

KCET 2026 – Other State Eligibility Criteria (Engineering)

Overview

The Karnataka Common Entrance Test (KCET) is primarily meant for Karnataka domicile candidates. However, certain candidates from outside Karnataka may be eligible under specific conditions laid down by the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA).

Standard Domicile Requirement

Candidates should have studied and passed SSLC (Class 10) and 2nd PUC (Class 12) in Karnataka, or completed a minimum of seven academic years of study in Karnataka between Classes 1 to 12.

Other State Eligibility (Special Categories)

Candidates who do not fully satisfy the domicile requirement may still be eligible under the following conditions: Candidate or parent has studied in Karnataka for the prescribed number of years. Children of employees of Central Government, State Government, or PSU employees transferred to Karnataka. Defense personnel or migrant categories with valid supporting documents.

Language / Kannada Medium Clause

Candidates who have studied for at least 10 academic years in Kannada medium (even outside Karnataka) may be exempted from the Kannada language test, subject to KEA rules.

Important Notes

Most non-domicile candidates are not directly eligible for KCET. All claims must be supported by official study certificates and government documents. Final eligibility is decided solely by KEA during document verification.

Reference

Official KCET Information Bulletin & KEA Notifications.

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