

RESERVATION CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO PROFESSIONAL COURSES AS PER KARNATAKA STATE (KEA) GUIDELINES

Medical, Dental, AYUSH, Engineering, Architecture, Bachelor of Naturopathy (BNYS), B.Sc. (Nursing), Bachelor of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry (B.V.Sc. & A.H.), Farm Science courses i.e., [i.e., B.Sc. (Hons) Agriculture, B.Sc. (Hons) Sericulture, B.Sc. (Hons) Horticulture, B.Sc (Hons) Forestry, B.Sc.(Hons) Community Science, B.Tech (Agricultural Engineering), B.Tech (Food Technology), B.Tech (D. Tech), B.F.Sc (Fisheries), B.Sc. (Hons) Agri. Business Management] B. Pharma, Pharma etc courses.

SL NO	CATEGORY	ABBREVIATIONS	RESERVATION CRITERIA (MEDICAL "G" CATEGORY)	Govt. Seat
1	1G		These candidates will have to produce their caste certificate or income certificate issued by the concerned Jurisdictional Tahsildar. 1) Form 'E' is required in the case of Category-I.	
2	1H	Category - 1 - Hyderabad Karnataka [Kalyana Karnataka Region (371(j)) KK (HK)]	* The part of the State called the Hyderabad-Karnataka Region comprising the districts of Bidar, Gulbarga, Yadgir, Raichur, Koppal and Bellary shall be regarded as the local area. *Candidates must possess a Hyderabad-Karnataka Domicile Certificate or Article 371(J) Certificate, issued by the Karnataka government	
3	1K	Category - 1- Kannada Medium	To become eligible for reservation in this category candidates must have studied in Kannada Medium from Class 1 to 10.	
4	1KH	Category - 1- Kannada Medium Hyderabad Karnataka	*The districts of Gulbarga (Kalaburagi), Bidar, Raichur, Yadgir, Koppal, and Bellary are part of this region. And students need to provide a Kannada Medium Study Certificate from 1st to 10th standard. *Candidates must possess a Hyderabad-Karnataka Domicile Certificate or Article 371(J) Certificate, issued by the Karnataka government	
5	1R	Category - 1- Rural	The eligibility criteria for this reservation is that candidates should have completed 10 years of basic education in rural areas or in small urban areas or either in the transitional areas	
6	1RH	Category - 1- Rural Hyderabad Karnataka	* Candidates need to submit a study certificate proving they have studied in a rural area comprising Gulbarga, Bidar, Raichur, and Yadgir districts from class 1 to 10. *Candidates must possess a Hyderabad-Karnataka Domicile Certificate or Article 371(J) Certificate, issued by the Karnataka government	
7	2AG	Category - 2A - General	These candidates will have to produce their caste certificate or income certificate issued by the concerned Jurisdictional Tahsildar. 1) Form 'F' is required in the case of OBC like 2A, 2B, 3A and 3B.	
8	2AH	Category - 2A Hyderabad Karnataka	*Category 2A refers to a reservation category for socially and educationally backward classes. *Caste/Caste Income Certificate: Issued by the concerned Tahasildar in Form F for Category 2A. *Candidates must possess a Hyderabad-Karnataka Domicile Certificate or Article 371(J) Certificate, issued by the Karnataka government	
9	2AK	Category - 2A - Kannada Medium	To become eligible for reservation in this category candidates must have studied in Kannada Medium from Class 1 to 10. *Caste/Caste Income Certificate: Issued by the concerned Tahasildar in Form F for Category 2A.	
10	2AKH	Category - 2A - Kannada Medium Hyderabad Karnataka	*Candidates must possess a Hyderabad-Karnataka Domicile Certificate or Article 371(J) Certificate, issued by the Karnataka government. *And students need to provide a Kannada Medium Study Certificate from 1st to 10th standard.	
11	2AR	Category - 2A - Rural	The eligibility criteria for this reservation is that candidates should have completed 10 years of basic education in rural areas or in small urban areas or either in the transitional areas.	
12	2ARH	Category - 2A - Rural Hyderabad Karnataka	*Caste/Caste Income Certificate: Issued by the concerned Tahasildar in Form F for Category 2A. *Candidates must possess a Hyderabad-Karnataka Domicile Certificate or Article 371(J) Certificate, issued by the Karnataka government *Rural Study Certificate, showing they have studied from Class 1 to 10 in a rural area for a total of ten complete years.	

