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(DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION)  
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F.No. 1(8)/2023-Exam

Dated 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

**NOTICE**

Due to some administrative reasons, submission of online applications for ARS Examination-2023 which was earlier scheduled from 5<sup>th</sup> July (10.00 AM) to 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 (5.30 PM) have now been re-scheduled and fresh dates for submission of online applications are as under :

Submission of online application starts on	30 <sup>th</sup> August, 2023 at 10.00 AM
Last date and time for submission of online application form	20 <sup>th</sup> September, 2023 upto 5.30 PM
Last date and time for making online fee payment	20 <sup>th</sup> September, 2023 upto 5.00 PM

*R. Bhardwaj*

(Rakesh Bhardwaj)  
Controller of Examination, ASRB



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Dated the 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2023

## NOTIFICATION FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE (ARS) EXAMINATION-2023

The Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB) will hold an examination for **AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE (ARS)-2023 in conventional pen/paper mode** during **October/November 2023** at 19 Centres across India as per the Rules and Scheme of Examination indicated in this notification. Candidates are advised to read the notification carefully before filling the Online Application Form.

Candidates selected in ARS-2023 through Written Examination and Personal Interview will be recommended for appointment as Scientists in Agricultural Research Service (ARS) of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in the Pay Band – 3 of ₹ 15,600 – 39,100 with RGP of ₹ 6000/- (revised Pay Level 10 - ₹ 57,700 – 1,82,400).

### IMPORTANT DATES\*:

Submission of online applications starts on	05 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 10.00 AM
Last date and time for submission of online application form	26 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 upto 5.30 PM
Last date and time for making online fee payment	26 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 upto 5.00 PM
Date of ARS (Written) Examination	In the month of October/ November 2023 (Exact dates will be announced later)

\* Subject to change

### 2. VACANCIES FOR ARS

The number of vacancies in ARS-2023 under various disciplines are given in **Annexure-VII**. The number of vacancies is tentative.

### 3. RULES OF EXAMINATION

The Rules of Examination for ARS are given in **Annexure -III**. Candidate must read the Rules of examination carefully before filling up the Online Application form.

#### 4. PRESCRIBED EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Candidate must hold a PhD Degree in the relevant subject as defined in **Annexure -VI**, completed on or before **30.09.2023**. For details, please refer to Rule 3 of Rules of the Examination given in **Annexure -III**.

The candidates having PhD degree from a foreign University must attach a certificate of equivalence and recognition of that degree issued by the University Grants Commission/ Government of India / any other concerned Department or Agency of Government of India .

Candidates who are pursuing PhD degree, the possession of which would render them eligible to appear in ARS Examination, but have not undergone Viva-voce may also apply for admission to ARS Examination. **Such candidates must complete their PhD degree on or before 30.09.2023**. Such candidates will be admitted to the ARS Examination, if otherwise eligible but their admission would be purely provisional.

All candidates who shall qualify in ARS Written Examination are required to submit self-attested copies of the documents/ certificates in support of their candidature by the cut-off date to be announced at the time of declaration of result of Written Examination, failing which they would not be allowed to appear in the Personal Interview.

#### 5. AGE LIMIT: -

A candidate must have attained the age of **21 years** but not have attained the age of **35 years as on 01.01.2023**. Age relaxation is admissible to the various categories as per Rule 2 of the Rules of the Examination as given in **Annexure -III**.

#### 6. SCHEME OF EXAMINATION: -

The Detailed Scheme of Examination is given in **Annexure - IV**.

#### 7. CENTRES: -

The Centres where the ARS-2023 (Written) Examination will be conducted in conventional Pen and Paper mode, are mentioned in **Annexure-II**. The Centres and date(s) of holding the Examinations as mentioned above could be changed at the discretion of ASRB. Candidates must select the centres of examination(s) carefully while submitting their online applications for the examination. No request for change of centre shall be entertained at later stage. There may be more than one venue at any/ all centres depending upon the number of candidates registered for the examination.

#### 8. APPLICATION FEE: -

Details of application fee to be paid:

S. No.	Category of candidate	For ARS (₹)
1	Unreserved (UR)/ Economically Weaker Section (EWS)/ Other Backward Class (OBC)	800/-
2	Scheduled Caste (SC)/ Scheduled Tribe (ST)/ Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) / Women	NIL

Transaction charges for Debit Card/Credit Card/Net Banking/ UPI payment, as the case may be, have to be borne by the candidate.

The fee must be paid through *Bharatkosh* ([bharatkosh.gov.in](http://bharatkosh.gov.in)) as per instruction given in Annexure-I as well as the online application form available on the website: <http://www.asrb.org.in> only. Mere payment of fees in *Bharatkosh* without successful submission of application form (till the last date and time for submission of online application form) will not be considered at any cost. Neither such fee would be refunded nor kept in reserve for any other examination/ purpose.

## 9. NUMBER OF ATTEMPTS

The number of attempts for appearing in the Agricultural Research Service Examination will be limited to **SIX** for Unreserved category and EWS category candidates including the in-service candidates of I.C.A.R. However, this restriction will not apply to SC and ST candidates who are otherwise eligible. The number of attempts for Other Backward Classes category and PwBD (belonging to General/OBC category) candidates will be **NINE**.

**Note :-** The number of attempts made by the candidates prior to Agricultural Research Service examination 2023 will not be taken into account for counting the number of attempts made. Attempt means that the candidate must have appeared for the Examination.

### Restrictions on applying for the Examination: -

"A candidate who has already qualified ARS examination (finally selected) in the earlier year will not be eligible to compete in the subsequent examinations conducted by ASRB for the same discipline in which he/she has earlier qualified. However, there is no bar to reappear for an ARS selected candidate in the subsequent ARS examination in a discipline different than the one in which he/she has already qualified".

## 10. HOW TO APPLY: -

A candidate seeking admission to the ARS -2023 (Written) Examination must apply online in the prescribed Link for Online Application Form which will be made available on the website: <http://www.asrb.org.in>. Important Instructions to the candidates for filling online application are given in Annexure-I.

Candidate must read the provisions, contained in this Notification carefully and shall abide by the same. Candidate must fulfil all the conditions of eligibility regarding age limits, educational qualifications, etc. prescribed for admission to the examination.

The online Application filling process will be opened from **1000 Hrs on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023 till 1730 Hrs on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023** after which the link will automatically get disabled.

The candidates are not required to attach copy of any of the documents /certificates in support of their candidature at the time of submission of online application. The candidates in their own interest must satisfy themselves about their eligibility for the examination. In the event

of ineligibility being detected by the Board at any stage, including after declaration of result, their candidature shall be cancelled and they shall be liable for legal action.

**11. IMPORTANT NOTES: -**

- i. **Candidates must ensure that they fulfil all the eligibility conditions for admission to the examination such as the qualification, discipline, age, category, etc. Their admission to the examination will be purely provisional. If on verification at any later stage, it is found that they do not fulfil all eligibility conditions; their candidature will be cancelled/ rejected and fee paid for examination will be forfeited. The verification of the eligibility of the candidates with respect to the documents submitted by them will be done before the conduct of Personal Interview. The Board shall summarily reject the candidature of the candidate, if he/she does not fulfil the eligibility conditions.**
- ii. Candidates seeking reservation/ relaxation benefits available for SC/ST/OBC/EWS/PwBD must ensure that they are entitled to such reservation/ relaxation as per eligibility prescribed in the Rules/ Notice. They should be in possession of all the requisite certificates in the prescribed format in support of their claim as stipulated in the Rules/ Notice for such benefits, and these certificates should be issued earlier than the closing date of the online application for the examination.
- iii. The candidates are not required to attach any certificates/ marksheets with the online application form. **The candidates who qualify the written examination will be required to submit self-attested copies of documents/ certificates in support of their candidature before the cut-off dates which would be announced at the time of declaration of the result of ARS(Written) Examination, failing which they would not be allowed to appear in the Personal Interview. A link will be provided on ASRB's website for the candidates to upload the requisite documents.**
- iv. In cases, where any certificates/documents submitted by the candidates in support of their eligibility as stipulated in the preceding paragraph, are not found as per prescribed formats, such candidates will not be given the opportunity to submit such certificates at a later date and consequently their eligibility will be scrutinized only as per the available documents/certificates. Accordingly, **the candidates are advised to ensure, while submitting the documents, that all the certificates/ documents are in the respective prescribed format as given in the Appendix-I, II, III, IV and V. The documents/certificates in any language other than the Hindi or English will not be accepted.** In such cases, the candidates must submit either the certificates/documents in Hindi/English or its translated copy duly attested by Notary Public.
- v. Candidates already in the Service of Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Central/State Government/Scientific Institutions/Universities, whether in a permanent or a temporary capacity or as a work charged employee, other than a casual or daily rated employee, must obtain permission/NOC to his/her applying for ARS-2023 Examination conducted by ASRB from his present employer and keep it safe for future requirement at the time of submission of documents.
- vi. However, a candidate seeking age relaxation on account of being ICAR/ Agricultural Universities (AU) Employee must attach a certificate to this effect in the prescribed format as given in **Appendix-V** from the concerned ICAR's Institute/ AU at the time of submission of documents/ certificates.

- vii. **OBC candidates whose caste is not listed in Central List (as available on National Commission for Backward Classes website [www.ncbc.nic.in](http://www.ncbc.nic.in)) and who are not covered under the provisions as applicable to OBC-Non-Creamy Layer (NCL) candidates, shall be treated as General Category candidates for all purposes. Accordingly, OBC Candidates not belonging to OBC Non-Creamy Layer shall indicate their category as ‘General’.**
- viii. In case the claim of candidates regarding Age, Educational Qualifications, Economically Weaker Section (EWS)/ Scheduled Caste (SC)/ Scheduled Tribe (ST)/ Other Backward Class (OBC)/ Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) / being ICAR /AU employee is found to be incorrect, it may render them liable to be disqualified by the Board / ICAR and their candidature will stand cancelled.
- ix. No candidate will be allowed to take the examination unless he/she holds a certificate of admission for the examination. After downloading the Admission Certificate, check it carefully and bring discrepancies/errors, if any, to the notice of Controller of Examinations, ASRB, KAB–I, Pusa, New Delhi – 110012 or e-mail to [ars2023@asrb.org.in](mailto:ars2023@asrb.org.in).
- x. No request for withdrawal of candidature/ application received from a candidate after he/she has submitted his/her application will be entertained.
- xi. The Admission Certificates would be made downloadable from the website: <http://www.asrb.org.in> only. Candidates are requested to visit the website: [www.asrb.org.in](http://www.asrb.org.in) regularly for updates. No other form of communication will be used for issue of admission certificates.
- xii. Only such EWS/SC/ST/OBC/ PwBD candidates who are selected on the same general standard as applied to UR candidates shall be treated as own merit candidates. If any EWS/SC/ST/OBC and PwBD candidate qualify after getting any relaxation in age or qualifying marks than what is prescribed for Unreserved category candidates, then such EWS/ SC / ST / OBC / PwBD candidate shall be considered only against the reserved vacancies for the respective category and they shall not be considered for appointment against an unreserved vacancy.
- xiii. The Interview letters for Personal Interview of ARS shall be issued vide registered e-mail id only and all instructions/ information thereof will be indicated therein. No hard copy / letter will be sent for this purpose.
- xiv. The applicants are advised to regularly check the e-mail provided in the Application Form for update(s)/ information/ communication with regard to the Examination. They must check the spam/junk/inbox/trash folders also of their mailbox. They are also advised to save the e-mail [ars2023@asrb.org.in](mailto:ars2023@asrb.org.in) in contacts of their e-mail account so as the e-mails with attachments sent by this e-mail I.D. do not go to the spam folder.
- The candidates are advised to regularly visit the ASRB’s website: <http://www.asrb.org.in>. All the information related to the examination will be uploaded/ updated on this website only.
- xv. Syllabus for ARS is available on the Syllabus Link on ASRB’s website:

<http://www.asrb.org.in>.

xvi. All communications in respect of an application made for this Examination should be addressed to the Controller of Examinations, ASRB, KAB – I, Pusa, New Delhi – 110012 or e-mail to [ars2023@asrb.org.in](mailto:ars2023@asrb.org.in) and should invariably contain the following particulars: -

1. Name and year of Examination: ARS -2023(Written) Examination
2. Name of candidate (In full and in Capital letters)
3. Registration No.
4. Centre of Examination
5. Roll No. (If communicated)
6. E mail id (as indicated in the Application Form)
7. Telephone/Mobile number

**Note:** - Communication not containing the above particulars will not be attended to.

xvii. Please note that carrying Smart Mobile Phones/ pagers/ smart devices or any other communication device is absolutely prohibited in the Examination Centre premises. Any infringement of this instruction can lead to disqualification of the candidate concerned. Candidates are advised in their own interest not to bring any of these item(s) to the Examination venue since the provision for their safe keeping cannot be assured. The candidates are also advised not to bring any valuable/costly items to the Examination Venue. The Board will not be responsible for any loss incurred due to non-adherence of these instructions.

xviii. ARS (Written) Examination will be conducted in conventional pen and paper mode. The questions of the examination in the Test Booklet (Question Paper cum Answer Booklet) will be available in bilingual form i.e. in Hindi and English medium. The applicants will have to indicate their medium of Examination in the online application form itself.

xix. The candidates will be at liberty to communicate in Hindi or English during the Personal Interview of ARS Examination.

xx. In case of any discrepancy between English and Hindi versions of the Notification/ advertisement / information, the English version as available on the Website of the Board will be treated as final.

xxi. This notification is available on ASRB's Website: <http://www.asrb.org.in>

xxii. The candidates are required to bring along with them the original of the Photo Identity Card uploaded in the online application form and two photographs apart from the Admission Certificate to be issued by ASRB while coming for the Examination at all applicable stages. In case the candidate does not present the original Identity Card to the authorities at the centre, he/she will not be allowed to take the examination/ Interview under any circumstances.

xxiii. Any attempt on the part of a candidate to obtain support for his candidature by any means may disqualify him/her for admission to the examination.

xxiv. All the relevant guidelines and instructions issued by MHA/ National Disaster

Management Authority regarding COVID-19 shall be strictly followed. Social distancing shall be observed by the candidates.

xxv. A candidate who is or has been declared by the Board guilty of impersonation or of submitting fabricated documents or documents which have been tempered with or of making statements which are incorrect or false or of suppressing material information or otherwise resorting to any other irregular or improper means for obtaining admission to the examination, or of using or attempting to use unfair means or of misbehaviour or misconduct in the examination hall, may, in addition to rendering himself/ herself liable to criminal prosecution and disqualification from the examination concerned:

- a) Be debarred permanently or for a specific period.
  - By the Board, from admission to any examination or appearance at an interview held by the Board for selection of candidates and
  - By the Indian Council of Agricultural Research from Employment under them
- b) Will be liable to disciplinary action under the appropriate rules, if he/she is already in service under Government / Indian Council of Agricultural Research/State Agricultural Universities.

xxvi. The decision of the ASRB / ICAR in all matters relating to eligibility, acceptance or rejection of the applications, penalty for false information, mode of selection, conduct of examination (s) and interview etc., allotment of examination centres, selection and allotment of posts to selected candidates will be final and binding on the candidates and no enquiry/correspondence will be entertained in this regard.

Sd/-  
(RAKESH BHARDWAJ)  
CONTROLLER OF EXAMINATIONS



**IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES  
FOR FILLING ONLINE APPLICATION FORM**

- i. Candidates are required to apply online using the application form link available on the website: <http://www.asrb.org.in> only. No other mode of filling of application is allowed. Candidates are hereby informed that the details they provide in the Online Application Form will be used for all future references and no modification thereto can be done subsequently. **Hence, they are advised to be very careful while filling the Application Form. They are, therefore, requested to thoroughly read this Notification before filling the online Application Form.**
- ii. In case multiple applications are received from a candidate, the latest application will be considered, ignoring all earlier one(s) received; without refunding/ adjusting any Application Fee received for the other Applications.
- iii. Candidates are required to complete the Application Form by filling all the parts for which they will be guided during the course of filling the Application Form.
- iv. Candidates are required to keep ready the following relevant details /information / documents at the time of filling the online form:
  - a) Notification for ARS-2023 Examination.
  - b) Name (as recorded in Secondary level Examination certificate)
  - c) Father's name (as recorded in the Secondary level Examination certificate)
  - d) Complete Address for Correspondence
  - e) Complete Permanent Address
  - f) Matriculation or equivalent Certificate
  - g) Master's Degree Certificate/Provisional Degree Certificate/Transcript/ Marksheets.
  - h) Doctorate Degree Certificate/Provisional Degree Certificate/Transcript/ Marksheet; if available.
  - i) Centre opted for ARS -2023 (Written) Examination (Please check the Examination Centres in this notification in **Annexure – II**).
  - j) Scanned copy of recent passport size photograph taken against white background only, of a maximum size of 150 KB in .jpg format only with the face covering at least 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the total space and taken without spectacles.
  - k) Scanned copy of signatures (taken in blue/ black ink only on a white paper for prominence) of a maximum size of 80 KB in .jpg format only for uploading during the process of Application Form Submission. The candidates are strongly advised to ensure that the same is duly and clearly uploaded in the application form. They should use only clear scanned copies (and not blurred or hazy) since the application form may not be considered if these are not clear.
  - l) Debit Card/Credit Card/Net Banking/ UPI details for online payment of fee.
  - m) Valid and active e-mail id.
  - n) The candidate should have details of one Photo ID viz. Aadhar Card/ Voter Card/ PAN Card/ Passport/ Driving License/ Any other photo ID card issued by the State/ Central Government. The details of this photo ID will have to be provided by the candidate while filling up the online application form. The candidates will have to upload a scanned copy of the Photo ID whose details

have been provided in the online application by him/her. This photo ID will be used for all future references and the candidate is advised to carry this ID while appearing for the examination at the opted/ allotted centre.

- v. The candidates are required to enter their valid and active e-mail id in the Application Form since all communication/information/update(s) for this Examination would be sent to this e-mail id only. In case, they do not have an e-mail id, they may obtain one from any of the e-mail service providers of the candidate's choice. Please note that entry of the e-mail id in the prescribed field in the Application Form is mandatory/ compulsory.
- vi. For payment of Application Fee, please follow the following steps:

1.	Open the website <a href="https://Bharatkosh.gov.in/">https://Bharatkosh.gov.in/</a>
2.	Click on 'Non-Registered Users'
3.	Select 'Individual' in depositor's category
4.	When searching in the purpose category, select Ministry as "001-Agriculture"
5.	Select the following against the PURPOSE option:  'Examination/ certificate fee for ARS/NET/STO/FAO/AO etc.'
6.	Confirm 'PAO' is 000001 – PAO (Sectt)-I
7.	Confirm 'DDO' is 216968 – Add. ASRB, Krishi Anusandhan Bhawan I
8.	Fill amount and details about payment in remarks please write: "Fee for ARS-2023"
9.	Enter Captcha and Press Add
10.	Go to <i>Next page</i> and fill depositors' details
11.	Make online payment through Debit/ Credit Card/ Net Banking/ UPI
12.	Print Receipt for payment
13.	Upload Receipt in the online application form, along with other requisite information

- vii. The photograph and signature would be used to be put on the Admission Certificate and entry to the examination centre is subject to verification of the photograph & signature.

The scanned photograph and signature must be uploaded in .jpg format only. These would be required to be uploaded using the links that will be guided to in the course of applying. Online Application Form will not be submitted unless the candidate has successfully uploaded photograph, signature and has paid the requisite applicable fee.

The candidate should retain a printed copy of the same photograph for use in the subsequent stages of the examination.

- viii. Candidates are informed that there are provisions for editing at many stages. Once the complete process of filling up the information in the Application Form, the Photograph and Signature is completed, the candidate can view the entire Application Form together with the photograph and signature and can still edit at this point to make / incorporate any change/ editing in any field of the Application Form. However, once the payment detail has been uploaded, there is no possibility of making any modification/editing whatsoever in the application form.

- ix. **Once the payment detail is confirmed, a message informing the successful submission of Application Form will be displayed on the screen. In case, this does not appear, the process needs to be repeated, since it signifies/implies that the Application Form has not been successfully uploaded/ submitted.**
- x. Candidates are strongly advised to keep a print or soft copy of the completed Application Form for any future reference.
- xi. Mere successful submission of the Application Form and/or issuance of Admission Certificate does not automatically ensure admission to the Examination. If on verification at any later stage, it is found that a candidate does not fulfil any of the eligibility condition(s) or has given wrong/ incorrect/ misleading/ false information, either intentionally or otherwise error of omission or commission, his/her candidature will be cancelled/rejected and fee paid will be forfeited and any action as deemed fit by the Board shall be taken in this regard.
- xii. The online application form is spread over number of parts. Candidates will receive an e-mail/SMS on successful registration in Part-I, i.e., basic data regarding their Name, Father's Name, E-mail Id, Date of Birth etc. after which all the stages of the application form are to be completed and final submission done. Mere registration by completing Part-I of the application form does not signify successful completion of the submission process.
- xiii. Fees once submitted in *Bharatkosh* shall not be refunded at any cost and will not be kept in reserve for any other examination/ purpose.
- xiv. For any clarification /assistance, Candidate may call Ph. No. 011-25846166/ 25848172 (Extn. 202) during 0930 hrs to 1700 hrs (Monday to Friday, except Gazetted Holiday(s)) or e-mail to [ars2023@asrb.org.in](mailto:ars2023@asrb.org.in).
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**LIST OF CENTRES FOR  
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE (ARS) EXAMINATION-2023**

<b>Centre Code</b>	<b>Centre</b>	<b>State/ UT</b>
01	Anand/ Vadodara	Gujarat
02	Bengaluru	Karnataka
03	Barrackpore/ Kolkata	West Bengal
04	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh
05	Bhubaneswar	Odisha
06	Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu
07	Dehradun	Uttarakhand
08	Delhi	Delhi
09	Guwahati	Assam
10	Hyderabad	Telangana
11	Jammu	Jammu & Kashmir
12	Jodhpur	Rajasthan
13	Ludhiana	Punjab
14	Mumbai	Maharashtra
15	Nagpur	Maharashtra
16	Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh
17	Patna	Bihar
18	Srinagar	Jammu & Kashmir
19	Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh

The Board may engage any number of venues for the examination at the above-mentioned centres.

**RULES OF EXAMINATION FOR ARS**

The rules for the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) Examination to be held by the Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board are published for general information.

1. **NATIONALITY:**

A candidate must be either: -

- (i) a citizen of India, or
- (ii) a citizen of Nepal, or
- (iii) a citizen of Bhutan, or
- (iv) a Tibetan refugee who came over to India before the 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1962, with the intention of permanently settling in India, or
- (v) a person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Burma, Sri Lanka and East African countries of Kenya, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, Zaire, Ethiopia and Vietnam with the intention of permanently settling in India.

Provided that a candidate belonging to categories (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) above shall be a person in whose favour a certificate of eligibility has been issued by the Government of India.

2. **AGE LIMITS: -**

A candidate seeking admission to the **ARS Examination** must have attained the age of **21 years** but not have attained the **age of 35 years as on 01.01.2023**. In-service candidates of ICAR less than 45 years in age as on **01.01.2023** will also be eligible to appear subject to possession of prescribed qualifications. In-service candidates of the Agricultural Universities less than 38 years of age as on **01.01.2023** will be eligible to appear for ARS subject to possession of prescribed qualifications.

***The upper age limit prescribed above will also be relaxable:-***

- (i) Upto a maximum of five years if a candidate belongs to SC or ST.
- (ii) Upto a maximum of 3 years in the case of candidates belonging to Other Backward Classes, who are eligible to avail of reservation applicable to such candidates, i.e. Non-creamy layer.
- (iii) For PwBD candidates, the upper age limit will be relaxable upto a maximum of 10 years. Candidates belonging to SC, ST and OBC who are also covered under the PwBD category will be eligible for grant of cumulative age relaxation under both of their respective categories.
- (iv) To other bonafide displaced persons/repatriates of Indian origin / Defence Services Personnel/Border Security Force Personnel etc. as per the existing instructions of the Government of India on the subject.

**Save as provided above, the age limits prescribed can in no case be relaxed.**

3. **EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: -**

A candidate for the Agricultural Research Service must hold a PhD degree in relevant discipline as defined in **Annexure-VI completed on or before 30.09.2023** from any Indian University incorporated by an Act of Central or State Legislature in India or other educational institution established by an Act of Parliament or declared to be deemed

University under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 or he/she must have qualification from a foreign University recognized as equivalent eligibility qualification to above by the Government of India.

Candidates who are pursuing PhD degree, the possession of which would render them eligible to appear in ARS Examination, but have not undergone Viva-voce may also apply for admission to ARS Examination. **Such candidates must complete their PhD degree on or before 30.09.2023.** Such candidates will be admitted to the ARS Examination, if otherwise eligible but their admission would be purely provisional.

All candidates who shall qualify in ARS Written Examination are required to submit self-attested copies of the documents/ certificates in support of their candidature by the cut-off date to be announced at the time of declaration of result of Written Examination, failing which they would not be allowed to appear in the Personal Interview.

The candidates having PhD degree from a foreign University must attach a certificate of equivalence and recognition of that degree issued by the University Grants Commission/ Government of India / any other concerned Department or Agency of Government of India .

4. **FEE:-**

The candidates seeking admission to examination must pay to the Board a fee as follows:

Details of fee charges to be paid:

S. No.	Category of candidate	For ARS (₹)
1	Unreserved (UR)/ Economically Weaker Section (EWS)/ Other Backward Class (OBC)	800/-
2	Scheduled Caste (SC)/ Scheduled Tribe (ST)/ Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) / Women	NIL

Transaction charges for Debit Card/ Credit Card/ Net Banking/ UPI, as the case may be, have to be borne by the candidate.

**NOTE I:** Notwithstanding the aforesaid provision for fee exemption, a PwBD candidate will be considered to be eligible for appointment only if he/she (after such physical examination as the Government or the appointing authority, as the case may be, may prescribe) is found to satisfy the requirements of physical and medical standards for the concerned Services/Posts to be allocated to PwBD candidates by the Government.

**NOTE II:** APPLICATIONS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY THE PRESCRIBED FEE SHALL BE SUMMARILY REJECTED.

**NOTE III:** Fee once paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances nor can the fee be held in reserve for any other examination or selection.

**NOTE IV:** OBC candidates whose caste is not listed in Central List (as available on National Commission for Backward Classes website [www.ncbc.nic.in](http://www.ncbc.nic.in)) and who are not covered under the provisions as applicable to OBC-Non-Creamy Layer (NCL) candidates,

shall be treated as General Category candidates for all purposes. Accordingly, OBC Candidates not belonging to OBC Non-Creamy Layer shall indicate their category as 'General'.

5. **RESERVED/RELAXED CATEGORY CANDIDATES**

Candidates who claim to belong to the Scheduled Castes (SC) or Scheduled Tribes (ST) will be required to submit the requisite certificate in the prescribed format as per **Appendix - I**. Otherwise, their claim for SC/ST category will not be considered.

Candidates who claim to belong to Other Backward Classes (OBC) will be required to submit requisite certificate in the prescribed format as per **Appendix - II** from the competent authority as mentioned therein. Otherwise, their claim for OBC status will not be considered. The OBC Certificate in a format other than the prescribed one will not be accepted/considered. The OBC Certificate should have been issued for posts under Govt. of India and not for posts under the respective state of the candidate only.

OBC candidates whose caste is not listed in Central List (as available on National Commission for Backward Classes website [www.ncbc.nic.in](http://www.ncbc.nic.in)) and who are not covered under the provisions as applicable to OBC-Non Creamy Layer (NCL) candidates, shall be treated as General Category candidates for all purposes.

Candidates who claim to be PwBD will be required to submit medical certificates as per disability in the new prescribed applicable format i.e. Form V/VI/VII as per **Appendix - III** issued by the Competent Medical Authorities for the purpose of employment.

Candidates who claim to belong to the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) will be required to submit the requisite certificate in the prescribed format as per **Appendix - IV**. Otherwise, their claim for EWS category will not be considered.

Candidates should be in possession of all the requisite certificates in the prescribed format in support of their claim for relaxation/ reservation, and these certificates should be dated earlier than the closing date of the online application for ARS-2023 Examination.

Candidates who claim to be ICAR/AU employee will be required to submit the requisite certificate in the prescribed format as per **Appendix - V**.

6. (a) **NUMBER OF ATTEMPTS: -**

**The number of attempts for appearing in the Agricultural Research Service Examination will be limited to SIX for Unreserved category and EWS category candidates including the in-service candidates of I.C.A.R. However, this restriction will not apply to SC and ST candidates who are otherwise eligible. The number of attempts for Other Backward Classes category and PwBD (belonging to General/EWS/OBC category) candidates will be NINE.**

**Note:-** The number of attempts made by the candidates prior to Agricultural Research Service examination 2023 will not be taken into account for counting the number of attempts made. Attempt means that the candidate must have appeared for the Examination.

**Restrictions on applying for the Examination: -**

“A candidate who has already qualified ARS examination (finally selected) in the earlier year will not be eligible to compete in the subsequent examinations conducted by ASRB for the same discipline in which he/she has earlier qualified. However, there is no bar to reappear for an ARS selected candidate in the subsequent ARS examination in a discipline different than the one in which he/she has already qualified”.

7. Candidates already in the Service of Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Central/State Government/Scientific Institutions/Universities, whether in a permanent or a temporary capacity or as a work charged employee, other than a casual or daily rated employee, are required to submit an undertaking that they have informed in writing their Head of Office/Department that they have applied for the examination. However, a candidate seeking age relaxation on account of being ICAR/AU Employee must attach a certificate to this effect in the prescribed format as given in **Appendix-V** from the concerned Institute/AU at the time of submission of documents/certificates.
8. The decision of the Board with respect to the eligibility or otherwise of a candidate for admission to the examination shall be final.
9. No candidate will be admitted to the examination unless he/ she hold a certificate of admission issued by the Board.
10. Any attempt on the part of a candidate to obtain support for his candidature by any means may disqualify him from admission to the examination.
11. A candidate must be in good mental and bodily health and free from any physical defects likely to interfere with the discharge of his duties as an officer of the service. A candidate, who after such physical examination as the Indian Council of Agricultural Research may prescribe, is found not to satisfy these requirements will not be appointed. Candidates selected by the Board may be required to undergo physical examination. Candidates will be required to pay the fee for the Medical Examination as prescribed by the Government of India for such category of the posts.
12. **No person:-**
  - (a) Who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having a spouse living or
  - (b) Who, having a spouse living has entered into or contracted a marriage with any person shall be eligible for appointment to the service.

Provided that the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, may, if satisfied that such a marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to the marriage and there are other grounds for so doing, exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

13. Brief particulars relating to the service to which recruitment is being made through this Examination are stated in **Annexure-V**.
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**SCHEME OF EXAMINATION FOR ARS**

**The Overall distribution of marks for ARS-2023 Examination will be as under:**

**1.**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Max. Marks</b>
1	ARS-2023 (Written) Examination of Three hour duration in conventional (Pen/Paper) mode	300
2	Research Accomplishments	40
3	Personal Interview	60
Total		400

**2. (a) ARS-2023 (Written) Examination Paper: -**

ARS-2023 (Written) Examination Paper will have only one paper of 300 marks in the respective disciplines, to be attempted in 3 hours duration. Answers are required to be written in the space provided below the question. In no case extra sheets will be provided.

The candidates who obtain such minimum qualifying marks in the Written Examination as may be decided by the Board in its discretion, shall be called for Personal Interview in the ratio of 1:3 (category-wise) for each post. However, the Board reserves the right to revise this ratio at its discretion.

**(b) Evaluation of Research Accomplishments:**

Research accomplishments will be evaluated on following three aspects:

1. Research Publications
2. Patent Granted
3. Copyright/Design/Trademark

**(c) ARS-2023 - Personal Interview: -**

The candidates will be interviewed by a Board of competent and unbiased experts in the respective disciplines, who will have before them a record of his/her career. The object of the Personal Interview is to assess his/her suitability for the Service for which he/she has competed. The Personal Interview is intended to supplement the written examination for testing the general and specialized knowledge and abilities of the candidate. The candidate will be expected to have taken an intelligent interest not only in his/her own state or country, but also in modern current of thought and in new discoveries, which should rouse the curiosity of well-educated youth.

The technique of the Personal Interview is not that of strict cross-examination, but of a natural, though directed and purposive conversation intended to reveal the candidate's mental qualities and his/her grasp of problems. The Board will pay special attention to assessing the intellectual curiosity, critical powers of assimilation, balance of judgment and alertness of mind, the ability for social cohesion, integrity of character, initiative and capacity for leadership and scientific research.

**NOTE:-** Syllabus for ARS-2023 (Written) Examination is available on ASRB's website [www.asrb.org.in](http://www.asrb.org.in)

### 3. Examination Procedure: -

- (i) Reserved category candidates who qualify after availing relaxed standard, extended no. of attempts or age relaxation shall render themselves ineligible for UR posts. They will be eligible only for the posts which are reserved for respective category in a particular discipline.
- (ii) After the Personal Interview the candidates will be arranged by the Board in the order of merit in each category (professional subject-wise) as prepared on the basis of the aggregate marks finally awarded to each candidate. Candidates who obtain such minimum aggregate marks in the written examination and Personal Interview as may be fixed by the Board in its discretion shall be recommended for appointment to ARS in accordance with the number of vacancies intimated by the Council under each discipline. Based on the merit, the candidates belonging to reserved categories i.e. SC/ST/OBC/PwBD are also eligible to be considered against the unreserved vacancies, if no relaxation in age or qualifying marks, in ARS-2023 (Written) has been availed by such reserve category candidates. If any concession in age or relaxation in qualifying marks is availed, such candidates will be eligible for consideration only against vacancies reserved for them in the respective discipline.
- (iii) **Rules for Tie-Breaker:** -Wherever two or more candidates have secured equal aggregate marks (marks in written ARS-2023 - Written Examination + Research Accomplishments + Personal Interview) the merit of the candidates shall be determined by applying the following Tie-Breaker Rules:
  - (a) Candidate securing more marks in the ARS-2023 (Written) Examination will be ranked higher.
  - (b) In case where the marks mentioned at (a) above are equal, candidate securing more marks in the Research Accomplishments will be ranked higher.
  - (c) In case where the marks mentioned at (b) above are equal, the candidate senior in age will be ranked higher.
- (iv) Candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes (SC) or the Scheduled Tribes (ST) may be recommended by the Board by a relaxed standard to make up the deficiency in the reserved quota subject to the relevant instructions on the subject and also subject to the fitness of these candidates for appointment to the Agricultural Research Service, irrespective of their ranks in the order of merit at the examination.
- (v) There will be a reserve list/panel to fill up the vacancies arising due to non-joining of candidate within the stipulated time allowed for joining the post or where a candidate joins but he/she resigns or dies within a period of one year from the date of his/her joining, a fresh panel is available by then.
- (vi) There is no provision of re-evaluation of the answer script and therefore, no request for re-evaluation of the answer script will be entertained. The Board will not enter into any correspondence in this regard.
- (vii) The form and manner of communication of the result of the examination to individual candidates shall be decided by the Board and the Board will not enter into correspondence with them regarding the result.
- (viii) Recommendation by the Board for appointment in the ARS will not be binding unless the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is satisfied after such enquiry as may be considered necessary that the candidate is suitable in all respects for appointment to the Service.

#### 4. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS for ARS-2023 (Written) EXAMINATION:

- (a) Question paper for ARS-2023 (Written) Examination can be answered either in English or Hindi. The Candidate has to indicate his/her medium of examination therefore in the Online Application Form itself. The answers/ scripts attempted in a medium other than the opted one will not be evaluated.
  - (b) Candidates must mark the answers/papers in their own hand. Under no circumstances, they will be allowed the help of a scribe to write the answers for them. In case of persons with benchmark disabilities in the category of blindness, locomotor disability (both arm affected-BA) and cerebral palsy, the facility of scribe/ shall be given, if so desired by the person. Provision of a scribe will be made by ASRB on prior request made by such candidates ten (10) days before the Examination on [ars2023@asrb.org.in](mailto:ars2023@asrb.org.in). An additional time of 20 (twenty) minutes per hour will be allowed to such candidates.
  - (c) If a candidate's handwriting is not easily legible, a deduction will be made on this account from the total marks otherwise accruing to him.
  - (d) Marks will not be allotted for mere superficial knowledge.
  - (e) Credit will be given for orderly, effective and exact expression combined with due economy of words in all subjects of the examination.
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**Brief particulars relating to the Agricultural Research Service (ARS): -**

1. Candidates selected for appointment to the Service will be appointed as Scientists in the Service on probation for a period of two years which may be extended, if necessary.
  2. Candidates selected on the basis of the competitive examination shall be required to undergo an intensive course of study and training for a specified period.
  3. On successful completion of the prescribed training, a candidate will be posted anywhere in India according to the Research priorities of the Council. He will be liable to serve at the initial place of posting at least for a period of five years for category A Stations and 3 years for category B Stations before seeking transfer on whatsoever ground from that place / station.
  4. Any trainee found to be guilty of unbecoming conduct will be liable to be discharged even before completion of the period of training. Such a trainee will be liable to refund full amount of the emoluments paid to him / her during training period.
  5. If in the opinion of the ICAR, the work or conduct of the officer on probation is unsatisfactory or shows that he is unlikely to become efficient, the ICAR may discharge him forthwith. On completion of the period of probation or any extension, if it is found that a candidate is not fit for permanent appointment, he / she may be discharged.
  6. The Service Conditions shall be as determined by the Council.
  7. A Scientist is liable to serve anywhere in India or abroad.
  8. In ARS, the scientist will be placed in the same discipline in which he/she has qualified the ARS Examination and no request for change of discipline will be entertained.
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**DISCIPLINES AND THEIR APPROVED ELIGIBILITY QUALIFICATIONS  
ARS-2023**

S. No.	Code No.	ARS Discipline	Eligibility (Ph.D. in Disciplines)	Syllabus available at (S.No. of Syllabus Document uploaded at ASRB Website)
1	02	Agricultural Entomology	Entomology/Agricultural Entomology/ Zoology.	5
2	03	Agricultural Microbiology	Agricultural Microbiology/ Microbiology/ Soil Science/ Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry/ Environmental Science.	8
3	04	Economic Botany & Plant Genetic Resources	Plant Genetic Resources/Genetics and Plant Breeding/Plant Breeding & Genetics/ Seed Science & Technology/ Genetics/ Plant Breeding/Economic Botany/ Agricultural Botany/Botany.	27
4	05	Genetics & Plant Breeding	Genetics & Plant breeding/ Plant Breeding & Genetics/ Plant Genetic Resources/Seed Science & Technology/ Genetics/ Plant Breeding/ Economic Botany/ Agricultural Botany/ Botany/Molecular Biology and Biotechnology/ Plant Molecular Biology/Plant Biotechnology/ Plant Sciences.	38
5	07	Plant Biochemistry	Plant Biochemistry/ Agricultural Biochemistry/ Biochemistry/Chemistry.	44
6	08	Plant Pathology	Plant Pathology/Agricultural Botany/ Botany.	45
7	09	Plant Physiology	Plant Physiology /Crop Physiology/ Agricultural Botany/ Botany.	46
8	10	Seed Science and Technology	Seed Science & Technology/ Genetics & Plant Breeding/Plant Breeding & Genetics/ Plant Genetic Resources/ Genetics/Plant Breeding/ Economic Botany/Agricultural Botany/ Botany/ Plant Sciences.	49
9	11	Floriculture and Landscaping	Floriculture and Landscaping/ Floriculture and Landscape Architecture/ Horticulture/Post Harvest Management/ Post Harvest Technology.	35
10	12	Fruit Science	Fruit Science/ Floriculture and Landscape Architecture/ Floriculture and Landscaping/ Horticulture/ Post Harvest Management/ Post Harvest Technology /Vegetable Science/ Plantation, Spices, Medicinal and Aromatic Crops.	37

11	14	Vegetable Science	Vegetable Science/ Horticulture/ Floriculture and Landscape Architecture/ Floriculture and Landscaping/ Post Harvest Management/Post Harvest Technology/ Fruit Science/Plantation, Spices, Medicinal and Aromatic crops.	52
12	15	Animal Biochemistry	Veterinary Biochemistry/ Animal Biochemistry/ Veterinary Biotechnology/ Animal Biotechnology.	14
13	16	Animal Biotechnology	Veterinary Biotechnology/Animal Biotechnology/ Veterinary Biochemistry/ Animal Biochemistry/ Animal Genetics & Breeding/Animal Breeding & Genetics.	15
14	17	Animal Genetics and Breeding	Animal Genetics & Breeding/Animal Breeding & Genetics/Veterinary Biotechnology/Animal Biotechnology.	16
15	18	Animal Nutrition	Animal Nutrition/Veterinary Biochemistry/Animal Biochemistry.	17
16	19	Animal Physiology	Veterinary Physiology/Animal Physiology/ Veterinary Biotechnology/Animal Biotechnology.	18
17	20	Animal Reproduction Gynecology & Obstetrics	Animal Reproduction Gynecology & Obstetrics / Veterinary Gynecology & Obstetrics.	19
18	21	Dairy Chemistry	Dairy Chemistry/ Food Safety and Quality Assurance/ Chemistry / Biochemistry.	24
19	22	Dairy Microbiology	Dairy Microbiology/ Food Safety & Quality Assurance/ Microbiology.	25
20	23	Dairy Technology	Dairy Technology/ Dairy Engineering/Food Science and Technology/ Food Technology/ Livestock Products Technology.	26
21	24	Livestock Products Technology	Livestock Products Technology/ Dairy Technology/ Dairy Engineering/ Food Science and Technology/ Food Technology.	42
22	25	Livestock Production and Management	Livestock Production & Management.	41
23	26	Poultry Science	Poultry Science and other subjects relevant to Poultry Science.	48
24	27	Veterinary Medicine	Veterinary Medicine/ Veterinary Preventive Medicines & Epidemiology/ Preventive Medicines, Epidemiology &Jurisprudence.	54
25	28	Veterinary Microbiology	Veterinary Microbiology/ Veterinary Bacteriology/ Veterinary Virology/ Veterinary Immunology/ Veterinary Public Health.	55

26	29	Veterinary Parasitology	Veterinary Parasitology/ Veterinary Pathology.	56
27	30	Veterinary Pathology	Veterinary Pathology/ Veterinary Microbiology/ Veterinary Bacteriology/ Veterinary Virology/ Veterinary Immunology/Veterinary Parasitology.	57
28	32	Veterinary Public Health	Veterinary Public Health and Epidemiology/ Veterinary Public Health/ Veterinary Epidemiology/ Veterinary Microbiology /Veterinary Bacteriology/ Veterinary Virology.	59
29	33	Veterinary Surgery	Veterinary Surgery & Radiology.	60
30	34	Aquaculture	Aquaculture/Coastal Aquaculture /Fish Nutrition & Feed Technology/Fish Nutrition/Fish Nutrition & Biochemistry/ Aquatic Animal Health Management/ Fish Health Management/Fish Genetics & Breeding/ Aquaculture Engineering.	20
31	36	Fish Processing Technology	Fish Processing Technology/Post Harvest Technology/ Fish Quality Assurance and Management	33
32	37	Fish Nutrition	Fish Nutrition & Feed Technology/Fish Nutrition/Fish Nutrition & Biochemistry/ Fish Physiology & Biochemistry/ Aquaculture	32
33	38	Fish Health	Aquatic Animal Health Management/ Fish Health/Fish Health Management/ Aquaculture/Fish Genetics & Breeding/ Fish Biotechnology.	21
34	40	Agricultural Chemicals	Agricultural Chemicals/ Agricultural Chemistry/ Chemistry.	3
35	42	Agro-forestry	Agro-forestry/ Agronomy/ Forestry /Environmental Sciences.	12
36	43	Agronomy	Agronomy/ Soil Conservation & Water Management/ Water Science and Technology/Natural Farming/ Organic Farming/ Sustainable Agriculture.	13
37	44	Environmental Science	Environmental Sciences/Agricultural Physics/Agro-forestry/Agricultural Meteorology/Soil Science/Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry/ Agricultural Chemistry and Soil Science/ Agricultural Chemicals/ Agricultural Microbiology/ Microbiology.	29

38	45	Soil Science	Soil Science/ Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry/ Agricultural Chemistry and Soil Science/ Agricultural Chemistry/ Agricultural Physics/ Soil and Water Conservation/ Agricultural Microbiology/ Microbiology/ Soil Chemistry/ Soil Conservation and Water Management/ Environmental Science.	50
39	46	Agri-Business Management	Agri-Business Management/ Rural Management/ Agricultural Economics /Management.	1
40	47	Agricultural Economics	Agricultural Economics/ Dairy Economics/ Veterinary Economics/ Livestock Economics/ Fisheries Economics/ Economics.	4
41	48	Agricultural Extension	Agricultural Extension Education/ Agricultural Extension / Agricultural Extension and Communication/ Extension Education/Veterinary Extension/ Dairy Extension/ Fisheries Extension/ Agricultural Communication/ Home Science/ Community Science.	6
42	49	Agricultural Statistics	Agricultural Statistics/Statistics/Applied Statistics/ Biostatistics/ Mathematical Statistics.	10
43	51	Farm Machinery & Power	Farm Machinery and Power Engineering/ Farm Machinery and Power/ Renewable Energy Engineering/ Renewable Energy/ Mechanical Engineering.	30
44	53	Land & Water Management Engineering	Soil and Water Conservation Engineering/ Soil and Water Engineering/ Irrigation and Drainage Engineering/ Irrigation Water Management Engineering/ Water Science and Technology/ Land and Water Resources Engineering/ Aquacultural Engineering.	40
45	54	Bioinformatics	Bioinformatics/ Computational Biology/ Computer Application/ Computer Application and IT/ Computer Science/ Statistics/ Agricultural Statistics/ Biotechnology/ Agricultural Biotechnology/ Molecular Biology and Biotechnology.	22
46	55	Food Technology	Food Technology/ Food Science and Technology/ Agricultural Processing and Food Engineering/ Processing and Food Engineering/ Food Process Engineering/ Food Processing Technology/ Dairy Engineering/Dairy Technology/ Post-Harvest Process Technology/ Post- Harvest Engineering & Technology/ Livestock Products Technology/Food Science and Nutrition/ Food and Nutrition.	36



47	56	Agricultural Structures and Process Engineering	Agricultural Process and Food Engineering/ Civil Engineering/ Processing and Food Engineering/ Food Process Engineering/ Food Processing Technology/ Dairy Engineering/Post Harvest Process Technology/ Post Harvest Engineering & Technology.	11
48	57	Veterinary Anatomy	Veterinary Anatomy/ Veterinary Anatomy and Histology/ Veterinary Anatomy, Histology and Embryology.	53
49	58	Agricultural Physics	Agricultural Physics/ Physics/ Biophysics/ Agricultural Meteorology/ Soil Science/ Environmental Sciences/ Geo-informatics.	9
50	59	Electronics and Instrumentation	Electronics Engineering/ Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering /Electrical and Electronics Engineering/ Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering/ Instrumentation Engineering.	28
51	60	Textile Manufacture & Technology	Textile Technology/ Textile Manufacture/ Textile Engineering/ Textile Chemistry/ Technical Textiles/ Textile Chemical Processing/ Fibre Science and Technology.	51

## VACANCY POSITION FOR ARS EXAMINATION- 2023 AS REQUISITIONED BY ICAR

## Vacancy Notification for ARS-2023 Examination

S. No.	Code No.	Discipline	Total	SC	ST	OBC	EWS	Unreserved	PwBD
1	02	Agricultural Entomology	13	2	1	3	1	6	0
2	03	Agricultural Microbiology	4	1	0	1	0	2	0
3	04	Economic Botany & Plant Genetic Resources	6	0	1	2	1	2	0
4	05	Genetics & Plant Breeding	12	2	0	4	1	5	1(D & HH)
5	07	Plant Biochemistry	4	0	1	1	0	2	1(D&HH)
6	08	Plant Pathology	10	1	0	3	1	5	0
7	09	Plant Physiology	8	1	0	2	1	4	0
8	10	Seed Science & Technology	6	1	1	1	0	3	1(OH)
9	11	Floriculture & Landscaping	4	0	1	1	1	1	1 (OH)
10	12	Fruit Science	11	2	0	3	1	5	1(OH)
11	14	Vegetable Science	6	1	0	2	0	3	0
12	15	Animal Biochemistry	3	0	0	1	0	2	1(OH)
13	16	Animal Biotechnology	2	0	0	0	0	2	1(OH)
14	17	Animal Genetics & Breeding	7	1	1	1	1	3	0
15	18	Animal Nutrition	8	1	1	2	1	3	1 (D&HH)
16	19	Animal Physiology	3	1	0	0	0	2	0
17	20	Animal Reproduction Gynecology & Obstetrics	2	0	0	1	0	1	0
18	21	Dairy Chemistry	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
19	22	Dairy Microbiology	3	0	1	0	0	2	0
20	23	Dairy Technology	4	2	0	0	0	2	0
21	24	Livestock Product Technology	2	0	0	1	1	0	0

22	25	Livestock Production and Management	8	1	1	2	1	3	0
23	26	Poultry Science	3	0	0	1	0	2	0
24	27	Veterinary Medicine	3	0	0	1	0	2	0
25	28	Veterinary Microbiology	4	0	0	1	1	2	0
26	29	Veterinary Parasitology	3	0	0	1	0	2	0
27	30	Veterinary Pathology	2	0	0	1	0	1	0
28	32	Veterinary Public Health	2	0	0	1	0	1	0
29	33	Veterinary Surgery	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
30	34	Aquaculture	4	1	0	1	0	2	0
31	36	Fish Processing Technology	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
32	37	Fish Nutrition	2	0	0	1	0	1	0
33	38	Fish Health	4	0	1	1	1	1	0
34	40	Agricultural Chemicals	3	0	0	1	0	2	2 (D&HH)
35	42	Agroforestry	3	0	0	1	0	2	0
36	43	Agronomy	8	1	1	2	1	3	1(OH)
37	44	Environmental Science	2	0	0	1	1	0	0
38	45	Soil Sciences	10	1	1	3	1	4	1 (D&HH) +1 (OH)
39	46	Agricultural Business Management	4	1	0	1	1	1	0
40	47	Agricultural Economics	11	1	1	3	1	5	2(OH)
41	48	Agricultural Extension	11	1	1	3	1	5	0
42	49	Agricultural Statistics	8	1	1	2	1	3	1(D&HH) + 1(OH)
43	51	Farm Machinery & Power	4	1	0	1	1	1	0
44	53	Land & Water Management Engineering	4	1	0	1	1	1	0
45	54	Bioinformatics	2	0	0	1	0	1	0
46	55	Food Technology	4	0	1	1	0	2	1(OH)
47	56	Agricultural Structure and Process Engineering	12	1	3	3	1	4	0
48	57	Veterinary Anatomy	4	0	0	1	1	2	0
49	58	Agricultural Physics	3	0	0	1	0	2	1 (OH)

50	59	Electronics & Instrumentation	6	1	0	2	1	2	0
51	60	Textile Manufacture & Technology	4	0	1	1	0	2	1 (OH) + 1(D&HH)
		<b>Total</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>118</b>	

#Vacancies for divyangjan category are reserved in horizontal manner

**Abbreviation-** D&HH- Deaf & Hard of hearing

OH-locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy.

Note: Physically handicapped (PwBD) candidates are eligible to apply against all the above-mentioned posts.

**FORM OF CERTIFICATE TO BE RPRODUCED BY SCHEDULED CASTES AND  
SCHEDULED TRIBES CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE  
POSTS UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

This is to certify that Shri/Shrimati/Kumari\* \_\_\_\_\_ son/ daughter\* of  
\_\_\_\_\_ of village/town\* \_\_\_\_\_ in District/  
Division\* \_\_\_\_\_ of the State/Union Territory\* \_\_\_\_\_  
belongs to the \_\_\_\_\_ caste/ tribe\* which is recognized as a Scheduled Caste/  
Scheduled Tribe\* under:-

- @ The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950
- @ The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950
- @ The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Union Territories Order, 1951
- @ The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Union Territories Order, 1951

[as amended by the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Lists (Modification) Order, 1956; the Bombay Reorganisation Act, 1960, the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966, the State of Himachal Pradesh Act, 1970, the North Eastern Area (Reorganisation) Act, 1971, the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act, 1976, the State of Mizoram Act, 1986, the State of Arunachal Pradesh Act, 1986 and the Goa, Daman and Diu (Reorganisation) Act, 1987.]

- @ The Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) Scheduled Castes Order, 1956
- @ The Constitution (Andaman and Nicobar Islands) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1959, as amended by the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Order (Amendment) Act, 1976
- @ The Constitution (Dadar and Nagar Haveli) Scheduled Castes Order, 1962
- @ The Constitution (Dadar and Nagar Haveli) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1962
- @ The Constitution (Pondicherry) Scheduled Castes Order, 1964
- @ The Constitution (Uttar Pradesh) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1967
- @ The Constitution (Goa, Daman and Diu) Scheduled Castes Order, 1968
- @ The Constitution (Goa, Daman and Diu) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1968
- @ The Constitution (Nagaland) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1970
- @ The Constitution (Sikkim) Scheduled Castes Order, 1978
- @ The Constitution (Sikkim) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1978
- @ The Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1989
- @ The Constitution (SC) Order (Amendment) Act, 1990
- @ The Constitution (ST) Order (Amendment) Act, 1991
- @ The Constitution (ST) Order (Second Amendment) Act, 1991
- @ The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act, 2002
- @ The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Act, 2002
- @ The Constitution (Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) Orders (Amendment) Act, 2002
- @ The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders (Second Amendment) Act, 2002

%2. Applicable in the case of Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes persons who have migrated from one State/ union Territory Administration to another.

This certificate is issued on the basis of the Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes Certificate issued to Shri/Shrimati\* \_\_\_\_\_ father/mother\* of Shri/Shrimati/Kumari\* \_\_\_\_\_ of village/town\* \_\_\_\_\_ in District/Division\* \_\_\_\_\_ of the State/ Union Territory\* \_\_\_\_\_ who belongs to the caste/ tribe\* which is recognized as a Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe\* in the State/ Union Territory\* of \_\_\_\_\_ issued by the \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

%3. Shri/Shrimati\*/Kumari\* \_\_\_\_\_ and/\*or his/her\* family ordinarily resides in village/town\* \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ District/Division\* of the State/ Union Territory\* of \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
\*\*Designation \_\_\_\_\_  
(With Seal of Office)  
State/ Union Territory

Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please delete the words which are not applicable.

@ Please quote specific Presidential Order.

% Delete the paragraph which is not applicable.

NOTE:- The term "ordinarily resides" used here will have the same meaning as in Section 20 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.

\*\* List of authorities empowered to issue Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe Certificate:

(i) District Magistrate/ Additional District Magistrate/ Collector/ Deputy Commissioner/ Additional Deputy Commissioner/ Deputy Collector/ 1<sup>st</sup> Class Stipendiary Magistrate/^ Sub-Divisional Magistrate/ Taluka Magistrate/ Executive Magistrate/ Extra Assistant Commissioner.

^ (not below of the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Class Stipendiary Magistrate).

(ii) Chief Presidency Magistrate/ Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate/ Presidency Magistrate.

(iii) Revenue Officers not below the rank of Tehsildar.

(iv) Sub Divisional Officer of the area where the candidate and/or his/her family normally resides.

(v) Administrator/ Secretary to Administrator/ Development Officer (Lakshadweep).

**FORM OF CERTIFICATE TO BE PRODUCED BY OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES  
APPLYING FOR APPOINTMENT TO POSTS UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF  
INDIA**

This is to certify that Shri/Smt./Kumari \_\_\_\_\_ son/daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ of village/town \_\_\_\_\_ in District/Division \_\_\_\_\_ in the State/Union Territory \_\_\_\_\_ belongs to the \_\_\_\_\_ community which is recognized as a backward class under the \_\_\_\_\_ Government of India, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment's Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\*. Shri/Smt./Kumari \_\_\_\_\_ and/or his/her family ordinarily reside(s) in the \_\_\_\_\_ District/Division of the \_\_\_\_\_ State/Union Territory. This is also to certify that he/she does not belong to the persons/sections (Creamy layer) mentioned in Column 3 of the Schedule to the Government of India, Department of Personnel and Training O.M. No. 36012/22/93-Estt. (SCT) dated 8.9.1993\*\*.

**District Magistrate,  
Deputy Commissioner etc.**

Dated

SEAL

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*- The authority issuing the certificate may have to mention the details of Resolution of Government of India, in which the caste of the candidate is mentioned as OBC.

\*\* - As amended from time to time.

Note:- The term "Ordinarily" used here will have the same meaning as in Section 20 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.

Form-V

**Certificate of Disability**  
**(In cases of amputation or complete permanent paralysis of limbs**  
**and in cases of blindness)**

[See rule 18(1)]

**(NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MEDICAL AUTHORITY ISSUING THE  
CERTIFICATE)**

Recent PP size  
Attested  
Photograph  
(Showing face  
only) of the person  
with disability

Certificate No. ....

Date: .....

This is to certify that I have carefully examined Shri/Smt./Kum. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ son/wife/daughter of Shri \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth  
(DD / MM / YY) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ years, male/female \_\_\_\_\_ Registration  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ permanent resident of House No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Ward/Village/Street \_\_\_\_\_ Post Office \_\_\_\_\_  
District \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_, whose photograph is affixed above, and am  
satisfied that :

(A) he/she is a case of:

- locomotor disability
- dwarfism
- blindness

(Please tick as applicable)

(B) the diagnosis in his/her case is \_\_\_\_\_

(A) He/ She has \_\_\_\_\_%(in figure) \_\_\_\_\_ percent (in  
words) permanent Locomotor Disability/ dwarfism/ blindness in relation to  
his/her \_\_\_\_\_(part of body) as per guidelines ( \_\_\_\_\_ number and date of issue  
of the guidelines to be specified).



2. The applicant has submitted the following document as proof of residence:-

Nature of Document	Date of Issue	Details of authority issuing certificate

(Signature and Seal of Authorised Signatory of notified Medical Authority)

Signature/Thumb  
impression of the  
person in whose  
favour disability  
certificate is  
issued.

Form-VI

**Disability Certificate**  
**(In case of multiple disabilities)**  
**[See rule 18(1)]**

**(NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MEDICAL AUTHORITY ISSUING THE  
CERTIFICATE)**

Recent PP size Attested Photograph (Showing face only) of the person with disability
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Certificate No. ....

Date: .....

This is to certify that we have carefully examined Shri/Smt./Kum.  
\_\_\_\_\_ son/wife/daughter of Shri \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth  
(DD / MM- / YY) \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Age \_\_\_ years, male/female \_\_\_\_\_ Registration  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ permanent resident of House No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Ward/Village/Street \_\_\_\_\_ Post Office \_\_\_\_\_ District  
\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_, whose photograph is affixed above, and are  
satisfied that:

(A) He/she is a Case of **Multiple Disability**. His/her extent of permanent physical impairment/disability has been evaluated as per guidelines (\_\_\_\_\_ number and date of issue of the guidelines to be specified) for the disabilities ticked below, and shown against the relevant disability in the table below:

S. No.	Disability	Affected Part of Body	Diagnosis	Permanent physical impairment/mental disability (in %)
1.	Locomotor disability	@		
2.	Muscular Dystrophy			
3.	Leprosy cured			
4.	Dwarfism			
5.	Cerebral Palsy			

S. No.	Disability	Affected Part of Body	Diagnosis	Permanent physical impairment/mental disability (in %)
6.	Acid attack Victim			
7.	Low vision	#		
8.	Blindness	#		
9.	Deaf	£		
10.	Hard of hearing	£		
11.	Speech and Language disability			
12.	Intellectual Disability			
13.	Specific Learning Disability			
14.	Autism Spectrum Disorder			
15.	Mental-illness			
16.	Chronic Neurological Conditions			
17.	Multiple sclerosis			
18.	Parkinson's disease			
19.	Haemophilia			
20.	Thalassemia			
21.	Sickle Cell disease			

(B) In the light of the above, his /her over all permanent physical impairment as per guidelines (\_\_\_\_\_ number and date of issue of the guidelines to be specified), is as follows:-

In figures:- \_\_\_\_\_ percent

In words:- \_\_\_\_\_ percent

2. This condition is progressive/ non-progressive/ likely to improve/ not likely to improve.

3. Reassessment of disability is:

(i) not necessary,

Or

(ii) is recommended/ after \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months, and therefore this certificate shall be valid till (DD / MM / YY) \_\_\_\_\_

@ e.g. Left/ right/ both arms/ legs

# e.g. Single eye

£ e.g. Left/ right/ both ears

4. The applicant has submitted the following document as proof of residence:-

Nature of Document	Date of Issue	Details of authority issuing certificate

5. Signature and seal of the Medical Authority.

Name and seal of Member	Name and seal of Member	Name and seal of the Chairperson

Signature/Thumb impression of the person in whose favour disability certificate is issued.
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**Form-VII**

**Disability Certificate**

(In cases other than those mentioned in Forms V and VI)

(NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MEDICAL AUTHORITY ISSUING THE  
CERTIFICATE)

[See rule 18(1)]

Recent PP size Attested Photograph (Showing face only) of the person with disability
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Certificate No. ....

Date: .....

This is to certify that I have carefully examined Shri/Smt./Kum. \_\_\_\_\_ son/wife/daughter of Shri \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (DD / MM / YY) \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ years, male/female \_\_\_\_\_ Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_ permanent resident of House No. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward/Village/Street \_\_\_\_\_ Post Office \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_, whose photograph is affixed above and am satisfied that he/she is a case of \_\_\_\_\_ disability. His/her extent of percentage physical impairment/disability has been evaluated as per guidelines (to be specified) and is shown against the relevant disability in the table below:-

S. No.	Disability	Affected Part of Body	Diagnosis	Permanent physical impairment/mental disability (in %)
1.	Locomotor disability	@		
2.	Muscular Dystrophy			
3.	Leprosy cured			
4.	Cerebral Palsy			
5.	Acid attack Victim			
6.	Low vision	#		
7.	Deaf	£		
8.	Hard of hearing	£		

S. No.	Disability	Affected Part of Body	Diagnosis	Permanent physical impairment/mental disability (in %)
9.	Speech and Language disability			
10.	Intellectual Disability			
11.	Specific Learning Disability			
12.	Autism Spectrum Disorder			
13.	Mental-illness			
14.	Chronic Neurological Conditions			
15.	Multiple sclerosis			
16.	Parkinson's disease			
17.	Haemophilia			
18.	Thalassemia			
19.	Sickle Cell disease			

(Please strike out the disabilities which are not applicable.)

2. The above condition is progressive/ non-progressive/ likely to improve/ not likely to improve.

3. Reassessment of disability is :

(i) not necessary,

Or

(ii) is recommended/ after \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months, and therefore this certificate shall be valid till (DD / MM / YY) \_\_\_\_\_

@ - e.g. Left/ right/ both arms/ legs

# - e.g. Single eye/ both eyes

£ - e.g. Left/ right/ both ears

4. The applicant has submitted the following document as proof of residence:-

Nature of Document	Date of Issue	Details of authority issuing certificate

(Authorised Signatory of notified Medical Authority)  
(Name and Seal)

Countersigned  
{Countersignature and seal of the  
Chief Medical Officer/ Medical Superintendent/  
Head of Government Hospital, in case the  
certificate is issued by a medical  
authority who is not a government  
servant (with seal)}

Signature/Thumb  
impression of the  
person in whose  
favour disability  
certificate is  
issued.

**Note:** In case this certificate is issued by a medical authority who is not a government servant, it shall be valid only if countersigned by the Chief Medical Officer of the District.

**Note:** The principal rules were published in the Gazette of India by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment vide notification number 489, dated 15.06.2017.

Government of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name & Address of the authority issuing the certificate)

**INCOME & ASSET CERTIFICATE TO BE PRODUCED BY  
ECONOMICALLY WEAKER SECTIONS**

Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**VALID FOR THE YEAR** \_\_\_\_\_

This is to certify that Shri/Smt./Kumari \_\_\_\_\_  
son/daughter/wife of \_\_\_\_\_ permanent resident of \_\_\_\_\_,  
Village/Street \_\_\_\_\_ Post. Office \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ in the  
State/Union Territory \_\_\_\_\_ Pin Code \_\_\_\_\_ whose photograph is attested below  
belongs to Economically Weaker Sections, since the gross annual income\* of his/her  
'family'\*\* is below ₹ 8 lakh (Rupees Eight Lakh only) for the financial year \_\_\_\_\_.  
His/her family does not own or possess any of the following assets\*\*\*:

- I. 5 acres of agricultural land and above;
- II. Residential flat of 1000 sq. ft. and above;
- III. Residential plot of 100 sq. yards and above in notified municipalities;
- IV. Residential plot of 200 sq. yards and above in areas other than the notified municipalities.

2. Shri/Smt./Kumari \_\_\_\_\_ belongs to the \_\_\_\_\_ caste which  
is not recognized as a Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Classes (Central  
List).

Signature with seal of Office \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Designation \_\_\_\_\_

Recent Passport  
size attested  
photograph of the  
applicant

**\*Note 1:** Income covered all sources i.e. salary, agriculture, business, profession, etc.

**\*\*Note 2:** The term 'Family' for this purpose include the person, who seeks benefit of reservation, his/her parents and siblings below the age of 18 years as also his/her spouse and children below the age of 18 years

**\*\*\*Note 3:** The property held by a 'Family' in different locations or different places/cities have been clubbed while applying the land or property holding test to determine EWS status.



**EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATE**

(On official Letter Head of the Institute/ University)

It is certified that Sh./Smt./Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) is working as \_\_\_\_\_ (Designation) in this Institute/ Agricultural University. His/her initial date of appointment in the Institute/ Agricultural University is \_\_\_\_\_. His/her Pay Level as per 7<sup>th</sup> CPC Pay Matrix is \_\_\_\_\_ with Basic pay ₹ \_\_\_\_\_. He/she is a \_\_\_\_\_ (Regular/Contractual) employee of this Institute / Agricultural University.

This Office/ Agricultural University has no objection to his/her applying for Agricultural Research Service (ARS) Examination – 2023 conducted by Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board.

( \_\_\_\_\_ )  
Registrar/Vice-Chancellor/  
Competent Authority

NOTE:A copy of appointment letter, Joining Order and Official Identity Card may also be enclosed.