thrikanapuram.P.O, Kuttipuram, Malappuram- 679573.
- 17. College of Engineering and Technology - Payyannur, Kaithapram, Mathamangalam P.O, Kannur Dist, Kerala – 670306.