

**AGRICULTURAL SCIENTISTS RECRUITMENT BOARD
KRISHI ANUSANDHAN BHAVAN-I, PUSA, NEW DELHI-110012
(INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH) (ICAR)**

F.No. 1(17)/2013-Exam.-I

NOTIFICATION
NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY TEST (NET) EXAMINATION -2013

1. The Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB) will hold a NET Examination on **27.10.2013(Sunday)** at 33 Centres in India as per the rules and Scheme of Examination indicated in this Notification. Candidates are advised to read the notification carefully before filling the Online Application Form.

2. NET is a qualifying examination for determining eligibility for Lecturer / Assistant Professor in the State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) and other Agricultural Universities (AUs) only. Candidates clearing the National Eligibility Test will be eligible for Lecturers or Assistant Professors in the SAUs/AUs. NET Certificates will be issued by the ASRB to the qualified candidates to enable them to apply against vacancies to be notified or advertised by the State Agricultural Universities/ Agricultural Universities. SAUs/AUs who will satisfy themselves with regard to fulfillment of prescribed conditionalities and consider them for the recruitment process for Lecturers/Assistant Professors.

3. CENTRES:-

The list of Centres is indicated in Annexure –I of this Notification.

4. PRESCRIBED EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:-

A candidate must possess a Masters degree or equivalent in the concerned discipline and specialization completed on or before 01.08.2013. The list of disciplines and its prescribed educational qualifications are as given in Annexure-II.

5. AGE LIMIT:-

A candidate must have attained the age of 21 years as on 01.8.2013. There is no upper age limit for the National Eligibility Test. A candidate will not be able to fill in the online application form in case he/she is born after 02.8.1992.

6. FEE: -

The candidates seeking admission to NET examination must pay a fee as detailed below to the Board:

S.No.	Category	Fee (Rs)
1.	Un-reserved (UR) (General)	1,000/-
2	Other Backward Class(OBC) (Non-creamy layer)	500/-
3	Scheduled Caste(SC) /Scheduled Tribe (ST)/Physically Challenged (PC)	250/-

The fee must be paid online as per the procedure prescribed in the important instructions to candidates herein this notification through the Website: <http://www.asrb.org.in>

Transaction charges for online/NEFT/ Challan payment as the case may be has to be borne by the candidate.

7. PLAN OF EXAMINATION:-

The Plan of Examination is given in Annexure III.

8. HOW TO APPLY:-

A candidate seeking admission to the Examination **must apply online** in the prescribed Application form available on the website: <http://www.asrb.org.in> (or) <http://www.icar.org.in> (or) <http://www.asrbexamonline.com/asrbreg/default.aspx>

A candidate must read the provisions contained in this Notification for NET Examination – 2013 carefully and abide by the same. A candidate must fulfill all the conditions of eligibility regarding age limits, educational qualifications, etc. prescribed for admission to the examination. The candidates are not required to attach copy of any of the documents/certificates in support of their candidature at the time of submission of online application.

9. IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES FOR FILLING ONLINE APPLICATIONS

i. Candidates are required to apply online using the application form link available on the website: <http://www.asrb.org.in> only. No other mode of application is allowed.

Candidates are hereby informed that the details they provide in the Online Application Form will be used for all future references and no modification thereto can be done subsequently. Hence, they are advised to be very careful while filling the Application Form. They are, therefore, requested to thoroughly read this notification before filling the online Application Form.

ii. Candidates are required to complete the Application Form by filling all the parts for which they will be guided in the course of filling the Application Form.

iii. The candidates are required to keep ready all relevant details/ information like Name (as recorded in Secondary level Examination certificate) / father's Name (as recorded in the Secondary level Examination certificate)/Date of Birth (as recorded in the Secondary level Examination certificate) / Complete postal address for both permanent and Correspondence address/ Qualifying Qualification/Discipline applying for/Centre opted for (please check the Examination centres in this notification in Annexure -I).

