

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR, SCERT, ANDHRA PRADESH, AMARAVATI

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Sub:- SCERT, A.P., Hyderabad – Establishment of Assessment Cell- Appointment of Subject Experts – State Level and District Level – Call for Applications - Reg.

Ref:- 1. Memo No 420155/Prog.2II/A1/2016, dt.3-2-2017.of Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Andhra Pradesh
2. Lr.R.C.NO 637/B/TE/SCERT/2017, Dt.4-11-2016, of CSE, AP.

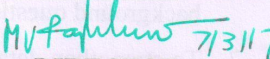
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All the District Educational Officers and Regional Joint Directors of School Education in the State are informed that vide reference 1st cited above that the Assessment Cell is established in SCERT. The basic purpose of the Assessment Cell is to assess, analyze and disseminate the performance of students on a regular basis. The cell will build the capacity of SCERT, DCEBs and relevant stakeholders to develop high quality assessment tools and test items in order to diagnose the learning gaps of students studying in different classes. Based on the diagnosis, intervention strategies covering various aspects like improved teacher training, curriculum revisions, school leadership programs, school standards etc. will be designed and implemented.

It is further informed that the Government has permitted to appoint 10 subject experts and assessment experts in the Assessment Cell of SCERT and 3 subject experts in the DCEB of each district. The subject experts will be appointed internally from the School Education Department. The interested teachers with prescribed qualifications may apply online on the Commissionerate of School Education/SCERT/APeKX website. The candidates who have applied for the post of subject experts will need to attend an online test and interview in-person in Vijayawada.

Therefore, all the DEOs and RJDSEs are instructed to issue proceedings to all the schools/DIETs/IASEs and give wide publicity through display in the notice board of their offices and schools/colleges. A press brief may also be given in the local newspapers to create awareness and attract applications.

The District Educational Officers in the State should verify and forward the application printout submitted by the candidates. The details relating to the Assessment cell and application guidelines and procedures can be viewed at Commissionerate/SCERT/APeKX website from 15.3.17.

 7/3/17

DIRECTOR
SCERT, Andhra Pradesh

To

All the District Educational Officers in the State

Copy to RJDSEs in the State.

Copy submitted to the Commissioner of School Education, Andhra Pradesh for information.

ANNEXURE

The dossier of selection procedure for the appointment of Subject Experts of Assessment Cell both at State and District Level.

Government of Andhra Pradesh through Memo No. 420155/Prog.2II/A1/2016, dt.3-2-2017 has permitted to establish Assessment Cell in SCERT, Andhra Pradesh with the support of external partners i.e., Central Square Foundation (CSF), Centre for Science of Student Learning (CSSL) and Samagra.

Andhra Pradesh seeks to establish a forward-looking, reform-oriented Assessment cell. The Assessment cell will have a team of highly motivated and qualified staff who will be trained in specialized skills in assessments and learning research to drive the entire reform process. This will make Andhra Pradesh a role model in the country with best-in-class, in-house assessment capacity that enables the highest quality standards of education. Accordingly, an MoU has been signed with all the external partners mentioned above for their support in Andhra's vision.

I. Goals and objectives of the Assessment Cell are:

1. To provide an extremely clear picture of learning in Andhra Pradesh through robust and diagnostic as achievement surveys.
2. To conduct high quality learning assessment for all students in different subject areas
3. To develop high end expertise in the field of assessments and learning research
4. To build long term system and institutional capacity through an assessment cell comprising personnel who will be professionally developed for enhancing the quality of all the activities currently undertaken by the evaluation wing
5. To strengthen the capacities of the evaluation wing for a smooth roll out of all learning assessments being planned and conducted at state level
6. To strengthen the methodology in designing the assessment tools (test papers and background questionnaires) so that data is amenable for actionable insights
7. To strengthen data analysis to derive actionable insights, which will be inputs for teacher training and pedagogy
8. To communicate and educate teachers and administrators on the quality of learning
9. To improve report dissemination, all the ways to school, so that the interventions are effectively executed in the class rooms
10. To track the effectiveness of the Assessment Cell over time in improving the learning outcomes.