13	2BG	Category - 2B - General	These candidates will have to produce their caste certificate or income certificate issued by the concerned Jurisdictional Tahsildar. 1) Form 'F' is required in the case of OBC like 2A, 2B, 3A and 3B.
14	2BH	Category - 2B Hyderabad Karnataka	Category 2B (Rural) in the Hyderabad-Karnataka region (now called Kalyana Karnataka) is a reservation category for Muslims, specifically those who have resided and studied in the region. and if claiming 371(J) reservation, a 371(J) certificate is required.
15	2BK	Category - 2B - Kannada Medium	To become eligible for reservation in this category candidates must have studied in Kannada Medium from Class 1 to 10.
16	2BKH	Category - 2B - Kannada Medium Hyderabad Karnataka	Candidate needs to belong to the Category 2B (Other Backward Classes) as defined by the state of Karnataka, and also have studied in Kannada medium for a certain duration from class 1 to 10. Kannada medium study certificate, and if claiming 371(J) reservation, a 371(J) certificate.
17	2BR	Category - 2B - Rural	*Candidates must belong to the Muslim community and possess a valid caste and income certificate issued by the concerned Tahasildar. *Candidates should have completed 10 years of basic education in rural areas or in small urban areas or either in the transitional areas.
18	2BRH	Category - 2B - Rural Hyderabad Karnataka	*Candidates must belong to the Muslim community and possess a valid caste and income certificate issued by the concerned Tahasildar. *Rural Study Certificate, showing they have studied from Class 1 to 10 in a rural area for a total of ten complete years. And if claiming 371(J) reservation, a 371(J) certificate is required.
19	3AG	Category - 3A - General	These candidates will have to produce their caste certificate or income certificate issued by the concerned Jurisdictional Tahsildar. 1) Form 'F' is required in the case of OBC like 2A, 2B, 3A and 3B.
20	3AH	Category - 3A Hyderabad Karnataka	*Category 3A includes specific OBC (Other Backward Classes) communities like Vokkaligas and others. *If applicable, an income certificate, both issued by the Tahasildar in Form F. And if claiming 371(J) reservation, a 371(J) certificate is required.
21	3AK	Category - 3A - Kannada Medium	To become eligible for reservation in this category candidates must have studied in Kannada Medium from Class 1 to 10.
22	3AKH	Category - 3A - Kannada Medium Hyderabad Karnataka	*Category (often abbreviated as 3AK (Hyd-Kar) refers to candidates who belong to the 3A Other Backward Class (OBC) and have studied in a Kannada medium school, specifically within the Hyderabad-Karnataka region. *Reservation benefits associated with the 3A category, the Kannada medium reservation, and the regional reservation for the Hyderabad-Karnataka region.
23	3AR	Category - 3A - Rural	The eligibility criteria for this reservation is that candidates should have completed 10 years of basic education in rural areas or in small urban areas or either in the transitional areas.
24	3ARH	Category - 3A - Rural Hyderabad Karnataka	Candidates need to possess a valid Caste/Caste Income Certificate issued by the concerned Tahasildar, specifying their 3A status. Rural Study Certificate, showing they have studied from Class 1 to 10 in a rural area for a total of ten complete years. And if claiming 371(J) reservation, a 371(J) certificate is required.
25	3BG	Category - 3B - General	These candidates will have to produce their caste certificate or income certificate issued by the concerned Jurisdictional Tahsildar. 1) Form 'F' is required in the case of OBC like 2A, 2B, 3A and 3B.

