

**Notification for  
Tamil Nadu State Eligibility Test  
(TN-SET 2021) for Assistant Professorship**

(as per UGC letter F.7-7/2015(NET/SET) dated 19.03.2021)



**Annamalai University**  
**Annamalainagar 608 002**

(Nodal SET Agency for Tamil Nadu)

## **Important Dates**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Dates</b>
1	Commencement of online Registration	7 <sup>th</sup> June, 2021
2	Closing of online Registration	7 <sup>th</sup> July, 2021
3	Dates for Data corrections	Will be announced later in the website
4	Date of uploading of Hall tickets	Will be announced later in the website
5	Test Date	Will be announced later in the website
6	Date of uploading of answer keys	Will be announced later in the website
7	Time window for grievances representation	Will be announced later in the website
8	Date of uploading of revised answer keys	Will be announced later in the website
9	Date of result publication	Will be announced later in the website

- **NOTE:** Printout of Online Application Form (**Confirmation Page**) should not be sent to Annamalai University, Annamalainagar.

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## I. Important Instructions

1. The candidates have to read this notification carefully before submission of the Online Application Form
2. On behalf of Tamil Nadu State Government, Annamalai University shall conduct the State Eligibility Test (TN-SET 2021) for determining the eligibility of Tamil Nadu Students for the position of Assistant Professor in Tamil Nadu Universities and Colleges. The TN-SET examination will be conducted **in General Studies and 26 subjects in pen and paper mode (OMR based) or online mode if the pandemic persists, in various centres** spread over across the State.
3. The eligibility for Assistant Professor depends on the performance of the candidate in **both papers of TN-SET in aggregate**. The candidates who qualify in the test for eligibility of Assistant Professor will be governed by the rules and regulations for recruitment of Assistant Professor of the concerned Universities/Colleges/State Governments, as the case may be.
4. The result of the TN-SET will be made available on the website: [www.tnsetau.in](http://www.tnsetau.in) as and when it is declared. The candidates will not be individually intimated about their result.

## II. Conditions of Eligibility

1. A minimum of 55% marks without rounding off (or an equivalent grade in a point-scale, wherever the grading system is followed) at the Masters level shall be the essential qualification for direct recruitment of teachers and other equivalent cadres at any level.
2. A relaxation of 5% shall be allowed at the Bachelor's as well as at the Master's level for the candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe/Other Backward Classes (OBC)(Non-creamy Layer)/ PwD (Persons with Disability) ((a) Blindness and low vision; (b) Deaf and Hard of Hearing; (c) Locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid-attack victims and muscular dystrophy; (d) Autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness; (e) Multiple disabilities from amongst persons under (a) to (d) (including deaf-blindness)) for the purpose of eligibility and assessing good academic record for direct recruitment. The eligibility marks of 55% marks (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever the grading

system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible, based only on the qualifying marks without including any grace mark procedure.

3. A relaxation of 5% shall be provided, (from 55% to 50% of the marks) to the Ph.D. Degree holders who have obtained their Master's Degree prior to 19 September, 1991 (irrespective of date of declaration of result).
4. A relevant grade which is regarded as equivalent of 55%, wherever the grading system is followed by a recognized university, at the Masters level shall also be considered valid.
5. Candidates who are pursuing their Master's Degree Programme or the candidates who have appeared for their qualifying Master's Degree (final year) examination and whose result is still awaited or candidates whose qualifying examinations have been delayed may also apply for the test. However, such candidates will be admitted provisionally and shall be considered eligible for Assistant Professor / Lecturer after they have passed their Master's Degree examination with at least 55% marks (50% marks in case of SC/ST/Other Backward Classes (OBC)(Non-creamy Layer)/PwD (Persons with Disability)) category candidates. Such candidates must complete their Master's Degree examination within two years from the date of SET result with required percentage of marks, failing which they shall be treated as disqualified.
6. Candidates belonging to third gender in other words transgender would be eligible to draw the same relaxation in fee, age and qualifying criteria for TN-SET examination as are applicable to SC/ST/ PwD categories. The subject wise cut-off for this category should be the lowest among those for SC/ST/PwD categories in the corresponding subject.
7. Candidates are advised to appear in the subject of their Postgraduation only.
8. **Candidates are required to send neither any certificates/documents in support of their eligibility nor print out of their Application Form (Confirmation Page) to TN-SET office.** However, the candidates, in their own interest, must satisfy themselves about their eligibility for the Test. In the event of any ineligibility being detected by the TN-SET at any stage, their candidature will be cancelled and they shall be liable for legal action.