Important: Please note that the registration session would automatically expire if it is left unattended/inactive for more than 20(twenty) minutes and you may have to register once again.

iv. The candidates are required to enter their valid and active e-mail id only in the Application Form since all communication/information/update(s) for this NET Examination would be sent to this mail id only. In case, they do not have a mail id, they may obtain one from any of the e mail service providers of the candidate's choice. Please note that entry of the e-mail id in the prescribed field in the Application Form is mandatory/ compulsory.

v. Please keep all relevant information regarding the payment towards Application Fee, if any ready for successfully completing the Application process. For payment of Application Fee, please keep your Debit/Credit card ready for payment using them, (in case you are paying using these card(s)). Please keep UTR Number provided by the Bank/Branch where you have carried out NEFT/Challan transaction, in case you are adopting the NEFT / Challan payment option. (Please check the Application fee payment procedure in Point 4 of Annexure –IV of this Notification).

vi. Please keep the scanned copy of your recent passport size photograph (taken against a light background (preferably white) for prominence) of a maximum size of 150 KB in .jpg format only (with the face covering at least 2/3rd of the total space for easy identification) and Scanned copy of your Signature (taken in black ink only on a white paper for prominence) of a maximum size of 80 KB in .jpg format only for uploading during the process of Application Form Submission.

Please note that you should use only clear scanned copies (and not blurred or hazy) since your application form may not be considered if these are not clear. The photograph and signature would be used to be put on the Admission Certificate.

The scanned photograph and signature must be uploaded in .jpg format only. These would be required to be uploaded using the links that will be guided to in the course of Applying. You may browse and select the location where the scanned photograph/ signature file has been saved, select it and click the upload button.

Once uploaded, a message informing about the successful uploading of the Photograph/signature, as the case may be will be displayed. In case, you want to use another photograph/signature (i.e., use any other photograph/ signature), then select the edit button on the link and repeat the same process as before.

Your online Application Form will not be submitted unless you have successfully uploaded your photograph and signature.

vii. Candidates are informed that there are provisions for editing at many stages. Once the complete process of filling up the information in the Application Form and the Photograph and Signature is completed, the candidate can view the entire Application Form together with the photograph and signature and can still edit at this point to make / incorporate any change/ editing in any field of the Application Form.

However, once the payment process is completed, there is no possibility of making any modification/editing whatsoever.

viii. The online Application process will be open from 00:00 Hrs of 01.09.2013 to 23:59 Hrs of 30.9.2013 after which the link will automatically get disabled. It is, therefore advised that candidates may submit their applications well in time without waiting for the last date of Application Form submission.

ix. The applicants are advised to regularly check the e mail provided in the Application Form for update(s)/ information/ communication with regard to the NET-2013 Examination. They must check the spam/junk /inbox folders also of the mailbox.

x. Once the payment is successfully made, a message informing the successful submission of your Application Form will be displayed. In case, this does not appear, the process needs to be repeated, since it signifies/implies that your Application Form has not been successfully uploaded/ submitted.

xi. Candidates are strongly advised to keep a print or soft copy of the completed Application Form for any future reference.

xii. Please note that mere successful submission of the Application Form and/or Admission Certificate issuance does not automatically ensures admission to the Examination. If on verification at any later stage, it is found that they do not fulfill all eligibility conditions/ wrong/ incorrect/misleading/false information has been given either intentionally or otherwise/ error of omission or commission, their candidature will be cancelled / rejected and fee paid for examination will be forfeited and any action as deemed fit by the Board shall be taken in this regard.

10. LAST DATE FOR FILLING OF ONLINE APPLICATIONS :-
The last date for filling up of online application form is 11:59 PM (23:59 Hrs)
on 30.09.2013

IMPORTANT NOTES:-

I) Candidates must ensure that they fulfill all the eligibility conditions for admission to the examination. Their admission to the examination will be purely provisional. If on verification at any later stage, it is found that they do not fulfill all eligibility conditions; their candidature will be cancelled / rejected and fee paid for examination will be forfeited.

