

Eligibility conditions and qualifications stand after modifications.

**AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRY DEVELOPMENT AND  
FISHERIES DEPARTMENT**

MANTRALAYA, MUMBAI 400 032, dated the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010 & 5<sup>th</sup> July 2011  
6<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

**Order**

**MAHARASHTRA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES (KRISHI VIDYAPEETHS) ACT,  
1983.**

No. AGU. 2010/C.R.71/7-A - In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (d) of sub-section (2C) of Section 17 of the Maharashtra Agricultural Universities (Krishi Vidyapeeths) Act, 1983 (Mah. XLI of 1983) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Government of Maharashtra, in consultation with the Chancellor, hereby specified that the person being recommended by the Committee for appointment as Vice-Chancellor shall possess the essential qualifications and experience as set out in Part 'A' of the Schedule appended hereto and desirable experience, expected skill and competency set out in Part 'B' and Part 'C' respectively of the said Schedule.

**Schedule**

**PART 'A'**

**Essential Qualifications and Experience -**

- 1) Earned Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Agriculture or related fields.
- 2) Experience of 20 years in teaching, research and extension education in Agriculture or related fields, out of which atleast 8 years should be in the rank of Professor or equivalent.
- 3) "atleast five years of Administrative experience, not below the rank of head of the Department or equivalent posts"
- 4) Minimum of five research publications in peer-reviewed/referred international research journals after Ph.D. and / or published quality books in a recognized discipline, referenced for study in higher education at National/International level.
- 5) Execution of at least one major research project /sponsored multidisciplinary research project.
- 6) Experience of working with international bodies or international exposure through participation in training programmes held outside the country.

**Desirable Experience-**

- 1) Experience of working on the Statutory Authorities of a University/ICAR.
- 2) Demonstrable Experience of handling academic assessment and accreditation procedure.
- 3) Experience to guide Ph.D. students.
- 4) Experience in handling youth development work such as organizing students centric activities for their all-round development.
- 5) Experience of organizing events such as workshops, seminars, conferences at an International level within the country in the field of agriculture.

**PART 'C'****Desired Skills and competencies:-**

- 1) Technical Skills – a) Openness towards technology and a deep conviction regarding its potential applications in a knowledge-based settings;  
b) Reasonable high level of comfort in the use of technology.
- 2) Managerial Skills- a) Ability to anticipate issues and problems and prepare advance strategic plans.  
b) Ability to generate resources and allocate the same appropriately;  
c) Capacity to work effectively under pressure and manage work and resources within tight deadlines;  
d) Good understanding of financial management including revenue generation, planning and fiscal control.
- 3) Alignment with corporate objectives and State as well as National level priorities – a) Ability to identify the needs of the communities in key sectors.  
b) Deep understanding of the challenges before the Nation<sup>s</sup> and how higher education can respond to developmental needs;  
c) Demonstrable understanding of curriculum development issues, especially those relating to widening participation and social inclusion.
- 4) Leadership skills- a) Exceptional ability to motivate a diverse group of stakeholders;  
b) Keen desire to further the mission and goals of the organizations;

- c) Ability to think strategically and innovatively and maintain a broad perspective;
  - d) Ability to lead by personal example with openness to new ideas and a consultative approach in implementation of the same.
- 5) Interpersonal Communication and Collaborative Skills-
- a) Demonstrable success in developing and executing National and International Collaborative arrangements;
  - b) Ability to interact effectively and persuasively with a strong knowledge base at senior levels and in large forums as well as on a one-to one basis;
  - c) Evidence of being an active member of professional bodies and association in pertinent fields.

**NOTES:- (1) The prescribed essential qualifications are the minimum and the mere possession of the same does not entitle candidates to be called for Personal Interaction.**

**(2) The Search Committee reserves the right to prescribe higher standards in essential qualifications and experience while short listing the candidates for Personal Interaction.**

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# The Maharashtra Agricultural Universities Act, 1983. (Amendment 2010).

Amendment  
No. 17  
XLI of  
1983.