9. Candidates having Postgraduate Diploma awarded by Indian University/ Institute or Foreign Degree/Diploma awarded by the Foreign University/ Institute should ascertain the equivalence of their Degree /Diploma with Master's Degree of recognized Indian universities from Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi. ([www.aiu.ac.in](http://www.aiu.ac.in))
10. Candidates other than General Category are required to mention their Social Status in the Online Application Form. Candidates may note that they should satisfy the eligibility conditions with reference to documents such as Community Certificate and Certificate related to PwD (VI/HI/PH), when they upload their applications. **The Community Certificate uploaded by the candidates must be issued by competent authorities.** In case any of the certificates mentioned above is found to be invalid by the TN-SET 2021 authority at any stage, their candidature will be cancelled and they shall be liable for legal action. As the category declared cannot be changed after submitting the application form, candidates are advised to be doubly cautious while filling the category (Community) details.
11. Candidates should note that their candidature is provisional. The mere fact that an admission card has been issued to a candidate will not imply that the TN-SET 2021 authority has accepted his/her candidature. Candidates may note that candidature will be deemed final, only upon verification of eligibility conditions.

### III. Age Limit

There is No Upper age limit to apply for TN-SET examination.

### IV. Examination Fee and Mode of Payment

CATEGORY	FEE (₹)
General Candidates	1,500/-
BC / BCM / MBC / DNC	1,250/-
SC / SCA / ST /PwD/Transgender	500/-

1. After filling up all the details for the online application form for TN-SET 2021, the candidates have to select the option of payment of examination fee either by credit/debit card or net-banking. In case the examination fee is paid through credit/debit card or net- banking, the applicable taxes and convenience fee, etc. will be additionally charged.
2. Please note that fee paid by any other mode like Money Order, Demand Draft, IPO, etc. will be rejected. **Fee once paid will not be refunded under any circumstances.**

**NOTE:** Candidate must necessarily enter his/her **mobile number and email address** while making payment of registration fee and the same mobile number is to be retained for further reference i.e to view results.

#### V. Scheme of the Test

The Test will consist of two papers with Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) and will be held in two separate sessions as follows:

Session	Paper	Marks	Number of Multiple Choice Questions	Duration	
				General	PwD
First	I	100	50 Questions - all Compulsory (2 Marks each)	1 Hour (09:30 A.M. to 10.30 A.M.)	1 Hour 20 minutes (09:30 A.M. to 10.50 A.M.)
Second	II	200	100 Questions - all compulsory (2 Marks each)	2 Hours (11.00 A.M. to 01.00 P.M.)	2 Hours 40 minutes (11.00 A.M. to 01.40 P.M.)

1. **Paper-I** shall be of general nature, intended to assess the teaching/research aptitude of the candidate. It will primarily be designed to test reasoning ability, comprehension, divergent thinking and general awareness of the candidate. The paper will consist of 50 (fifty) Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs); each question will carry 2 Marks.

2. **Paper-II** will consist of 100 objective type compulsory questions; each question carries 2 marks, which will be based on the subject selected by the Candidate.
3. There is no negative mark for wrong answers.
4. All the questions of Paper-II will be compulsory, covering the entire syllabi.
5. The candidate will have to mark the responses for questions of Paper-I and Paper-II on Optical Mark Reader (OMR) sheet which will be provided along with the test booklet.

## VI. Subjects and Syllabus of Test

Question paper for Paper-I is common for all subjects in which SET is conducted and it will be bi-lingual (English and Tamil). Paper-II of certain subjects will also be bi-lingual. All questions of Paper II will be compulsory, covering the entire syllabus of Paper-II (Including all electives, without options). Syllabi for all TN-SET 2021 subjects can be downloaded from the website [www.ugcnetonline.in](http://www.ugcnetonline.in) and [www.csirhrdg.res.in](http://www.csirhrdg.res.in)

**TN-SET office will not send the syllabus to candidates.**

The list of SET subjects along with their respective codes is as given below:

Subject Code	Subject	Medium of Question Paper*	Subject
01	<b>Geography</b>	English / Tamil	<b>Geography</b>
02	<b>Chemical Sciences</b>	English	<b>Chemical Sciences</b> (which includes): Analytical Chemistry Inorganic Chemistry Organic Chemistry Physical Chemistry Medicinal Chemistry Polymer Chemistry Applied Chemistry Nuclear Chemistry Environmental Chemistry



<b>Subject Code</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Medium of Question Paper*</b>	<b>Subject</b>
			Marine Chemistry Pharmaceutical Chemistry Bio-inorganic Chemistry Nanoscience
03	<b>Commerce</b>	English / Tamil	<b>Commerce</b>
04	<b>Computer Science and Applications</b>	English	<b>Computer Science and Applications</b>
05	<b>Economics</b>	English / Tamil	<b>Economics</b>
06	<b>Education</b>	English / Tamil	<b>Education</b>
07	<b>English</b>	English	<b>English</b>
08	<b>Earth Sciences</b>	English	<b>Earth Sciences</b> (which includes): Geology Applied Geology Geology Geophysics Marine Geology Petroleum Geology Geo-Informatics Applied Geochemistry Oceanography

<b>Subject Code</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Medium of Question Paper*</b>	<b>Subject</b>
09	<b>Life Sciences</b>	English	<b>Life Sciences</b> (which includes): Botany/Plant Science Biochemistry/Biomedical Biotechnology Genetics Microbiology Zoology Fishery Science Animal Biology Marine Biology Applied Genetics Herbal Sciences
10	<b>Journalism and Mass Communications</b>	English / Tamil	<b>Journalism and Mass Communications</b>
11	<b>Management</b>	English / Tamil	<b>Management</b>
12	<b>Hindi</b>	Hindi	<b>Hindi</b>
13	<b>History</b>	English / Tamil	<b>History</b>
14	<b>Law</b>	English / Tamil	<b>Law</b>
15	<b>Mathematical Sciences</b>	English	<b>Mathematical Sciences</b> (which Includes) Mathematics Applied Mathematics Statistics Applied Statistics Mathematics with Computer Science.

<b>Subject Code</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Medium of Question Paper*</b>	<b>Subject</b>
16	<b>Physical Sciences</b>	English	<b>Physical Sciences</b> (which includes): Applied and Molecular Physics Classical Dynamics Condensed Matter Physics Electromagnetics Experimental Design Electronics Nuclear, Space and Particle Physics Quantum Physics Thermodynamics Astronomy Astrophysics Biophysics Nanoscience
17	<b>Physical Education</b>	English / Tamil	<b>Physical Education</b>
18	<b>Philosophy</b>	English / Tamil	<b>Philosophy</b>
19	<b>Political Science</b>	English / Tamil	<b>Political Science</b>
20	<b>Psychology</b>	English	<b>Psychology</b>
21	<b>Public Administration</b>	English / Tamil	<b>Public Administration</b>
22	<b>Sociology</b>	English / Tamil	<b>Sociology</b>
23	<b>Tamil</b>	Tamil	<b>Tamil</b>

Subject Code	Subject	Medium of Question Paper*	Subject
24	Library and Information Science	English	Library and Information Science
25	Sanskrit	Sanskrit	Sanskrit
26	Social Work	English / Tamil	Social Work

Those Postgraduate students who have passed Postgraduate examination in more than one subject can appear for TN-SET 2021 examination only in one subject at a time.

\*In case of any discrepancy found in the Tamil translation of a question booklet the question in English version shall be taken as final.

#### VII. Nodal Centres of Examination

The centres where examination will be conducted in Tamil Nadu State with their respective **codes** are given below. The candidate can select any one Examination Centre for TN-SET 2021 examination.

Centre Code	Nodal Centres for TN-SET 2021
11	Chidambaram
12	Chennai
13	Coimbatore
14	Erode
15	Karaikudi
16	Madurai
17	Salem

Centre Code	Nodal Centres for TN-SET 2021
18	Thanjavur
19	Tiruchirappalli
20	Tirunelveli
21	Vellore
22	Villupuram

**NOTE :** Please note that Test Centre once selected is final and candidates will not be allowed for change of centre under any circumstances

### **VIII. How to Apply (Application has to be submitted online)**

#### **A. General Instructions**

1. The candidates must read the conditions of eligibility carefully and must satisfy themselves regarding their eligibility for the TN-SET 2021 before filling the Online Application Form.
2. Submission of Online Application is mandatory. ***Hard copies of application form will not be accepted by Annamalai University.***
3. Application Form must be complete in all respects as per the Notification.
4. Incomplete Application Forms and forms with factual errors will be summarily rejected.
5. Applications submitted on any other format will not be accepted.
6. Application submitted without the prescribed fee will be rejected.
7. Candidates are advised to carefully fill the check list page (Last page of registration process) before submitting the form.