II) Candidates are not required to attach any certificates/mark sheets with the application. It is the sole responsibility of the candidates to ensure that they fulfill the specified eligibility before applying for the examination.

III) While filling up the application form, the candidate should carefully decide about his/her choice for the centre and discipline for the examination. More than one application form from a candidate giving different centres and/or discipline will not be accepted under any circumstances. Even if a candidate submits more than one completed application, the Board will accept only one application at its discretion and the Board's decision in the matter shall be final.

IV) In case their claim regarding age, educational qualifications, Scheduled Caste(SC)/ Scheduled Tribe (ST)/ Other Backward Class(OBC)/ Physically Challenged(PC)/ being ICAR /SAU employee is found to be incorrect, it may render them liable to be disqualified by the Board / ICAR in terms of the rules of the examination and their candidature will stand cancelled. The Board, at its own discretion, may call for originals of any/all of the document(s) for which information has been provided anywhere in the Application Form or in the entire process of the Examination.

V) Due care should be taken by the candidates to fill up their application form. No representation or correspondence regarding such rejection shall be entertained under any circumstances.

VI) No candidate will be allowed to take the examination unless he holds a certificate of admission for the examination. On the receipt of Admission Certificate, check it carefully and bring discrepancies/errors, if any, to the notice of the Board immediately. Mere issuance of the Admission Certificate does not entitle automatic right of admission to take the Test. If on verification at any later stage, it is found that they do not fulfill all eligibility conditions/there is suppression or misleading/ wrong/ fraudulent information provided , their candidature will be cancelled / rejected and fee paid for examination will be forfeited.

VII) Candidates should note that the name in the Admission Certificate in some cases, may be abbreviated due to technical reasons.

VIII) In the event of a candidate receiving more than one admission certificate from the Board, he should intimate the Board immediately and use only one of these Admission Certificates for appearing in the examination and return the other(s) to the Board Office.

IX) If a candidate receives an admission certificate in respect of some other candidate on account of handling error, the same should be immediately returned to the Board with a request to issue the correct Admission Certificate. Candidates may note that they will not be allowed to take the examination on the strength of an Admission Certificate issued in respect of another candidate.

X) The candidates are advised to read the Notification for the Examination carefully before filling up the application form. No request for change in the entries once made in the application form will be entertained under any circumstances.

XI) No request for withdrawal of candidature/application received from a candidate after he/she has submitted his/her application will be entertained under any circumstances.

XII) The Admission Certificates would be made downloadable from the website only beginning approximately three weeks from the date of Examination. Candidates are requested to visit the website: www.asrb.org.in regularly for updates. No other form of communication will be used for issue of admission certificates.

XIII) The candidates are advised to visit the ASRB website: <http://www.asrb.org.in> regularly. All the information related to the examination will be uploaded on this website only.

XIV) Syllabus for NET examination – 2013 is available on the “Syllabus” Link of ASRB website: <http://www.asrb.org.in>

XV) All communication in respect of an application made for this Examination should be addressed to the Controller of Examinations-II, Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board, Krishi Anusandhan Bhavan-I, Pusa, New Delhi– 110012 and should invariably contain the following particulars:-

1. Name and year of Examination- NET Examination – 2013
2. Name of candidate (In full and in Capital letters)
3. Application No.
4. Centre of examination
5. Roll No. (If communicated)
6. E mail id (as indicated in the Application Form)
7. Telephone/Mobile number

Note: - Communication not containing the above particulars will not be attended to.

XVI) No request for change in postal address shall be entertained.

XVII). Please note that carrying of Mobile Phones/ pagers or any other communication device is absolutely prohibited in the Examination Centre premises. Any infringement of this instruction can lead to disqualification. Candidates are advised in their own interest not to bring any of these item(s) to the Examination venue since the provision for their safe keeping cannot be assured.

The candidates are also advised not to bring any valuable/costly items to the Examination Venue. The Board will not be responsible for any loss incurred due to non adherence of these instructions.

