



APICET-2021



ANDHRA PRADESH INTEGRATED COMMON ENTRANCE TEST FOR ADMISSION INTO
MBA & MCA

(CONDUCTED BY ANDHRA UNIVERSITY ON BEHALF OF APSCH)

INSTRUCTION BOOKLET

**REGISTRATION FEE FOR ONLINE TEST IS RS. 650/- for OC, RS. 600/- for BC
AND RS. 550/- for SC/ST CANDIDATES**

IMPORTANT DATES

1	Date of Notification in the News Papers	13-07-2021	Tuesday
2	Commencement of submission of Online applications	15-07-2021	Thursday
3	Last date for registration & submission of online application without late fee	14-08-2021	Saturday
4	Last date for submission of online applications with late fee (Rs. 2000/- + Registration Fee)	28-08-2021	Saturday
5	Last date for submission of online applications with late fee (Rs. 3000/- + Registration Fee)	05-09-2021	Sunday
6	Last date for submission of online applications with late fee (Rs. 5000/- + Registration Fee)	13-09-2021	Monday
7	Corrections to be made, if any to submitted online applications	08-09-2021 to 10-09-2021	Wednesday to Friday
8	Downloading of Hall-tickets from the website	13-09-2021 onwards	Monday
9	Examination dates	17-09-2021 & 18-09-2021	Friday & Saturday
10	Examination timings	09.00 am to 11.30 am & 03.00 pm to 05.30 pm	
11	Release of Preliminary Key	20-09-2021 (6.00 PM)	Monday
12	Last Date for receiving of objections on Preliminary Key	22-09-2021 (6.00 PM)	Wednesday
13	Declaration of Results	30-09-2021	Thursday

Introduction:

Andhra Pradesh Integrated Common Entrance Test (APICET-2021) is conducted by Andhra University, Visakhapatnam on behalf of A.P. State Council of Higher Education for admission into

- First year of Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Master of Computer Applications (MCA)

in University constituent and affiliated colleges for the academic year 2021-22.

Eligibility to appear for APICET-2021:

- a) The candidates should be Indian Nationals and should satisfy local/non-local status requirements laid down in the Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulations of Admission) Order, 1974 as amended.
- b) The candidates shall satisfy the rules of the concerned universities where they take admission.
- c) The candidates seeking admission –
 - Should have studied and passed 3 year Degree course in any faculty conducted by the Universities or its equivalent Degree Examination in 10 + 2 + 3 pattern as recognized by U.G.C. (University Grants Commission). **For recognized universities please log on to https://www.ugc.ac.in/recog_College.aspx for degrees / Universities permitted by distance education bureau, please log on to <https://www.ugc.ac.in/deb> and follow the link Recognition information.**
 - **MBA** – Degree of 3 years duration from any recognized University or its equivalent.
 - **MCA** – Degree of 3 years duration with “Mathematics” as one of the subject at **Intermediate or Degree level.**

Note: Candidate who passed all the subjects of the three years of any Degree course in one sitting is not eligible for admission into MBA or MCA Course.

- Candidate with aggregate marks of 50% (45% in case of reserved categories – SC, ST and BC) are alone eligible to take admission through APICET.
- Candidates shall fulfil the eligibility criteria laid down in relevant Government Orders in vogue at the time of admissions.
- The qualifying Degree obtained by Distance Mode Program should have recognition by Joint Committee of UGC, AICTE and DEC/DEB.
- The candidates who are appearing for the final year degree examination shall also be eligible to appear for APICET-2021.

Applying for APIET-2021:

- The candidates who satisfy eligibility criteria stated above can apply for APICET-2021 by filling an application online through web site <https://sche.ap.gov.in/icet>. Detailed Information for filling the online application is given in user manual available in the portal.
- The schedule of receiving application is given on the first page under “Important Dates”.
- The test is scheduled to be conducted in the following centers and the candidates can choose centers listed in any two districts.

District	Locations
ANANTAPUR	Anantapur, Gooty, Hindupur, Puttapathi, Tadipatri
CHITTOOR	Chittoor, Madanapalle, Puttur, Tirupathi
EAST GODAVARI	Kakinada, Rajamahendravaram, Amalapuram
GUNTUR	Guntur, Narasaraopeta, Bapatla
HYDERABAD	LB Nagar, Nacharam, Secunderabad
KRISHNA	Gudlavalleru, Mylavaram, Vijayawada, Machilipatnam, Tirvuru
KURNOOL	Kurnool, Nandyal, Yemmiganur
PRAKASAM	Chirala, Markapuram, Ongole
SRIPOTTISRIRAMULU NELLORE	Gudur, Kavali, Nellore
SRIKAKULAM	Rajam, Srikakulam, Tekkali
VISAKHAPATNAM	Anakapalli, Anandapuram, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam City
VIZIANAGARAM	Bobbili, Vizianagaram
WEST GODAVARI	Bhimavaram, Eluru, Narasapuram, Tadepalligudem
YSR KADAPA	Kadapa, Proddatur, Rajampeta