26	3BH	Category - 3B Hyderabad Karnataka	Candidates typically need to provide a caste certificate issued by the Tahsildar and may need additional documents depending on the specific sub-category,(Form F along with their caste certificate. And if claiming 371(J) reservation, a 371(J) certificate is required.
27	3BK	Category - 3B - Kannada Medium	To become eligible for reservation in this category candidates must have studied in Kannada Medium from Class 1 to 10.
28	3BKH	Category - 3B - Kannada Medium Hyderabad Karnataka	To become eligible for reservation in this category candidates must have studied in Kannada Medium from Class 1 to 10. Form F along with their caste certificate. And if claiming 371(J) reservation, a 371(J) certificate is required.
29	3BR	Category - 3B - Rural	The eligibility criteria for this reservation is that candidates should have completed 10 years of basic education in rural areas or in small urban areas or either in the transitional areas
30	3BRH	Category - 3B - Rural Hyderabad Karnataka	Candidates need to possess a valid Caste/Caste Income Certificate issued by the concerned Tahasildar, specifying their 3B status. *Rural Study Certificate, showing they have studied from Class 1 to 10 in a rural area for a total of ten complete years.And if claiming 371(J) reservation, a 371(J) certificate is required.
31	GM	General Merit	It represents the category for candidates who are not eligible for any specific reservations or quotas based on caste, religion, or other criteria. These candidates compete for seats based on their merit scores, without any preferential treatment.
32	GMH	General Merit Hyderabad Karnataka	If they also qualify under the General Merit (GM) category, can compete for a certain percentage of seats specifically reserved for the GM Hyderabad-Karnataka (GMH) category. This is in addition to the regular GM seats and other reserved category seats.
33	GMK	General Merit Kannada Medium	To become eligible for reservation in this category candidates must have studied in Kannada Medium from Class 1 to 10.
34	GMKH	General Merit Kannada Medium Hyderabad Karnataka	Candidates claiming the Kannada medium reservation must have studied in Kannada medium from 1st to 10th standard.They need to provide a Kannada medium study certificate for the specified period
35	GMR	General Merit Rural	Rural Study Certificate [Candiadtes who have studied in rural areas in Karnataka from 1st to 10th Std.
36	GMRH	General Merit Rural Hyderabad Karnataka	*Candidates who are not part of any reserved category (like SC,ST,OBC,etc)and compete for seats based on their merit in the entrance exam. *If claiming the rural quota within the Hyderabad-Karnataka region, the candidate must have studied for a specific duration (e.g., 10 years from 1st to 10th standard) in educational institutions located in rural areas of the hyd-kar region.
37	SCG	Scheduled Caste General	These candidates will have to produce their caste certificate or income certificate issued by the concerned Jurisdictional Tahsildar. 1) The candidates will also need to hold Form 'D' in the case of SC and ST.
38	SCH	Scheduled Caste Hyderabad Karnataka	*Candidates need to be residents of the Kalyana Karnataka region and meet the eligibility criteria for SC candidates in Karnataka. *Candidates need to provide a valid caste certificate (Form D for SC/ST) and study certificates to prove their residence in the region. And if claiming 371(J) reservation, a 371(J) certificate is required.
39	SCK	Scheduled Caste Kannada Medium	To become eligible for reservation in this category candidates must have studied in Kannada Medium from Class 1 to 10.
40	SCKH	Scheduled Caste Kannada Medium Hyderabad Karnataka	*Students from the Hyderabad-Karnataka region who are also SC and have studied in Kannada medium can potentially benefit from multiple reservations. *Reservation exists for students who have studied in Kannada medium from 1st to 10th standard