XVIII). The Examination will be conducted using OMR Sheet (for Multiple Type objective Questions provided in the Question Booklet) and the candidates are required to return both the Question Booklet and the OMR Sheet after the Examination is over to the Invigilator concerned. They cannot take these with them under any circumstance. Strict action will be taken for any violation of this Instruction.

XIX). No request for withdrawal of Application under any circumstances will be considered after submission of the Application Form.

XX). In case of any discrepancy between English and Hindi versions of the advertisement / information, the English version as on the Website of the Board will be treated as final.

XXI). NOTIFICATION INCLUDING ONLINE APPLICATION FORM IS AVAILABLE ON ASRB WEBSITE: [http:// www.asrb.org.in](http://www.asrb.org.in)

**Sd/-
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CONTROLLER OF EXAMINATIONS-II
E –mail: net2013@asrb.org.in**

Annexure-I

Name of the Centres

Centre	Code No
Anand	01
Bangaluru	02
Bikaner	03
Bhopal	04
Bhubaneswar	05
Chennai	06
Cochin	07
Coimbatore	08
Dharwad	09
Dehradun	10
Delhi	11
Guwahati	12
Hyderabad	13
Imphal	14
Izatnagar	15
Jabalpur	16
Jammu	17
Junagadh	18
Karnal	19
Kolkata	20
Lucknow	21
Ludhiana	22
Mumbai	23
Nagpur	24
Palampur	25
Patna	26
Port- Blair	27
Raipur	28
Ranchi	29
Srinagar	30
Tirupati	31
Udaipur	32
Varanasi	33

(The ASRB may increase or decrease the number of Centres at its discretion).

Candidates must select the centre of Examination very carefully.

(NO REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF CENTRE WOULD BE ENTERTAINED).

Disciplines and their Eligibility qualifications for National Eligibility Test (NET) -2013

Code No.	Discipline	Eligibility qualifications
01	Agricultural Biotechnology	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Biotechnology/ Molecular Biology & Bio-Technology/ Genetic Engineering/ Botany/ Plant Sciences/ Life Sciences with specialization in Plant Biotechnology.
02	Agricultural Entomology	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Entomology/ Zoology/ Sericulture/ Apiculture/ Plant Protection with specialization in Agricultural Entomology.
03	Agricultural Microbiology	Master's degree in Agricultural Microbiology/ Microbiology
04	Economic Botany & Plant Genetic Resources	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Botany/ Horticulture with specialization in Agricultural Botany/ Economic Botany/ Plant Genetic Resources.
05	Genetics & Plant Breeding	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Agricultural Botany/ Plant Breeding or Genetics or Genetics and Plant Breeding.
06	Nematology	Master's degree in Agriculture /Nematology/ Entomology/ Plant Pathology/ Zoology/ Plant Protection with specialization in Nematology.
07	Plant Biochemistry	Master's degree in Plant Biochemistry/ Agricultural Biochemistry/ Biochemistry with specialization in plants.
08	Plant Pathology	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Botany/ Life Sciences/ Plant Protection with specialization in Plant Pathology/ Mycology.
09	Plant Physiology	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Plant Physiology/ Botany with specialization in Plant Physiology.
10	Seed Science & Technology	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Seed Science/ Seed Technology or Seed Science and Technology.
11	Floriculture & Landscaping	Master's degree in Floriculture/ Agriculture or Horticulture with specialization in Floriculture and Landscaping/ Post Harvest Technology (Horticulture).
12	Fruit Science	Master's degree in Pomology/ Agriculture or Horticulture with specialization in Fruit Sciences/ Post harvest Technology(Horticulture).
13	Spices, Plantation & Medicinal & Aromatic Plants	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Horticulture/ Botany with specialization in Spices/ Plantation Crops and/ or in Medicinal and Aromatic Plants/ Post Harvest Technology (Horticulture).
14	Vegetable Science	Master's degree in Olericulture/ Vegetable Sciences/ Agriculture or Horticulture with specialization in Vegetable Sciences/ Post Harvest Technology(Horticulture).
15	Animal Biochemistry	Master's degree in Veterinary/ Animal Sciences/ Dairy/ Fishery Science with specialization in Biochemistry.

