

NOTIFICATION

Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET) - 2025

Online Applications are invited by the Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Women's University, Mumbai from eligible candidates for admission to Ph.D. programme in the University Departments & Recognized Research Centres / Institutes.

Candidate shall be admitted to Ph.D. programme through two stage process:-

- Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET), which shall be a qualifying test. The Entrance Examination will be of 100 marks with multiple choice type questions.
- Personal Interview of candidates qualifying in Entrance Test/Candidates exempted from Entrance Test, to be conducted as per procedure prescribed in due course.
- The merit list of the selected candidates will be made available on the website of the University. All eligible candidates who are qualified through the written test or are exempted from it will be required to appear and clear the interview at 50% passing criteria. Separate passing is required in written test and the interview. For Reserve Category candidates passing criteria is 45%.

A. Ph.D. Online Entrance Test will be conducted in 2 parts (MCQ pattern)

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| 1. Research Methodology (Paper I) | : | 50 Marks |
| 2. Subject Specific (Paper II) | : | 50 Marks |

Total	:	100 Marks
Total no. of questions	:	100

- All questions shall be with multiple choices, each correct answer carries 1 Mark. No negative marking system.
- No separate certificate of result will be issued by the University. Marks scored in online PET – 2025 examination will not be displayed on website.
- The Entrance Test for Ph.D. programme will be conducted online proctored mode.

➤ **Schedule of Entrance Test:**

1. **Date of online Ph.D. Entrance Test** : **03.07.2025**
2. **Commencement of filling online applications** : **10.06.2025**
3. **Last date of filling online applications** : **23.06.2025**
4. **Publication of result on the University website** : **05.07.2025**

➤ **Duration & Timing of Entrance Test – MCQ Pattern**

- Research Methodology (Paper – I) :** **50 marks – 1 hour from Login Time**
Subject Specific (Paper – II) : **50 Marks - 1 hour from Login Time**

Login Time for Research Methodology : 11:00 a.m. to 01:00 p.m. only

Login Time for Subject Specific : 02:00 p.m. to 04:00 p.m. only

It should be noted that student will get 1 hour after LOGIN for both the papers separately.

- Standard of passing : General Category : 50% marks
Reserved Category : 45% marks
- Passing marks in each paper independently is 50%. A relaxation of 5% of total marks from 50% to 45% will be allowed, where ever required

B. Eligibility for admission to Ph.D. programme:

Kindly follow : <https://www.sndt.ac.in/pdf/courses/phd/2023/phd-degree-regulations-2022.pdf> – Page no. 05 and Point no. 2.

- Eligibility Criteria for General Category : 55 %
Reserved Category : 50 %
- i. Qualification of CA/CS/ICWA shall not be treated as Post-Graduate qualifications in the Faculty of Commerce & Management.

C. Exemption from appearing in Ph.D. Entrance Test:

The Candidates fulfilling at least one of the following conditions will be exempted from Entrance Test:

- i. Candidates qualified in UGC-NET/**NET-LS**/SET(Maharashtra)/GATE – (**valid Score**) /JRF/GPAT examination of apex bodies such as CSIR/ ICAR/ ICMR/UGC/**DET/CEE**, AICTE and **similar National Level Tests** will be exempted from the Entrance Test but will be required to appear for personal interview at the respective departments.

- ii. Candidates who have completed M.Phil Programme with 55% of marks in a relevant/allied discipline(s) from a UGC recognized University/ Institute will be exempted from the Entrance Test but will be required to appear for personal interview at the respective departments. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

D. FEES :

- i. For Appearing in PET Entrance Test:
For General Category- Rs. 500/-
For Reservation Category – Rs. 350/-
- ii. Exempted from appearing Entrance Test:
For General Category – Rs. 500/-
For Reservation Category – Rs. 350/-

Mode of payment : Payment method using online payment.

You will receive a link for payment on your registered mobile number. The payment has to be done within 24 hours after submission of a form.

E. INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING ONLINE PET APPLICATION FORM

Before filling the online application, please check the **vacant positions** for admission displayed on University Website.

❖ **Required documents: Candidate shall upload following documents along with Online Application:**

- ✓ Scanned copy of Statement of Marks of Master's Degree Programme (both front and back side) and Master's Degree Certificate. (Result awaiting candidates – Statement of Marks should be submitted at the time of personal interview).
- ✓ Scanned copy of the Caste Certificate with Caste validity in case of Reserved Category Candidates (if applicable).
- ✓ **Scanned copy of the Non-Creamy Layer Certificate (Valid till March – 2026)** in case of Reserved Category Candidates (if applicable), is required to be submitted.

