



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 DC School of Architecture and Design, Vagamon - Orders Issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION (G) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.480/2026/HEDN Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 08-07-2026

- Read 1. G.O. (MS) No. 3/2026/H.Edn dated 01.01.2026.
2. Agreement executed on 02.07.2026 by Government of Kerala and the DC School of Architecture and Design, Vagamon.

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 paper read 2nd above, Government entered into an agreement with DC School of Architecture and Design, Vagamon 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. 75% seats in the college are set apart to be filled up by Commissioner for

Entrance Examinations from the list prepared by Commissioner for Entrance Examinations in accordance with merit and reservation principles followed by Government from time to time. The remaining 25% seats will be filled up by the Management of the college in the following manner: 17.5% of the seats will be filled up by the Management and the remaining 7.5% of the seats will be filled up by the Management from the dependents of 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 Government of Kerala Order No.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 College 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 before the the last date of admission as per the COA Academic Calendar. The last date for such students to join the college 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 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 the last date of admission as per the COA Academic Calendar. The Educational agency shall be entitled to fill the seats remaining unfilled in College after the the last date of admission as per the COA Academic Calendar and these seats that remain unfilled in the Government quota will be available to the Educational Agency as Additional Seats and the Educational Agency shall fill up those seats from among the applications received in the college, subject to merit and academic excellence of the applicants.

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 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 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 College, 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 (75%)		Seats to be filled up by the Management (25%)	
	Lower Income Group	Others	(Management)	(NRI)
% of Seats	37.5%	37.5%	17.5%	7.5%
Yearly Tuition Fee	55,000/-	55,000/-	1,37,500/-	2,20,000/-
Yearly Special Fee	Nil	25,000/-	40,000/-	40,000/-

There shall be no fees other than Rs. 55000./- (Rupees Fifty Five Thousand only) and Rs.80000/- (Rupees Eighty Thousand only) for the students admitted in 75% 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 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 the 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. Such fees and amounts shall be specifically listed out in the prospectus and published each year by the College. 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 Commissioner for Entrance Examinations, 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 College shall inform 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 Commissioner for Entrance Examinations on or before the date notified by Commissioner for Entrance Examinations. In this regard, Commissioner for Entrance Examinations shall prepare an online management system to facilitate the College Management 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 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 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 Commissioner for Entrance Examinations for the seats set apart for allotment by 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, the College shall be bound to report to Commissioner for Entrance Examinations, the seats remaining unfilled after the admissions subsequent to the second allotment. If any College fails in so furnishing the exact details of unfilled seats, then all the seats, for which Commissioner for Entrance Examinations has allotted students for any course of a College, shall be deemed to have been filled. Seats that are not reported to 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 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 dependants 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.

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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 2026-27 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. 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 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.

22. As per G.O(Ms)No.128/2020/HEdn dated 20.03.2020, It has decided to implement 10% reservation for Economically Weaker Section (EWS) for forward class 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.

23. In case any of the Management 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 the Management for imposing penalty, recommending for the withdrawal of Affiliation by the University concerned.

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

5. If the college gets new courses/increase in intake they have to enter into separate agreement with Government.

(By order of the Governor)
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JOINT SECRETARY

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