Code No	Discipline	Eligibility qualifications
16	Animal Biotechnology	Master's degree in Veterinary/ Animal/ Fishery Science with specialization in Biotechnology.
17	Animal Genetics & Breeding	Master's degree in Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Animal Genetics and Breeding.
18	Animal Nutrition	Master's degree in Veterinary/Animal Sciences with specialization in Animal Nutrition.
19	Animal Physiology	Master's degree in Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Animal Physiology.
20	Animal Reproduction & Gynaecology	Master's degree in Veterinary/Animal Sciences with specialization in Animal Reproduction and Gynaecology.
21	Dairy Chemistry	Master's degree in Dairy Chemistry/ Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Dairy Chemistry.
22	Dairy Microbiology	Master's degree in Dairy Microbiology/ Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Dairy Microbiology.
23	Dairy Technology	Master's degree in Dairy Technology or Dairy Science/ Dairy Engineering/ Animal Products Technology/ Food Technology with specialization in Dairy Technology.
24	Livestock Product Technology	Master's degree in Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Livestock Products Technology.
25	Livestock Production Management	Master's degree in Veterinary/Animal Sciences with specialization in Livestock Production Management/ Animal Husbandry.
26	Poultry Science	Master's degree in Poultry Sciences/ Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Poultry Sciences.
27	Veterinary Medicine	Master's degree in Veterinary Medicine/ Veterinary Preventive Medicine/ Veterinary Clinical Medicine.
28	Veterinary Microbiology	Master's degree in Veterinary Sciences with specialization in Microbiology/ Bacteriology/ Virology/ Mycology/ Immunology.
29	Veterinary Parasitology	Master's degree in Veterinary Parasitology.
30	Veterinary Pathology	Masters degree in Veterinary Pathology.
31	Veterinary Pharmacology	Master's degree in Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology/ Veterinary Pharmacology.
32	Veterinary Public Health	Master's degree in Veterinary Public Health/ Epidemiology.
33	Veterinary Surgery	Master's degree in Veterinary Surgery/Veterinary Anatomy.
34	Aquaculture	Masters degree in Aquaculture/ Fishery Sciences/ Marine Biology/ Aquatic Biology with specialization in Mariculture/ Aquatic Environmental Management/ Aquatic Ecology/ Inland Aquaculture.

Code No.	Discipline	Eligibility qualifications
35	Fisheries Resource Management	Master's degree in Fishery Sciences/Fisheries Resource Management/ Marine Biology/ Aquatic Environmental Management / Aquatic Biology with specialization in Fisheries Resource Management/ Fish Population Dynamics/ Fishery Hydrography/Ecosystem Management/ Aquatic Ecology.
36	Fish Process Technology	Master's degree in Fishery Sciences/ Fish Processing Technology/ Post Harvest Technology/ Industrial Fisheries with specialization in Fish Harvest and Processing.
37	Fish Nutrition	Master's degree in Fishery Sciences with specialization in Fish Nutrition and Fish Physiology/ Feed Technology/ Fish Nutrition and Biochemistry.
38	Fish Health	Master's degree in Fishery Science/ Marine Biology with specialization in Fish Health/ Fish Pathology /Microbiology.
39	Fish Genetics & Breeding	Master's degree in Fishery Science/ Marine Biology with specialization in Fish Genetics and Breeding/ Fish Biotechnology.
40	Agricultural Chemicals	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Agricultural Chemicals/ Organic Chemistry with specialization in Agricultural Chemicals.
41	Agricultural Meteorology	Masters degree in Agricultural Meteorology/ Agricultural Physics with specialization in Agricultural Meteorology.
42	Agroforestry	Master's degree in Forestry/ Agroforestry/ Botany/ Agronomy/ Horticulture with specialization in Agroforestry.
43	Agronomy	Master's degree in Agriculture with specialization in Agronomy/ Soil Water Management/ Conservation Agriculture/ Farming Systems Management/ Forage Production/ Water Science and Technology.
44	Environmental Sciences	Master's degree in Environmental Science/ Agroforestry/ Agricultural Physics/Agriculture with specialization in Environmental Science.
45	Soil Sciences	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Soil Sciences/ Agricultural Chemistry/ Agricultural Physics with specialization in Soil Physics and Soil and Water Conservation/ Soil Fertility/ Soil Microbiology/ Soil Chemistry/ Water Science and Technology.
46	Agricultural Business Management	Master's degree in Agricultural Business Management/ Agricultural Marketing/ Business Management with specialization in Agricultural Business/ Fisheries Business Management.
47	Agricultural Economics	Master's degree in Agricultural Economics/ Dairy Economics/ Veterinary Economics/ Fisheries Economics with specialization in Agriculture.
48	Agricultural Extension	Master's degree in Agricultural Extension/ Veterinary Extension/ Dairy Extension/ Fisheries Extension/ Home Science Extension/Agriculture Communication in Agricultural Sciences/ Rural Development/ Rural Management.
49	Agricultural Statistics	Master's degree in Agricultural Statistics/ Statistics with specialization in Agriculture.