- **However, Convener reserves the right to allot candidates to any other center(s) in unavoidable circumstances.**
- **The test will be conducted during 17-09-2021 & 18-09-2021 in two sessions from 09.00 AM to 11.30 AM & 03.00 PM to 05.30 PM. Candidates applied for the test can be allotted to any of the two sessions.**
- **MEDIUM OF TEST: English only for Section-B and English & Telugu for Section-A & Section-C of the question paper.**

About APICET-2021:

GENERAL INFORMATION: The test is designed to measure the candidate's ability to think systematically, to use the verbal & mathematical skills and to assess his/her aptitude for admission into MBA/MCA programme. The test emphasizes accuracy. Therefore, the candidate is required to go through the instructions carefully. This is an objective type test and the questions are of multiple choice. Out of the given options, the candidate has to choose the correct answer.

PATTERN OF THE TEST: The test consists of 200 questions of one mark each in the following topics.

Details	No. of Questions	Remarks
Section-A: Analytical Ability		DURATION OF THE TEST 150 MINUTES
(i) Data Sufficiency	20	
(ii) Problem Solving	55	
Section-B: Communication Ability		
(i) Vocabulary	15	
(ii) Business and Computer Terminology	15	
(iii) Functional Grammar	20	
(iv) Reading Comprehension	20	
Section-C: Mathematical Ability		
(i) Arithmetical Ability	35	
(ii) Algebraical and Geometrical Ability	10	
(iii) Statistical Ability	10	
TOTAL	200 MARKS	

SYLLABUS CONTENT OF THE TEST:

Section-A: Analytical Ability:

1. Data Sufficiency: A question is given followed by data in the form of two statements labeled as (i) and (ii). If the data given in (i) alone is sufficient to answer the question then choice (1) is the correct answer. If the data given in (ii) alone is sufficient to answer the question then choice (2) is the correct answer. If both (i) and (ii) put together are sufficient to answer the question but neither statement alone is sufficient, then choice (3) is the correct answer. If both (i) and (ii) put together are not sufficient to answer the question and additional data is needed, then choice (4) is the correct answer.

2. Problem Solving

a) Sequences and Series: Analogies of numbers and alphabet, completion of blank spaces following the pattern in a:b::c:d relationship; odd thing out: missing number in a sequence or a series.

b) Data Analysis: The data given in a Table, Graph, Bar diagram, Pie Chart, Venn Diagram or a Passage is to be analyzed and the questions pertaining to the data are to be answered.

c) Coding and Decoding Problems: A code pattern of English Alphabet is given. A given word or a group of letters are to be coded or decoded based on the given code or codes.

d) Date, Time & Arrangement Problems: Calendar problems, clock problems, blood relationships, arrivals, departures and schedules, seating arrangements, symbol and notation interpretation.

Section-B: Communication Ability:

Objectives of the Test:

Candidates will be assessed on the ability to:

1. Identify vocabulary used in the day-to-day communication.
2. Understand the functional use of grammar in day-to-day communication as well as in the business contexts.
3. Identify the basic terminology and concepts in computer and business contexts (letters, reports, memoranda, agenda, minutes etc.).
4. Understand written text and drawing inferences.

Part 1: Vocabulary

Part 2: Business and Computer terminology

Part 3: Functional Grammar

Part 4: Reading Comprehension (3 Passages)

Section -C: Mathematical Ability

I. Arithmetical Ability:

Laws of indices, ratio and proportion; surds; numbers and divisibility, l.c.m. and g.c.d; Rational numbers, Ordering; Percentages; Profit and loss; Partnership, Pipes and cisterns, time, distance and work problems, areas and volumes, mensuration, modular arithmetic.

II. Algebraical and Geometrical Ability:

Statements, Truth tables, implication converse and inverse, Tautologies-Sets, Relations and functions, applications - Equation of a line in different forms.

Trigonometry - Trigonometric ratios, Trigonometric ratios of standard angles, (0° , 30° , 45° , 60° , 90° , 180°): Trigonometric identities: sample problems on heights and distances, Polynomials; Remainder theorem and consequences; Linear equations and expressions; Progressions, Binomial Theorem, Matrices, Notion of a limit and derivative; Plane geometry - lines, Triangles, Quadrilaterals, Circles, Coordinate geometry-distance between points.