11. To improve the usage of technology in the work flow of the Assessment Cell and leveraging the data from the assessment

II. Staff Pattern at State Level (housed at SCERT):

SL No	Subject	Primary Section	High School Section
1	Mathematics	1	1
2	Bio Science		1
3	Physical Science		1
4	Social Studies		1
5	Telugu	1	1
6	English	1	1
7	One Assessment expert		1
	Total	3	7

III. Desirable Qualifications and experience of teachers to be appointed in the State Assessment Cell

Sl. No	Name of the Post	Required Qualifications				Desirable Continuous Teaching Experience
		General	Academic	Desirable	Computer Knowledge	
1	Mathematics	M.Sc., Maths	M.Ed	M.Phil / Ph.D.	M.S. Office (Word, Excel, PPT)	Minimum 5 years
2	Biological Science	M.Sc., Botany/ Zoology	M.Ed	M.Phil/ Ph.D.	M.S. Office (Word, Excel, PPT)	Minimum 5 years
3	Physical Science	M.Sc., Physics/ Chemistry	M.Ed	M.Phil/ Ph.D.	M.S. Office (Word, Excel, PPT)	Minimum 5 years
4	Social Sciences	M.A History/ Economics/Political Science/Geography	M.Ed	M.Phil/ Ph.D.	M.S. Office (Word, Excel, PPT)	Minimum 5 years
5	Telugu	M.A. Telugu	M.Ed	M.Phil/ Ph.D.	M.S. Office (Word, Excel, PPT)	Minimum 5 years
6	English	M.A. English	M.Ed	M.Phil/ Ph.D.	M.S. Office (Word, Excel, PPT)	Minimum 5 years
7	Assessment Expert	Master Degree in any subject	M.Ed.	M.Phil/ Ph.D.	M.S. Office (Word, Excel, PPT)	Minimum 5 years

IV. Staff Pattern at DCEB (along with DCEB Secretary):

Sl. No.	School subject	No. of Posts
1	Primary	1
2	High School (1 Language and 1 Non Language)	2
	Total	3

V. Qualifications and experience of teachers to be appointed at District level (DCEB):

Sl. No	Name of the Post	Required Qualifications				Continuous Teaching Experience
		General	Qualification	Desirable	Computer Knowledge	
1	Primary Level	Any Master Degree	M.Ed	M.Phil / Ph.D	M.S. Office (Word, Excel, PPT)	Minimum 5 years
2	High School Level (Language)	Any Master Degree in Language	M.Ed.	M.Phil / Ph.D	M.S. Office (Word, Excel, PPT)	Minimum 5 years
3	High School Level (Non Language)	Any Master Degree in Non Language School subjects	M.Ed.	M.Phil / Ph.D	M.S. Office (Word, Excel, PPT)	Minimum 5 years

Important Note:

- The selected candidates must have the willingness and be able to study online courses independently related to assessment frameworks, test administration practices and measurement and testing as designed by CSSL [partner]
- Final decision on selection of State Level Assessment cell members will be taken by a Steering Committee composed of Principal Secretary, Commissioner DSE, SSA SPD, Director SCERT and representatives from external partners
- All selected candidates only at the State Level Assessment cell, will undertake a 3-year, Large Scale Assessment Certification course program, consisting of 13 course papers and a final cap-stone project as administered by CSSL.
- Final selection of District level (DCEB) staff rests with the Department of School Education. DCEB members will only be trained in test administration and post analysis workshop module.

VI. Selection Procedure:

The staff at the state and DCEB shall be selected and appointed to the Assessment cell for a period of at least 3 years. The State Level Assessment cell will be housed at SCERT, Ibrahimpatnam, Andhra Pradesh. All candidates will go through the same selection procedure as below. Interested candidates have to apply online only.

- 1 Application portal is open in CSE official Website from 15.3.17
- 2 One set of print out copy along with enclosures should be verified and submitted through DEO to the Director, SCERT, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.
- 3 Candidates have to opt if they want to apply for State level or DCEB in their application form
- 4 All of the applied candidates have to take a preliminary online examination through identified centers at the District levels- this exam will be administered by SCERT in joint cooperation with partners, Samagra and CSSL.
- 5 The screened applicants will be tested with a recruitment test provided by CSSL to check their General ability, Language, Math and English ability as per the selected role. The candidates will also be given a role based assignment to complete and will be graded accordingly
- 6 The final candidates will be selected through a face to face interview with CSSL and Samagra, which will be conducted in Ibrahimpatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 7 Approval for selection of the State Level Assessment Cellmembers' rests with the Steering Committee and those for DCEB rests with the Department of School Education
- 8 The selected candidates must declare their willingness to complete the course materials and relevant assignments on-time, in a quality manner and contribute actively to the reform-oriented process- the same will have to be indicated in an online form

VII. Syllabus for the online exam

The syllabus for the online exam will be published on the application portal in Commissionerate/SCERT/APeKX website from 15.3.17 onwards.

VIII. Time Line for recruitment:

Sl. No.	Activity	Date
1	Commencement of applications online [CSE/SCERT/APeKX website]	15-03-2017
2	Last date for application	22-03-2017
3	DEO verification & Hard copy submission to SCERT	28-03-2017
4	Conduct of Online Examination	04-04-2017
5	Announcement of Results	10-04-2017
6	Recruitment test and Personal Interviews day	18-04-2017
7	Final Selections List	21-04-2017
8	Placement	24-04-2017