Code No.	Discipline	Eligibility qualifications
50	Home Sciences	Master's degree in Home Science with specialization in Family Resource Management/ Textile and Clothing/ Child Development/ Foods and Nutrition.
51	Farm Machinery and Power	Master's degree in Agricultural Engineering/ Mechanical Engineering with specialization in Farm Machinery and Power.
52	Agricultural Structures and Environmental Management	Master's degree in Agricultural Engineering with specialization in Agricultural Structures/ Aquaculture Engineering.
53	Land and Water Management Engineering	Master's degree in Agricultural Engineering/ Civil Engineering with specialization in Soil and Water Conservation/ Irrigation and Drainage/ Water Resources/ Hydrology/ Aquatic Engineering/Water Science and Technology.
54	Agricultural Process Engineering	Master's degree in Agricultural Engineering with specialization in Agricultural Process Engineering/ Food Process Engineering/ Dairy Engineering/ Post Harvest Technology
55	Food Technology	Master's degree in Food Science/ Food Technology/ Food Science and Technology/ Post Harvest Technology/ Dairy Technology

PLAN OF NET EXAMINATION

There will one paper of 150 marks consisting of 150 objective type multiple choice questions to be solved in 2 (Two) hours. Each question carries one mark. These 150 questions shall be derived from the respective discipline in which the candidate has opted to appear.

Minimum marks required for qualifying NET Examination

Category of candidate	Minimum qualifying marks
Un-reserved(UR) (General) / OBC(Creamy layer)	55%
OBC(Non-Creamy layer)	50%
SC / ST/ Physically Challenged(PC) Person	45%

1/3 mark will be deducted for each wrong answer in the NET-2013 examination.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- (i) Question paper will be set in both English and Hindi. The Answers are to be indicated in the OMR Sheet (with Black Ball-point Pen only, since no other colour pen response may be read by the Scanner). All other fields in the OMR sheet like Name, Category, Discipline, Centre, Gender, etc., must be written with Black Ball-point Pen only (for recognition by the scanner).
- (ii) Candidates must mark/write the answers/papers in their own hand. Under no circumstances will they be allowed the help of a scribe to write the answers for them. Only the Visually Challenged (VC) and Ortopaedically Challenged (OC) candidates will both arms affected may the allowed the help of a Scribe only with the prior permission of the Board.
- (iii) The standard of paper will be that of a Master's degree of an Indian University.
- (iv) The candidates are required to bring along the original and a photocopy of any of the Valid Photo Identity Card like Voter Card/ Aadhar Card/ Passport/ Driver's License/ PAN card. The photocopy of the Identity proof would be taken by the Invigilator with the signature of the candidate done in his/her presence. Please note, that in case the candidate does not present the original and the photocopy of the Identity card before the Invigilator at the venue, he/she will not be allowed to take the examination under any circumstances.
- (v) Candidates are advised to get familiar with the examination venue location (which will be mentioned in the Admission Certificate when issued online) to avoid reporting late on the examination date.