III. Statistical Ability:

Frequency distributions, Mean, Median, Mode, Standard Deviation, Correlation, simple problems on Probability.

PREPARATION OF MERIT LIST AND ASSIGNING OF RANK IN APICET-2021:

- The candidates who have secured 25% qualifying marks in APICET (50 out of 200) and candidates belonging to the category of SC and ST to whom qualifying marks have not been prescribed, shall be assigned the rank in the order of the merit on the basis of marks obtained in ICET.
- For the preparation of merit list, in case more than one student scoring the same marks at APICET, the tie will be resolved as follows:
 - i) By considering the marks scored in Section-A
 - ii) If the tie persists, marks obtained by a student in Section-B will be taken into consideration.
 - iii) If the tie still persists, the tie will be resolved by taking into account age of the candidate giving the older candidate priority.
- Merit rank obtained in APICET-2021 is valid for admission in the academic year 2021-22 in the colleges located in the state of Andhra Pradesh.
- All disputes arising out of any matter concerning APICET-2021 shall be subject to the jurisdiction of High Court of AP, Amaravati only, in such disputes, only the Convener, APICET-2021 and the Secretary, APSICHE can be impleaded as respondents.

NORMALIZATION OF SCORES

- APICET-2021 is being conducted in two sessions based on the same syllabus, same pattern for candidates having same eligibility criteria. A candidate will be eligible to appear only in one session. Since the question paper will be different for each session, there is a possibility that the candidates compare themselves about the variation in the difficulty level of questions. However, it may be noted that utmost care will be taken so that all the papers are of same standard. Further, it is decided to adopt a normalization process to eliminate any such variations in the difficulty level of various sessions.
- **What is Normalization?**

Normalization, as used in Indian context, is a process for ensuring the students neither advantaged nor disadvantaged by the difficulty of examinations conducted in multiple sessions. This process is based on a simple formula which has been adopted as recommended by the experts from reputed educational institutions at all National level and Universities level. The process is being implemented in other all India / Nationwide entrance tests for admission into undergraduate and graduate professional courses. Normalization process ranks all the candidates across all sessions on a comparative scale. In any normalization process, the marks of the easier session may be reduced marginally and the marks of the harder paper may increase marginally on the global

level, depending on the average performance in each session. If there is no much difference in the averages between two sessions then there won't be much difference in the normalized marks as well. Normalizing marks would justify the candidates while protecting their actual performance.

APICET marks Normalization Process:

- The main aim of the normalization is to justify the candidates who got a difficult paper compared to an easier paper. Hence, the task is to rationalize in a best possible sense and rank the candidates based on the global performance. Various national level examination bodies like CAT, JEE (Main), GATE etc. are currently adopting such normalization procedures. Correspondingly, Committee on normalization has deliberated extensively and decided to use the following normalization procedure.
- **SMS:** (Average + Standard Deviation) of the session in which the candidate belongs to
- **GMS:** (Average + Standard Deviation) of all the candidates across all sessions together
- **Top Average Session:** Average marks of the top 0.1% of the candidates in the session in which the candidate belongs to
- **Top Average Global:** Average marks of the top 0.1% of all the candidates across all sessions together

Notes:

- For the candidates for whom there is no qualifying cut off in APICET-2021, if the marks in APICET-2021 after normalization go below zero (negative), the total marks are treated as zero and the ranks are assigned based on those marks. If tie persists, then APICET-2021 normalization marks will be considered for breaking the tie.
- **Demonstration with a sample data:**
- The following is based on a sample data to explain the normalization process. The data is based on almost equal number of candidates in both sessions. The normalization is shown subject wise so that the students get benefit based on subject wise performance rather than the entire paper in a session.
- **Averages and Standard Deviations in a particular session and averages of top 0.1% candidates of a particular session, Global Average and Standard Deviations of all sessions together, Averages of top 0.1% candidates in all sessions is given in Table 1. Example data of normalized marks is shown in Table 2 to Table 4.**

Table 1(a): Averages and Standard Deviations of sample data

APICET-2015		SECTION-A	SECTION-B	SECTION-C
Session 1	Avg	26.65834	22.34934	15.44961
	Std_Dev	7.461171	5.216657	5.273303
	Top 0.1% Avg	57.41935	52.70968	30.90323
Session 2	Avg	26.65963	22.2985	15.49653
	Std_Dev	7.474945	5.223414	5.279516
	Top 0.1% Avg	57.45161	52.90323	30.25806
All sessions together	Global_Avg	26.65995	22.32527	15.4738
	Global_Std_Dev	7.469925	5.22558	5.277921
	Top 0.1% Global_Avg	57.4375	53.20313	30.82813

