

2. Candidates having full time Bachelor Degree in Hospitality/ Hotel Administration/ Management with 55% or more marks in aggregate and thereafter appearing in the final semester (i.e. in 4th Semester)/ final year exam of the master's degree and have passed all subjects of previous year/ semester, can also apply. It may be noted that the candidates who are in 2nd year (3rd Semester) of their Master's Degree in Hospitality are not eligible to apply.

3. Age should not be more than 35 years. Relaxation of age by 5 years for those belong to SC/ST/PD categories, 3 years for those belong to OBC categories is applicable as per rules. **The maximum age in NHTET to be held from January to May, will be counted as on 31st July of the same year. Similarly maximum age in NHTET to be held from July to October, will be counted as on 31st December of the same year in following manner:**

(TA – Teaching Associates. AL – Assistant Lecturer)

- General and EWS Categories - TA 30 years, AL 35 years.
- OBC Category- TA 33 years, AL 38 Years.
- SC/ST and PD Categories- TA 35 years, AL 40 years.

Therefore, the candidate belong to General category and EWS category as well as fulfilling the age criteria of 35 years as on cut of date, belong to OBC category as well as fulfilling the age criteria of 38 years and belong to SC/ ST/ PD category as well as fulfilling the age criteria of 40 years, will be eligible to apply.

On passing the NHTET they will be allowed to apply against any vacancy of AL (of which, maximum age is 35 years with relaxation for reserved candidates as stated above) and for the post of TA (of which, maximum age is 30 years with relaxation for reserved candidates as stated above).

4 SCHEME AND DAYS OF TEST

4.1 The Test will consist of three papers. All the three papers will consist of only objective type questions and will be held once in a calendar year. However, in case of insufficient candidates are qualified, the NCHMCT can hold the exam twice in a calendar year. The test will be held on a single day in two separate sessions as under.

Session and duration	Paper	Number of Questions	Marks	Negative Marking
First (2 hours) From 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 hours	Paper I	50 Questions	100 (each question will carry 2 marks)	½ mark for each wrong answer or for double attempted.
	Paper II	50 Questions	100 (each question will carry 2 marks)	
Second (2 hours) From 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.	Paper III	100 Questions	200 (each question will carry 2 marks)	0 marks for the questions not attempted.

Paper-I shall be of general nature, intended to assess the teaching/research aptitude of the candidate. It will primarily be designed to test aptitude and method towards teaching, reasoning ability, comprehension, divergent thinking and general awareness/ knowledge of the candidate. Fifty (50) multiple choice questions of two marks each will be given, out of which the candidate would be required to answer all fifty (50). In the event of the candidate attempting twice/ thrice, it will be counted as negative mark. However, there will be no negative mark for the question not attempted.

Paper-II shall consist of 50 multiple choice questions of Nutrition, Food science, General Management, hotel accounts (for hospitality related teaching posts). Each question will carry two marks.

Paper-III shall consist of 100 multiple choice questions from the four core areas of hospitality i.e. Food Production, F & B Service and Management, Accommodation Operation Management and House Keeping Management. Each question will carry two marks.

- 4.2 The candidate will have to mark the responses for questions of Paper-I, Paper-II and Paper-III on the Optical Mark Reader (OMR) sheet provided along with the Test Booklet. **It may be noted that, single Question paper booklet and single OMR sheet will be used for Paper-I and Paper-II.** The detailed instructions for filling up the OMR Sheet will be mentioned in the call letter/ hall ticket.
- 4.3 Those **Persons with Disability (Physically Challenged)** candidates who are not in a position to write in their own hand-writing can also avail the services of writer by making prior request (at least one week before the date of NHTET) in writing to the Co-ordinator of the NHTET Coordinating Institution. Compensatory time and facility of scribe would not be provided to other Persons with Disability (Physically Challenged) candidates.
- 4.5 After the NHTET exam is over, the answer key will be uploaded in www.thims.gov.in when the candidate can go through it and challenge the answer with documentary proof within 4 days' time by mail to diraf-nchm@nic.in only. No correspondence of challenge the answer after the last date will be accepted. In case, any candidate challenges any answer, the same will be forwarded to the expert committee for decision and the decision along with final Answer Key will be uploaded in www.thims.gov.in by another 5 working days. Answer sheets will be evaluated on the basis of new Answer Key by another 4 working days. Result will then be declared through the web portal of NCHMCT (www.thims.gov.in). The Certificates of passing NHTET will be dispatched to the candidates accordingly in a shortest possible time. However, till the candidates are not getting the original certificate, the downloaded result from the above mentioned site will be valid.