## **B. Steps for submission of Online Application Form**

Candidate seeking admission to the TN-SET 2021 must apply online, only on the TN-SET **website**: ([www.tnsetau.in](http://www.tnsetau.in)). Before applying Online, candidates are advised to go through detailed notification available on TN-SET website.

Before start filling online application, the candidates must possess the scanned images as detailed below:

- i. Recent Passport size photograph (in JPG format, size 4 kb-30 kb) either in colour or black & white with 80% face (without mask) visible including ears against white background. The resolution of the photograph should be 100 pixels width by 120 pixels height. Candidates are advised to keep two more copies of the same photograph to paste it on the attendance sheet at the examination centre.
- ii. Signature in JPG format of minimum 4kb to 30 kb. The resolution of the scanned signature should be 140 pixels width by 60 pixels height. The candidate should put his full signature on white paper with Black Ink pen and scan for uploading.
- iii. Community Certificate in JPG format of minimum 15 kb to 50 kb (336 pixels width by 420 pixels height), if the candidates belong to other than general category.
- iv. PwD certificate issued by the competent authority in JPG format of minimum 15 kb to 50 kb (336 pixels width by 420 pixels height), if claiming the relaxation under PwD category.

**Step-1:** To register click **Registration** in the Menu and enter your email and set the password. You will receive a confirmation mail from TN-SET. **If you don't find the confirmation mail in the Inbox, check the Spam/Junk folders also. It is a one time procedure.**

**Step-2:** Click the confirmation mail which will take you to the TN-SET website.

**Step-3:** Now login with the password used for registration and complete the application form. Note down your email and password for further logins.

**Step-4:** Upload legible scanned images of (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) mentioned above

**Step-5:** Pay fee using the payment gateway integrated to the online application.

Candidates have to pay the examination fee either by credit/debit card/net banking.

**All the above 5 steps can be done together or at separate timings. However, after the final submission further corrections cannot be done.**

**The candidates are required to bring a photo identity card along with their printout of online admission card on the day of examination.**

**Please note that Fee submitted through any other mode like Money Order, Demand Draft, IPO, etc. will be summarily rejected.**

In order to avoid last minute rush, candidates are advised to apply early enough. TN-SET will not be responsible for network problems or any other problem of this nature in submission of online application during last days.

## **IX. Hall Ticket**

It may be noted that the Hall ticket will be **uploaded** on the website: [www.tnsetau.in](http://www.tnsetau.in). **Hall Ticket will not be sent to the candidates by post.** The candidates should **download** their hall ticket from the website to ascertain their venue of the Test as mentioned in the Hall Ticket and appear for the examination only at the designated examination centre. **No candidate will be allowed to appear at the examination centre other than that allotted to him/her in the Hall Ticket.**

## **X. Instructions for Examination**

1. TN-SET 2021 will be conducted through pen and paper mode (OMR based) or online.
2. The Hall Ticket must be presented for verification along with at least one original (no photocopy or scanned copy) valid identification card (for Example: Passport, PAN Card, Voter ID, Aadhaar-UID, Government Employer ID and Driving License).
3. The candidates who do not have clear photographs on the hall ticket will have to bring two passport size photographs for appearing in the Test with an undertaking.