Table 1(b): Averages and Standard Deviations of sample data

APICET-2016		SECTION-A	SECTION-B	SECTION-C
Session 1	Avg	26.20269	20.39462	15.45065
	Std_Dev	6.553433	4.327934	5.063855
	Top 0.1% Avg	54.40741	38.92593	30.25926
Session 2	Avg	26.1996	20.39817	15.44583
	Std_Dev	6.549082	4.355253	5.050875
	Top 0.1% Avg	52.75	40.64286	29.17857
All sessions together	Global_Avg	26.20068	20.39603	15.44796
	Global_Std_Dev	6.55207	4.342383	5.057699
	Top 0.1% Global_Avg	53.375	39.73214	29.82143

Table 2: Example of Normalized marks in Session 1:

Candidate	Marks	SECTION-A	SECTION-B	SECTION-C	Total
C1	Actual Marks	0	0	0	0
	Normalized Marks	-4.6	-1.407	-1.49	-7.498
C2	Actual Marks	8	3	5	16
	Normalized Marks	3.857	1.682	3.845	9.385
C3	Actual Marks	61	16	25	102
	Normalized Marks	59.89	15.07	25.19	100.1
C4	Actual Marks	76	36	38	150
	Normalized Marks	75.75	35.67	39.06	150.5

Table 3: Example of Normalized marks in Session 2:

Candidate	Marks	Maths	Physics	Chemistry	Total
C1	Actual Marks	1	3	4	8
	Normalized Marks	-3.74	1.595	2.595	0.451
C2	Actual Marks	14	9	2	25
	Normalized Marks	9.932	7.771	0.464	18.17
C3	Actual Marks	48	24	33	105
	Normalized Marks	45.69	23.21	33.49	102.4
C4	Actual Marks	78	38	39	155
	Normalized Marks	77.24	37.62	39.88	154.7

Table 4: Example of Normalized marks in Session 3:

Candidate	Marks	Maths	Physics	Chemistry	Total
C1	Actual Marks	0	0	0	0
	Normalized Marks	2.634	0.622	0.957	4.21
C2	Actual Marks	10	5	1	16
	Normalized Marks	12.81	5.83	1.926	20.6
C3	Actual Marks	50	17	31	98
	Normalized Marks	53.52	18.33	30.99	103
C4	Actual Marks	74	39	38	151
	Normalized Marks	77.94	41.24	37.77	157

Table 5: Example of Normalized marks in Session 4:

Candidate	Marks	Maths	Physics	Chemistry	Total
C1	Actual Marks	4	1	2	7
	Normalized Marks	6.457	1.97	2.935	11.4
C2	Actual Marks	19	7	9	35
	Normalized Marks	21.75	8.018	9.641	39.4
C3	Actual Marks	13	6	16	35
	Normalized Marks	15.63	7.01	16.35	39
C4	Actual Marks	67	9	24	100
	Normalized Marks	70.69	10.03	24.01	105
C5	Actual Marks	57	8	35	100
	Normalized Marks	60.49	9.025	34.55	104
C6	Actual Marks	80	38	40	158
	Normalized Marks	83.94	39.26	39.34	163

GENERAL INFORMATION / INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The Convener or / and the Common Entrance Test Committee reserve the right to reject the application of a candidate at any stage, if A) the application is incomplete. B) the candidate fails to satisfy the prescribed eligibility conditions. C) False or incorrect information is furnished.
2. Any change whatsoever, including that of caste/community status or category, shall not be permitted to be made in the filled in application once it is submitted to the Convener. No correspondence will be entertained in this regard.
3. The Convener is not responsible for the non-submission of application by the notified date and time for any reason whatsoever.
4. The Candidate should preserve the hall ticket to produce it at the time of test and later at the time of entry into the course.
5. Applicants should download hall tickets from website <https://sche.ap.gov.in/icet> only.
6. The appearance at APICET-2021 does not entitle any candidate to be considered for entry into the course automatically.
7. The rank obtained with the benefit of relaxation of minimum qualifying marks at the APICET-2021 by any candidate, claiming to belong to SC/ST category, will be cancelled in case the claim is found to be invalid or at any point of time.
8. The selection of candidates and allotment to colleges will be on the basis of rank obtained at the Common Entrance Test and other conditions laid down.
9. Candidate will not be permitted into the exam hall after the scheduled time on the date of entrance test.
10. **Candidates are advised to practice the mock tests placed in the website** and familiarize with the mode of attempting the online test.