

COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

(Abstract)

Ph.D Regulations, 2023 - Amendment to Clause 9.1.3 - Resolution of the Academic Council - Orders issued.

ACADEMIC B SECTION	
No.CUSAT/AC(B).B2/1147/2026	Dated,KOCHI-22,10.03.2026

- Read:-1. Ph.D Regulations, 2023 vide Notification No. Ac.B2/Ph.D. Regulations/2022 dated 05.07.2023.
2. U.O.No.CUSAT/AC(B).SO/328/2025 dated 25.01.2025
3. Short minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 23.01.2026. (Item No. 95)

ORDER

The Academic Council at its meeting held on 23.01.2026, vide minutes item read as (3) above, considered, along with the recommendation of its Standing Committee the proposal submitted by Dr. Shery Fernandez, Professor & Head, Department of Mathematics, and resolved to amend the existing Clause 9.1.3: Eligibility for Interview (Exemption from DAT) of CUSAT Ph.D admission criteria, as detailed below:

Existing Clause of 9.1.3	Amended clause of 9.1.3
An Academic Department may admit candidates who have qualified NET conducted on behalf of UGC in relevant/concerned subject areas decided by the Research Committee of the Academic Unit of Research concerned. Only those candidates who have qualified under Category-2 i.e. Appointment as Assistant Professor and Admission to Ph.D. OR Category-3 i.e. Admission to Ph.D. only, of UGC-NET, will be eligible to be called for interview. The marks obtained in the NET by the candidates will be valid for a period of one year from the date of declaration of the results	An Academic Department shall admit candidates who have qualified NET conducted on behalf of UGC in relevant/concerned subject areas approved by the Research Committee of the Academic Unit of research concerned. Such candidates are exempted from appearing the Departmental Admission Test (DAT) and shall be called directly for the interview. 9.1.3 (i): Eligibility for Interview (Exempt from Validity Limit) Candidates who have qualified for UGC-NET (prior to June 2024) shall be eligible to be called for the interview. The validity of their qualification for PhD admission under this clause is not subject to a one-year limit

of UGC-NET.	one year limit. 9.1.3 (ii): Eligibility for Interview (Subject to one-year validity) Candidates who have qualified for UGC-NET (Category-2 & Category-3) (June 2024 onwards) shall be eligible to be called for the interview. The validity of the NET marks for these Categories shall remain one-year from the date of result declaration.
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Considering the above the Vice Chanellor has ordered to consider the period of validity of NET certificate be taken as the validity for the candidates who have qualified for UGC-NET (Category-2 & Category-3) (June 2024 onwards) mentioned in 9.1.3(ii), subject to ratification by the Academic Council."

Accordingly orders are issued communicating the amendments made to the existing Clause 9.1.3: Eligibility for Interview (Exemption from DAT) of CUSAT Ph.D admission criteria by incorporaitng the modification suggested by the Vice-Chanellor as follows:

Existing Clause of 9.1.3	Amended clause of 9.1.3
An Academic Department may admit candidates who have qualified NET conducted on behalf of UGC in relevant/concerned subject areas decided by the Research Committee of the Academic Unit of Research concerned. Only those candidates who have qualified under Category-2 i.e. Appointment as Assistant Professor and Admission to Ph.D. OR Category-3 i.e. Admission to Ph.D. only, of UGC-NET, will be eligible to be called for interview. The marks obtained in the NET by the candidates will be valid for a period of one year from the date of declaration of the results of UGC-NET.	An Academic Department shall admit candidates who have qualified NET conducted on behalf of UGC in relevant/concerned subject areas approved by the Research Committee of the Academic Unit of research concerned. Such candidates are exempted from appearing the Departmental Admission Test (DAT) and shall be called directly for the interview. 9.1.3 (i): Eligibility for Interview (Exempt from Validity Limit) Candidates who have qualified for UGC-NET (prior to June 2024) shall be eligible to be called for the interview. The validity of their qualification for PhD admission under this clause is not subject to a one-year limit. 9.1.3 (ii): Eligibility for Interview (Subject to one-year validity)

Candidates who have qualified for UGC-NET (Category-2 & Category-3) (June 2024 onwards) shall be eligible to be called for the interview. The period of validity of the NET certificate shall be the validity of the NET marks for these Categories.
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Orders are issued accordingly.

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Registrar

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