- ✓ Scanned copy of the Medical Certificate issued by Civil Surgeon in case of persons with Disabilities (P.H.) candidates (if applicable).
- ✓ Scanned copy of certificate issued by Divisional Deputy Commissioner, Women & Child Development Department, Government of Maharashtra for Orphan candidates (if applicable)
- ❖ **Required documents for exemption from written test: Candidate shall upload following documents along with Online Application:**
 - ✓ Scanned copy of - UGC-NET/NET – LS/SET(Maharashtra)/GATE – (valid Score) /JRF/GPAT examination of apex bodies such as CSIR/ ICAR/ ICMR/UGC/DET, AICTE and similar national level tests qualified certificate.
 - ✓ Scanned copy of M. Phil. Marksheet and Degree Certificate.
- ❖ **General Instructions for all candidates :**
 - i. Candidates who are in the final year of the qualifying examination of the course are allowed to apply for the PET. However, the admission of such candidates is subject to their passing the qualifying examination.
 - ii. Candidate willing to appear for more than one subject / specialization shall submit separate forms with requisite fees. Such eligible candidates has to manage to attend both the papers of those subject compulsorily. It means Paper I and Paper II and interview need to be attempted separately as per subject / specialization (As per passing criteria). **Candidates qualifying in PET for multiple subjects can pursue Ph.D. admission in only one subject.**
 - iii. Candidates who are applying for PET-2025, will be received an email only after their successful and correct submission.
 - iv. In case of any grievance or disputes the decision of the University shall be final and binding on all.
 - v. Admission to any program does not guarantee hostel facility or any kind of financial support in any form like Scholarship, fellowship, Earn and Learn etc. The University has independent procedures for offering such benefits.
 - vi. It is the responsibility of the applicant to fulfill the eligibility conditions and comply with the admission requirements. If at any stage that a false claim has been made by the candidate or the important material facts have been concealed

and / or the candidate is not eligible, her candidature shall be liable for cancellation at any stage.

- vii. Candidates are NOT required to submit printout of applications/documents to the University after online submission of application. However, these documents are to be submitted at the time of personal interview.
- viii. Incomplete applications/applications without uploading required documents/applications submitted after the due date **will be rejected** without assigning any reason and no correspondence will be entertained by the University in this regard.

Candidates who uploads blank documents/ unclear documents / non readable documents will not be communicated separately by the University. Such applications will be rejected directly by the scrutiny committee.

- ix. No request for the change in any information submitted in the online form will be entertained by the University.
- x. Changes in reservation due to policy decisions of the government from time to time will be applicable.
- xi. Candidates from reserved category from other than Maharashtra State shall be treated as **OPEN**.
- xii. Admission is provisional subject to conditions on fulfilling eligibility criteria and concerned committee approval.
- xiii. Vacancy positions for Ph.D. are likely to be changed.
- xiv. Admissions are completely depend upon an availability of Research Department and Research Guide.
- xv. The online link for submitting PET application will be **closed at midnight of 23.06.2025. No request will be entertained thereafter.**
- xvi. Instead of Hall Ticket an Email will be sent on your registered Email ID's to all eligible candidates, who have applied for PET-2025.
- xvii. The Ph.D. Entrance Test will be conducted in English and as per the mediums available for that subject for all four faculties except for subject Marathi, Hindi, Gujarati etc.

- xviii. Fees once paid will not be refunded in any case.
- xix. Candidates are advised to refer the University website www.sndt.ac.in for all types of information. **No personal communication will be sent to candidates.**
- xx. PET will be an eligibility condition to apply for an admission to a Ph.D. Programme. However, it shall not ensure such an admission for Ph.D. as the case may be.
- xxi. Revaluation and Photocopy facility for PET is not allowed and request for the same will not be accepted.
- xxii. The documents provided by the candidates along with PET examination application should be submitted by the candidates at the time of Interview. If the said documents are not submitted the admission will be considered as cancelled.
- xxiii. Admission will be confirmed after verification of original documents by the concerned Research Department.
- xxiv. The online exam of PET- 2025 will be in jurisdiction of SNDT Women's University only.
- xxv. Candidates are requested to follow NET syllabus incase if PET syllabus is not updated on SNDT Women's University website.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sanjay Nerkar'.

Place: Mumbai

Date: 09.06.2025

(Dr. Sanjay Nerkar)
Director,
Board of Examinations and Evaluation