4. Candidates will be subjected to checking to ensure that they are not carrying any electronic or any other gadget, mobile/cellular phone, tablet, pen drive, bluetooth device, watch, calculator, log table, wallet, purse, notes, chart, loose sheets or recording instruments strapped on their body or in their pockets.
5. There may not be a guaranteed security facility for safe-keeping of your valuable devices or personal belongings outside the examination hall.
6. The check-in procedure inside the test hall includes capturing candidates' photo and left thumb impression. This is a security feature which will verify your identity and also check impersonation by any candidate. Therefore, they are advised not to apply any external matters like Mehendi, Ink, etc. on their hands/foot.
7. Candidates will be allowed inside the test centre from **8:30 AM** onwards.
8. The test centre gate will be **closed at 9:00 AM. NO CANDIDATE WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE TEST CENTRE AFTER CLOSING OF THE GATE.**
9. Candidates are prohibited from communicating, consulting or conversing with other candidates in the Examination hall or causing disturbance in any manner whatsoever. Candidates are prohibited to borrow any item from other candidates in the Exam-Hall. In case of any disturbance, such candidates would be disqualified.
10. Candidates will not be permitted to leave the examination hall before the end of the examination.
11. Candidate can carry ONLY his/her hall ticket and valid identification card(s) inside the test centre, and other belongings will not be strictly allowed inside the test centre.
12. Candidates have to inform the invigilator in case of any misprint, missing pages in the question paper booklet within 5 minutes of the start of the examinations for replacement.

#### **XI. Procedures and Criteria for Declaration of Result**

**Step I:** The number of candidates to be qualified (total slots) for Eligibility for Assistant Professor shall be equal to 6% of the candidates appeared in both the papers of TN-SET.

**Step II:** The total slots shall be allocated to different categories as per the reservation policy of Government of Tamil Nadu.



Category	Percentage
OC	31%
BC	26.5%
BCM	3.5%
MBC-Vanniyakula Kshatriya	10.5%
MBC and DNC	7%
MBC	2.5%
SC	15%
SCA	3%
ST	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Step III:** In order to be considered for Eligibility for Assistant Professor the candidate must have appeared in both papers and secured at least 40% aggregate marks in both the papers taken together for OC / BC / BCM / MBC / DNC category candidates and at least 35% aggregate marks in both papers taken together for all candidates belonging to the reserved categories (viz., SC / SCA / ST / PwD/ Transgender).

**Step IV:** The number of candidates to be declared qualified in any subject for a particular category is derived as per the following methodology illustrated below:

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{Number of candidates to be} \\
 \text{declared qualified for} \\
 \text{Eligibility for Assistant} \\
 \text{Professor in the subject} \\
 \text{'Economics' for Schedule} \\
 \text{Caste (SC) category}
 \end{array}
 = \frac{\begin{array}{l} \text{Number of candidates} \\ \text{belonging to SC category} \\ \text{who secure at least 35\%} \\ \text{aggregate marks in both the} \\ \text{papers taken together for SC} \\ \text{category for 'Economics'} \end{array}}{\begin{array}{l} \text{Total number of candidates} \\ \text{belonging to SC category in} \\ \text{all subjects who secure at} \\ \text{least 35\% aggregate marks in} \\ \text{both the papers taken} \\ \text{together} \end{array}} \times \begin{array}{l} \text{Total slots derived for} \\ \text{the SC as per Step II} \end{array}$$

The aggregate percentage of the two papers corresponding to the number of slots arrived at, shall determine the qualifying cut-off for Eligibility for Assistant Professor in 'Economics' for the SC category.

Similar yardstick shall be employed for deriving the subject-wise qualifying cut-off for all categories.

It may be noted that the above qualifying criteria decided by TN-SET are final and binding.

## **XII. Clarification**

After the examination of TN-SET 2021, the answer key for all the papers will be displayed on the website: [www.tnsetau.in](http://www.tnsetau.in). Candidates can send their grievances along with documentary evidences within 15 days from the date of publication of answer keys for all the papers to [tnsetexam2021@gmail.com](mailto:tnsetexam2021@gmail.com)

After the expiry of 15 days time, no grievance regarding answer key will be entertained.

The grievances will be addressed by experts, and the final/ amended answer keys, if any, will be uploaded on the website: [www.tnsetau.in](http://www.tnsetau.in). As amended answer key given by experts is final and binding, no further clarification will be permitted.

Candidates seeking clarification have to pay a sum of **Rs.500/-** per question through online and send along with the following documents

- Print out of Online Application Form  
(Confirmation page of uploaded online application)
- Print out of Hall Ticket
- Print out of receipt for payment of fee for challenge
- Result copy (Screen Shot)
- Supporting documents (books, references, etc.,) for the claim to

**The Member Secretary (TN-SET 2021)**

**Annamalai University**

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Canvassing in any form will disqualify the candidate.

The decision of Annamalai University shall be final in all matters.

All legal disputes pertaining to this examination shall fall within the jurisdiction of Tamil Nadu Courts only.

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