2. In section 17 of the Maharashtra Agricultural Universities (Krishi Vidyapeeths) Act, 1983,—

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(a) for sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely :—

“(1) The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor in the manner stated hereunder :—

(a) There shall be a Committee consisting of the following members to recommend suitable names to the Chancellor for appointment of the Vice-Chancellor, namely :—

(i) a member nominated by the Chancellor, who shall be a retired Judge of the Supreme Court or retired Chief Justice of a High Court or an eminent scientist of national repute or a recipient of *Padma* Award in the field of education ;

(ii) the Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi ;

(iii) the Principal Secretary (Agriculture) or Secretary (Agriculture), as the case may be, in the Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries Department of the Government of Maharashtra ;

(b) The member nominated by the Chancellor shall be the Chairman of the Committee ;

(c) The member nominated shall be the person not connected with the University or any recognised institution of the University ;

(d) No meeting of the Committee shall be held unless all the three members of the Committee are present.” ;

(b) for sub-section (2), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely :—

“(2) The process of preparing a panel shall begin at least three months before the probable date of occurrence of the vacancy of the Vice-Chancellor and shall be completed within the time limit

fixed by the Chancellor. The Chancellor, however, may extend such time limit if in the exigency of the circumstances, it is necessary so to do, however that the period so extended shall not exceed three months in the aggregate.

(2A) The Committee shall recommend a panel of not less than five suitable persons for the consideration of the Chancellor for being appointed as the Vice-Chancellor within the period of two months from its constitution. The names so recommended shall be in alphabetical order without any preference being indicated. The report shall be accompanied by a detailed write-up on suitability of each person included in the panel.

(2B) The Chancellor may select one of the said persons from such panel for the post of the Vice-Chancellor and appoint the person to such post. If the Chancellor does not approve any of the persons in the panel or if the person selected by the Chancellor for the post of Vice-Chancellor is not willing to accept the office of the Vice-Chancellor, the Chancellor may require the above-mentioned Committee to prepare a fresh panel.

(2C) A person recommended by the Committee for appointment as a Vice-Chancellor shall,—

(a) be an eminent academician or an administrator of high calibre ;

(b) be able to provide leadership by his own example ;

(c) be able to provide vision and have ability to translate the same into reality in the interest of students and society ; and

(d) possess such educational qualifications and experience as may be specified by the State Government, by an order published in the *Official Gazette*, in consultation with the Chancellor.

(2D) The eligibility conditions and the process for recommendation of names for appointment as a Vice-Chancellor shall be given wide publicity to ensure the recommendation of most suitable candidates.”;

(c) in sub-section (4), for the words “ term not exceeding, six months in the aggregate ” the words “ term not exceeding, twelve months in the aggregate ” shall be substituted.

# The Maharashtra Agricultural Universities Act, 1983. (Old Act).

17. (1) The Vice-chancellor of each University shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of this sub-section. For the selection of the Vice-Chancellor, the Chancellor shall constitute <sup>1</sup>[a Committee of four persons,] one of whom shall be the Director-General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, one person nominated by the Chancellor and one non-official member of the Executive Council of the concerned University nominated by that Executive Council <sup>2</sup>[and the Secretary (Agriculture), Government of Maharashtra]. The Chancellor shall also appoint one of the three as the Chairman of such Committee. The Committee shall prepare a panel of not less than three persons who, in the opinion of the Committee, are suitable to hold the post of the Vice-Chancellor and shall submit this panel to the Chancellor. The Chancellor may select <sup>3</sup>[one of the said persons] from such panel for the post of the Vice-Chancellor and appoint the person to such post. If the Chancellor does not approve any of the persons in the panel or if the person selected by the Chancellor for the post of Vice-Chancellor is not willing to accept the office of the Vice-Chancellor, the Chancellor may require the above mentioned Committee to prepare a fresh panel.

(2) The Chancellor shall proceed to constitute the Committee mentioned in sub-section (1) well in advance of the expiry of the term of any existing Vice-Chancellor. The Committee shall submit a panel of names to the Chancellor within two months of its constitution. If the Committee fails to submit a panel of names within the period of two months, the Chancellor may proceed to appoint any person whom he deems fit to the office of the Vice-Chancellor.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall be a whole time salaried officer of the University.

[(4) "The Vice-Chancellor shall, subject to the terms and conditions of his service, hold office for a period of five years from the date on which he enters upon his office; and shall not be eligible for reappointment.

Provided that the Vice-Chancellor who is in office on the date of coming into force of the Maharashtra Agricultural Universities (Krishi Vidyapeeths) (Amendment) Act, 2003 shall, if,—

(i) it is his second term in office on reappointment, continue to hold the office only till the completion of his term of three years; and

(ii) it is his first term in office, continue to hold the office till the completion of the term of five years from the date of his appointment to that office.]

The Chancellor may, by order;—

(a) direct that notwithstanding the expiration of his term, the Vice-Chancellor may continue to hold office; or

(b) nominate a Director or a Dean of the University, or of any other Agricultural University in the State or any other person to hold the office of the Vice-Chancellor for such term not exceeding, six months in the aggregate, as he may specify from time to time in his order.

Provided that, the Vice-chancellor, so continuing or the Director, Dean or other person so nominated to hold office of the Vice-Chancellor, shall cease to hold such office on the date on which the person appointed as Vice-Chancellor in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (1) enters upon his office.

(4A) No person shall hold, or continue to hold, the office of Vice-Chancellor after he attains the age of sixty-five years.

(4B) For the removal of doubt, it is hereby declared that, notwithstanding anything contained in this Act the terms of any contract of service or the term of office of any person who, on the date of commencement of the Maharashtra Agricultural Universities (Krishi Vidyapeeths) (Amendment) Act, 1989, continues to hold the office of the Vice-Chancellor of any University,—

(a) after having completed three years or more in such office or attained the age of sixty-five years; or

(b) completes three years in such office after the date of such commencement, shall cease to hold such office on the date of such commencement or, as the case may be, on the date of completion of three years in such office, and accordingly such person shall be deemed to have vacated such office on the respective such date and such office shall be deemed to be vacant on such date.]

(5) The Vice-Chancellor may, after giving three months' notice, resign his office, by tendering his resignation in writing to the Chancellor. The resignation shall take effect on its acceptance by the Chancellor.

(6) (a) The Chancellor may, on the recommendation of the Pro-Chancellor, on the ground that the Vice-Chancellor, has neglected or without reasonable excuse has failed to carry out his responsibility of implementing the directions issued by the Pro-Chancellor under section 7, or by the State Council under section 12, by order, remove the Vice-Chancellor at any time from office.

(b) If the Vice-Chancellor, in the opinion of the Chancellor, omits or refuses to carry out the provisions of this Act <sup>1</sup>[ or commits or has committed breaches of any of the terms and conditions of the service contract] or abuses the powers vested in him and if it appears to the Chancellor that the continuance of the Vice-Chancellor in office is detrimental to the interest of the University, the Chancellor may, after consultation with the concerned Executive Council, by order, remove the Vice-Chancellor at any time from office.

(c) No order under clause (a) or (b) shall be made, unless the Vice-Chancellor has been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard. In respect of the action proposed to be taken against him.

<sup>2</sup>[(7) (a) The Vice-Chancellor shall draw such emoluments as the State Government may, from time to time, whether prospectively or retrospectively, determine ;

(b) The other conditions of service of the Vice-Chancellor shall be such as may be determined by the Statutes and accepted by the Vice-Chancellor at the time of his appointment :

Provided that, the emoluments and other conditions of service shall not be varied to the disadvantage of a Vice-Chancellor during his tenure as Vice-Chancellor].

(8) In the event of the occurrence of a vacancy in the office of the Vice-Chancellor by reasons of death, resignation or otherwise, the Chancellor may nominate a Director or a Dean of the University or of any other Agricultural University in the State or any other person to act as Vice-Chancellor, until a regular appointment of Vice-Chancellor is made in accordance with sub-section (1) of this section :

Provided that, the period of such interim arrangement shall not exceed six months.

(9) Where any temporary vacancy in the office of the Vice-Chancellor occurs by reason of leave, illness or other cause, the Pro-Chancellor shall make such arrangements for carrying on the duties of the office of the Vice-chancellor, as he may think fit. Until such arrangements are made, the Director or the Dean or any other person nominated by the

Pro-Chancellor for that purpose shall carry on the current duties of the office of the Vice-Chancellor :

Provided that, in the case of a temporary vacancy of less than two months, the Vice-Chancellor may, by order in writing entrust his duties to any Director or Dean or, in their absence to the Registrar, as a measure of emergency.