41	SCR	Scheduled Caste Rural	* should have completed 10 years of basic education in rural areas or in small urban areas or either in the transitional areas as mentioned Municipal Corporation of Karnataka under Karnataka Municipalities Act. 1964 and Karnataka Municipal Corporations Act, 1976.
42	SCRH	Scheduled Caste Rural Hyderabad Karnataka	*Candidates must be residents of the Hyderabad Karnataka region Candidates must possess a valid Caste Certificate issued by the competent authority (Tahsildar) in the prescribed format (Form-D for SC/ST). *Rural Study Certificate, showing they have studied from Class 1 to 10 in a rural area for a total of ten complete years.And if claiming 371(J) reservation, a 371(J) certificate is required.
43	STG	Scheduled Tribe - General	These candidates will have to produce their caste certificate or income certificate issued by the concerned Jurisdictional Tahsildar. 1) The candidates will also need to hold Form 'D' in the case of SC and ST.
44	STH	Scheduled Tribe Hyderabad Karnataka	A valid ST caste certificate issued by the competent authority is mandatory. proof of domicile or residence from the designated districts of the Hyderabad-Karnataka region.
45	STK	Scheduled Tribe Kannada Medium	To become eligible for reservation in this category candidates must have studied in Kannada Medium from Class 1 to 10.
46	STKH	Scheduled Tribe Kannada Medium Hyderabad Karnataka	*Candidates claiming the Kannada medium reservation must have studied in Kannada medium from 1st to 10th standard.They need to provide a Kannada medium study certificate for the specified period. *proof of domicile or residence from the designated districts of the Hyderabad-Karnataka region.
47	STR	Scheduled Tribe Rural	Should have completed 10 years of basic education in rural areas or in small urban areas or either in the transitional areas as mentioned Municipal Corporation of Karnataka under Karnataka Municipalities Act. 1964 and Karnataka Municipal Corporations Act, 1976.
48	STRH	Scheduled Tribe Rural Hyderabad Karnataka	*Candidates must be residents of the Hyderabad Karnataka region Candidates must possess a valid Caste Certificate issued by the competent authority (Tahsildar) in the prescribed format (Form-D for SC/ST). *Rural Study Certificate, showing they have studied from Class 1 to 10 in a rural area for a total of ten complete years.And if claiming 371(J) reservation, a 371(J) certificate is required.
49	JK	Jammu & Kashmir Migrants	Only the candidates who are sons or daughters of Jammu & Kashmiri migrants
50	NCC	National Cadet Corps	Candidates who have participated in Republic Day Camp conducted by the Director-General of NCC, New Delhi from Karnataka and who possess 'B' Certificate obtained during the five year period of study in Karnataka between 8th and 12th standards (TSC (B),TSC(G),NSC,VSC). * Cadets who have been finally selected as a part of DG NCC team to participate in All India Mavalankar Shooting Championship at National Level and Youth Exchange Programmes and Foreign Naval Cruise organised by DG, NCC.
51	SG	Scouts & Guides	*Candidates must have received the President's Award as a Scout or Guide. *The award should have been received within the five-year period of studying in 8th to 12th standards in Karnataka.

Note : Internal Reservation for Scheduled Castes

The Government, in its order SKE 08 SLP 2024 Bangalore dated 25-08-2025, has provided the internal reservation to Scheduled Caste candidates as Category-A / Category-B / Category-C.

**Therefore, Scheduled Caste candidates of Karnataka;
should obtain a Scheduled Caste certificate containing internal reservation details from the concerned Tahsildar in the prescribed format and mention the RD number in the application.**

52	PWD	Persons with Disability	Reservation conditions for Physically Handicapped Special Category are as follows: * The candidates claiming reservation under this category will be required to appear for Medical examination before a committee comprising the Executive Director, KEA as Chairman and three specialists from the Department of Orthopedics, Ophthalmology and ENT, nominated by the Government. *disability ranging above 40% should produce a Medical certificate issued by competent Doctor of any Government Hospital located in the State of Karnataka in the field of concerned disability, only on the day of Medical examination. *hearing disability should compulsorily obtain and produce a BSER (Brain Stem Evoked Response) Audiometry report from All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mysore / NIMHANS, Bangalore / Manipal Hospital / Government Speech and Hearing Institute, Lingarajapuram, Bangalore.
53	SPO	Sports	Reservation conditions for Sports Special Category are as follows – 1) Candidates who have represented the country and karnataka and won medals/cups in SUPER-A ,B- Games during the five-year period of study in Karnataka between 8th and 12th standards
54	CAP	Central Armed Police Forces	Reservation conditions for Central Armed Police Force Special Category are as follows: 1) Candidates claiming eligibility under Clause (o) should produce a certificate from the Record Office of the CAPF Unit in the prescribed format indicating that the parent had declared a place in Karnataka as their hometown at the time of joining the service.
55	XCAP	Ex-Central Armed Police Forces	Reservation conditions for Ex-Central Armed Police Force Special Category are as follows: Same as CAPF
56	D	Defence	Reservation conditions for Defence Special Category are as follows: 1) Son or daughter of Defence Personnel falling under Eligibility Clauses (e), (f) and (g) should obtain the Defence certificates in the prescribed format failing
57	XD	Ex-Defence	Reservation conditions for Ex-Defence Special Category are as follows: 1) Son or daughter of Ex-Servicemen falling under Eligibility Clause (h) should obtain a certificate showing the home address of the parent issued by the Joint Director / Deputy Director of the concerned district and countersigned by the Director, Department of Sainik Welfare and Resettlement, Bangalore, failing which they will not be allowed for verification of certificates and also for the later allotment of seats under Ex-Defence. 2) Ex-Servicemen for the purpose of this clause include personnel belonging to the Civil GT COYS ASC who were Civilian Class III or Class IV Government Servants, who became permanently disabled or were killed during hostilities.
58	ESI	ESI	Parents having ESI card can claim for their medical seats in ESI medical colleges
59	BSc Agriculture	Agriculture Quota	*Take the practical Exam and achieve at atleast 50% aggregate marks . *family members are involved in agricultural activities, proof of land ownership, income from farming, or other relevant documentation.
60	AGL	Anglo Indians	Reservation conditions for Anglo-Indian Special Category are as follows: 1) Candidates from Anglo-Indian Community certificate issued by the Registered Association of the Anglo Indian Community in the State of Karnataka countersigned by the Anglo-Indian MLA Nominated by the Government,