RULES OF EXAMINATION:-

The rules for the National Eligibility Test (NET) Examination – 2013 to be held by the Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board are published for general information.

I. CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

1. NATIONALITY:-

A candidate must be either:-

- (i) a citizen of India, or
- (ii) a citizen of Nepal, or
- (iii) a citizen of Bhutan, or
- (iv) a Tibetan refugee who came over to India before the 1st January, 1962, with the intention of permanently settling in India, or
- (v) a person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Burma, Sri Lanka and East African countries of Kenya, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, (formerly Tanganyika and Zanzibar) Zambia, Malawi, Zaire, Ethiopia and Vietnam with the intention of permanently settling in India.

Provided that a candidate belonging to categories (ii), (iii), (iv) above shall be a person in whose favour a certificate of eligibility has been issued by the Government of India.

2. AGE LIMITS:-

A candidate must have attained the age of 21 years as on 01-08-2013. There will be no upper age limit for the National Eligibility Test.

3. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:-

A candidate for the National Eligibility Test must have a Master's degree or equivalent in the concerned subject with specialization completed on or before 01.08.2013 as defined in Annexure-II from any Indian University incorporated by an Act of Central or State Legislature in India or other educational institution established by an Act of Parliament or declared to be deemed University under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 or he/she must have qualification from a foreign University recognized as equivalent by the Government of India(GoI).

4. FEE and PAYMENT MAKING PROCEDURE:-

The candidates seeking admission to NET examination must pay a fee as detailed below to the Board:

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3.	Scheduled Caste(SC)/Scheduled Tribe(ST)/Physically Challenged(PC)	250/-

The fee must be paid online through the Website: <http://www.asrb.org.in>

Payment can be made through Debit/Credit card/ online payment using internet banking/NEFT from any Bank/payment using the online Challan generated (in case of payment to be made using Challan) in any of the Branches of the Syndicate Bank (list of the Branches of Syndicate Bank can be obtained from the Branch Locator link on : <http://www.syndicatebank.in>)

Transaction charges for online/NEFT/ challan payment has to be borne by the candidate.

5. NUMBER OF ATTEMPTS:-

The number of attempts for appearing in the National Eligibility Test Examination will be limited to FIVE for all candidates (whether M.Sc. /Ph.D.) including the in-service candidates of ICAR. However, this restriction will not apply to SC and ST candidates, who are otherwise eligible.

Note:- The number of attempts made by the candidates prior to National Eligibility Test Examination –2012 will not be taken into account for counting the number of attempts made.

6. The decision of the Board as to the eligibility or otherwise of a candidate for admission to the examination shall be final.

7. No candidate will be admitted to the examination unless he/she holds a certificate of admission from the Board.

9. Any attempt on the part of a candidate to obtain support for his candidature by any means may disqualify him for admission to the examination.

10. A candidate who is or has been declared by the Board guilty of impersonation or of submitting fabricated documents or documents which have been tampered with or of making statements which are incorrect or false or of suppressing material information or otherwise resorting to any other irregular or improper means for obtaining admission to the examination, or of using or attempting to use unfair means or of misbehavior or misconduct in the examination hall, may, in addition to rendering himself liable to criminal prosecution:

- (a) Be debarred permanently or for a specific period.
 - (i) By the Board, from admission to any examination or appearance at an interview held by the Board for selection of candidates and
 - (ii) By the Indian Council of Agricultural Research from Employment under them.
- (b) Will be liable to disciplinary action under the appropriate rules, if he/she is already in service under Government / Indian Council of Agricultural Research/State Agricultural Universities.
