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ICMR—VECTOR CONTROL RESEARCH CENTRE
Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India
Indira Nagar, Puducherry 605 006.

ADMISSION NOTICE - M.Sc., Public Health Entomology (PHE)
[Affiliated to Pondicherry University]
(Academic year 2025-27)

A two-year Post-Graduate course on Public Health Entomology (M. Sc., PHE) is offered by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) – Vector Control Research Centre (VCRC) affiliated to the Pondicherry University, Puducherry.

Applications are invited in the prescribed format (downloadable from the ICMR-VCRC website <https://vcrc.icmr.org.in> and ICMR website <https://www.icmr.gov.in/> for admission to the above mentioned course.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION

Candidates who have obtained a Bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences (Biology/Agriculture/Biotechnology/Microbiology/Life Science) with Zoology as a major or allied subject or Entomology as one of the Subjects from a University recognized by the Pondicherry University, Puducherry.

Those who are appearing for the Under-Graduate final examinations/waiting for the results of the above courses can also apply. However, they need to produce evidence for the successful completion of the course with provisional/degree certificate fulfilling the eligibility criteria at the time of admission.

Government employed In-service candidates with age 45 or below either in Centre or State Health Department should have passed the Degree examination in any of the above mentioned disciplines from a University recognized by the Pondicherry University, Puducherry. The candidates should send their application with a "**No Objection Certificate**" and "**Certificate of Sponsorship**" (approved study leave with salary) from their Employer.

Total No. OF SEATS: 20

- 18 seats for Open General - General 40.5%, OBC 27%, EWS 10%, SC 15% & ST 7.5%.
(OBC - Other Backward Classes, EWS - Economically Weaker Section, SC - Scheduled Caste, ST - Scheduled Tribe)
- 2 seats for In-Service (If not filled by In-Service, the seats will be considered as Open General).

METHOD OF SELECTION

Selection of the open general candidates will be based on the performance in the Common Entrance Test (CET). The CET will be conducted only in Puducherry by VCRC. The duration of the exam is two-hours. There will be negative marking of 0.25 for each wrong answer.

STIPEND

Candidates selected through CET, will be paid a monthly stipend of Rs. 10,000/- for two years. In-Service candidates will not be paid any stipend.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The envelope containing the dully filled-in application form should be labelled as: "**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO M.Sc., PHE 2025-27**" and should be sent by Speed Post to: **The Director, ICMR-Vector Control Research Centre, Medical Complex, Indira Nagar, Puducherry-605 006.**

Applications should be accompanied by (i) a Demand Draft to the value of Rs. 500/- for GEN/OBC/EWS candidates; Rs. 250/- for SC/ST candidates towards application fee, drawn in favour of "**The Director, ICMR-Vector Control Research Centre**", payable at Puducherry. The application fee is not refundable.

For more details, including the fee structure, please see the [prospectus](#). Incomplete application in any respect will be rejected and no communication in this regard will be entertained.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT TENTATIVE DATES:

Last date for submission of filled-in application: 10th October, 2025

- i. Date of Common Entrance Test: 2nd November, 2025
- ii. Declaration of Results: 10th November, 2025
- iii. Admission: 11th – 17th November, 2025
- iv. Commencement of Classes: 19th November, 2025

Candidates are required to familiarize themselves with the rules and regulations of the Pondicherry University (<https://www.pondiuni.edu.in/>).

Note: 'ICMR-VCRC reserves the right to cancel the admission process for 2025-26 due to administrative reasons'.

DIRECTOR