MBBS PRIVATE MEDICAL SEAT RESERVATIONS

SL NO	CATEGORY	ABBREVIATIONS	RESERVATION CRITERIA (MEDICAL "P" CATEGORY)	Pvt. Seat
1	GMP	General Merit Private	*In Karnataka, private medical colleges have a private quota of seats, which are further divided into GMP and Open (OPN) categories. *GMP seats are reserved for candidates who are not claiming any reservations based on caste, religion, or other categories. OPN seats are available for all India candidates, regardless of domicile, who have qualified in the NEET exam.	
2	GMPH	General Merit Private Hyderabad Karnataka	*Candidates must possess a Hyderabad-Karnataka Domicile Certificate or Article 371(J) Certificate, issued by the Karnataka government. *GMPH seats are reserved for candidates who are not claiming any reservations based on caste, religion, or other categories. OPN seats are available for all India candidates, regardless of domicile, who have qualified in the NEET exam.	
3	MA	(Linguistic Minority) Tamil Minority	*Candidates need to have studied in Karnataka for a specified period (e.g., 10 years from 1st standard to the qualifying exam) to be eligible. *The applicant's mother tongue should be Tamil. *Candidates must provide a study certificate from their last school to prove their linguistic background.	
4	ME	Telugu Minority	*Candidates need to have studied in Karnataka for a specified period (e.g., 10 years from 1st standard to the qualifying exam) to be eligible. *The applicant's mother tongue should be Telugu. *Candidates must provide a study certificate from their last school to prove their linguistic background	
5	MEH	Telugu Minority Hyderabad Karnataka	*Candidate must be a domicile of Karnataka with Telugu as mother tongue, *Studied in Karnataka for at least 10 years (from 1st standard to 12th), and obtain a specific Linguistic Minority Certificate from your school, *And also need a Hyderabad-Karnataka Domicile Certificate (Article 371(J) Certificate)	
6	MU	Tulu Minority	*Candidate must be a domicile of Karnataka with Telugu as mother tongue, *Studied in Karnataka for at least 10 years (from 1st standard to 12th), and obtain a specific Linguistic Minority/study Certificate their last school to prove their linguistic background	
7	MM	(Religious Minority) Muslim Minority	The Muslim Minority Quota is a reservation policy that allows some private/minority medical colleges to reserve a certain percentage of MBBS seats for candidates belonging to the Muslim community. *possess a valid community certificate issued by the competent authority confirming their religious minority status	
8	MMH	Muslim Minority Hyderabad Karnataka	The Muslim Minority Quota is a reservation policy that allows some private/minority medical colleges to reserve a certain percentage of MBBS seats for candidates belonging to the Muslim community and Must belong to the Muslim religion *possess a valid community certificate issued by the competent authority confirming their religious minority status *And also need a Hyderabad-Karnataka Domicile Certificate (Article 371(J) Certificate).	
9	MC	Christian Minority	A reservation of seats, primarily in educational institutions like medical colleges, for students who belong to the Christian minority community This quota typically exists in institutions established and administered by Christian communities. must apply specifically under the Christian minority category, not the open or management quota	
10	RC2, RC3, RC4, RC5, RC6, RC7, RC8	Roman Catholic Minority	*A Roman Catholic minority quota is a reserved category for candidates of the Roman Catholic faith in private colleges. *Candidate need a certificate from your Parish Priest stating that you are a bonafide Roman Catholic Christian belonging to a specific parish and diocese.	

