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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.

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**ADMISSION NOTICE - M.Sc. Public Health Entomology (PHE)**  
**[Affiliated to Pondicherry University]**  
**(Academic year 2026-27)**

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**

**CATEGORY I:**

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.

Candidates appearing for the Under-Graduate final examinations/waiting for the results of the above courses can also apply. However, they should submit the Provisional Certificate at the time of admission.

A minimum of 55% mark in core and allied subject excluding language is essential for candidates belonging to General/EWS (Economically Weaker Section) and a relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade is allowed for those belonging to OBC-NCL (Other Backward Classes - Non-Creamy Layer)/ SC (Scheduled Caste)/ ST (Scheduled Tribe).

**CATEGORY II:**

In-service candidates with age 45 or below employed 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 Category I - General 40.5%, OBC 27%, EWS 10%, SC 15% & ST 7.5%.

2 seats for Category II (If not filled by In-Service, the seats will be considered as Category I).

## **METHOD OF SELECTION**

Selection of the candidates under Category I 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 100 multiple choice questions, each carrying one mark. Minimum qualifying mark for shortlisting is 50% in CET.

For In-Service (Category II) candidates selection will be based on the qualification, experience and performance during oral interview conducted by the Admission Committee.

## **STIPEND**

Candidates selected through CET (Category I), will be paid a monthly stipend of Rs. 10,000/- for two years. In-Service (Category II) 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 2026-27**" 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.

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: 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2026

- i. Date of Common Entrance Test (Category I): 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2026
- ii. Date of Personal Interview (Category II): 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2026

Commencement of the programme will be intimated by ICMR-VCRC for the selected candidates.

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

**DIRECTOR**