RESERVATION CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO PROFESSIONAL COURSES AS PER ALL INDIA QUOTA (MCC) GUIDELINES

Medical, Dental, AYUSH courses under 15 percentage All India Quota, 100 percentage seats of AIIMS/JIPMER and Deemed Universities,
Central Universities (DU/BHU/AMU etc.), AFMCs etc.,

SL NO	CATEGORY	ABBREVIATIONS	RESERVATION CRITERIA
1	GEN	General Merit	*Candidate allocated through the Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) for both government and private colleges, representing the pool of seats available to general category . *students who are domiciled in Karnataka.
2	OBC	Other Backward Classes - NCL	Other Backward Classes belonging to the Non-Creamy Layer (OBC- NCL) – 27% of seats in every course. <i>OBC-NCL present in the State list but not covered in the central list of OBC-NCL (as per the list in http://www.ncbc.nic.in) are NOT eligible to claim the reservation.</i> *The criteria for OBC-NCL will be as per the notification of the Government of India. *Candidates belonging to the creamy layer of OBC are NOT entitled to reservation. Such candidates are treated as belonging to the general (GEN), i.e. unreserved category, and they will be eligible only for the GEN seats – the seats for which all candidates are eligible.
3	EWS	Economically Weaker Section	*In Karnataka, the Economic Weaker Section (EWS) quota in medical seats applies primarily to government medical colleges and ESI medical colleges, providing 10% of the seats. *To be eligible, a family's annual income must be below INR 8 lakh. Agricultural land owned < 5 acres, Residential flat owned < 1000 sq. ft
4	SC	Scheduled Caste	In Karnataka, the Scheduled Caste (SC) reservation for medical seats is 15% for All India Quota (AIQ) seats and 17% for the 85% State Quota seats, *In addition to other reservations like those for rural, Kannada medium, and Hyderabad-Karnataka region candidates.They must also possess a valid caste certificate issued by a competent authority.
5	ST	Scheduled Tribe	In Karnataka, the ST (Scheduled Tribe) quota for government medical seats is 3%, while for the All India Quota (AIQ), it's 7.5%.candidates must provide a valid caste certificate issued by the competent authority in Karnataka
6	PWD	Person with Disability	In Karnataka, the PwD (Persons with Disability) quota reserves 5% of the total medical seats for candidates with specified disabilities. *Candidates need a valid disability certificate, and a disability percentage of 40% or more is generally required, according to NEET and National Medical Commission (NMC) guidelines. *PwD candidates must attend a medical examination conducted by an authorized state medical board. *Must possess a valid disability certificate issued by a medical board authorized by the state authorities.
7	OBC-PWD	OBC-Person with Disability	To be eligible for an OBC-PwD seat, a candidate must belong to the OBC category and also meet the PwD criteria and have the necessary PwD certificate. *For the 15% AIQ seats, the OBC reservation is 27%, and PwD candidates get 5%. An OBC-PwD candidate would be considered within this framework.

8	EWS-PWD	Economically Weaker Section-Person with Disability	To claim these reservations, you must possess the required, updated EWS or PwD certificates, which are typically obtained through the respective government authorities. *These are applied to both the 15% All India Quota (AIQ) and the 85% State Quota seats in both government and private medical colleges. *CANDIDATE must meet the specific disability percentage (at least 40%) as defined by the PwBD Act of 2016 to be eligible.
9	SC-PWD	SC-Person with Disability	This reservation is horizontal, meaning it is applied within all categories (General, SC, ST, OBC, EWS). So, an SC candidate who also qualifies as PwD will fall under this 5% PwD reservation. Your admission will be subject to the combined criteria for both SC and PwD categories.
10	ST-PWD	ST-Person with Disability	In Karnataka, students belonging to the Scheduled Tribe (ST) with disabilities can claim a medical seat under a special category known as ST-PwD. This involves both the regular vertical reservation for ST candidates and a horizontal reservation for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwD).