



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
STATE TEACHER ELIGIBILITY TEST-2026
(For In Service Regular Teachers, Probationary Teachers & Instructors)

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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- **Online Application Starting Date:** 24/08/2026
- **Last Date for Submission of On-line Application:** 12/09/2026 (by 4:00 p.m.)
- **Issue of Admit Card:** 01/10/2026 (Onwards)
- **Date of Examination:** 11/10/2026 (Sunday)

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State Teacher Eligibility Test-2026 (For In-Service Regular Teacher, Probationary Teacher & Instructors)

The Education Department will be conducting the State Teacher Eligibility Test **(For In-Service Regular Teachers)** as per the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and in accordance with the provisions of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE ACT 2009) and the minimum qualifications laid down by NCTE (National Council for Teacher Education). The **Probationary Teacher & Instructors under Education Department are also allowed to appear for STET-2026 along with In-Service Regular Teachers**. This test is for individuals to be eligible for appointment as Primary Teachers for Classes I to V and Elementary (Graduate) Teachers for Classes VI to VIII.

The Education Department invites applications from eligible **(In-Service Regular Teacher, Probationary Teachers & Instructors)** for the State Teacher Eligibility Test-2026. **Candidates can choose either Gangtok, Namchi & Gyalshing District as their desired exam centre.**

- STET will be conducted once a year.
- A person who has qualified STET may appear again to improve their score in subsequent years.
- All candidates who pass the STET will be awarded a certificate.
- The validity of the certificate will be until the candidate crosses the employability age as per State Government norms. However, this does not include the special exemption of higher age given to temporary in-service employees.
- A person who scores 60% or more in STET will be considered STET pass.
- A 5% relaxation of marks is applicable to SC/ST, Central & State OBC candidates.

Please refer to the STET syllabus available at:

<https://tet.sikkim.gov.in/Uploads/Notice/STET%20SYLLABUS.pdf>

Please refer to the STET notification available at <https://tet.sikkim.gov.in/Uploads/Notice/STET%20notification%20.pdf>

Minimum Essential Qualification (Eligibility)

1.1 Minimum Educational Qualification for becoming Primary Teacher for Classes I-V (Primary stage)

- Senior Secondary (or its equivalent) with at least 50% marks for unreserved candidates and 45% for SC, ST, OBC (Central), OBC (State), and passed 2 years Diploma in Elementary Education (D.El.Ed.). **OR**
- Senior Secondary (or its equivalent) with at least 50% marks for unreserved candidates and 45% for SC, ST, OBC (Central), OBC (State), and passed 4 years Bachelor of Elementary Education (B.El.Ed.). **OR**
- Senior Secondary (or its equivalent) with at least 50% marks and 45% for SC, ST, OBC (Central), OBC (State), and passed 2 years Diploma in Education (Special Education).

1.2 Minimum Educational Qualification for becoming Graduate Teacher for Classes VI-VIII (Elementary stage)

- B.A./B.Sc. with 50% marks for unreserved candidates and 45% for SC, ST, OBC (Central), OBC (State), and passed 2 years Diploma in Elementary Education (D.El.Ed.). **OR**
- B.A./B.Sc. with 50% marks for unreserved candidates and 45% for SC, ST, OBC (Central), OBC (State), and passed 2 year Bachelor in Education (B.Ed.). **OR**
- Senior Secondary (or its equivalent) with at least 50% marks for unreserved candidates and 45% for SC, ST, OBC (Central), OBC (State), and passed 4-year Bachelor in Elementary Education (B.El.Ed.). **OR**
- Senior Secondary (or its equivalent) with at least 50% marks for unreserved candidates and 45% for SC, ST, OBC (Central), OBC (State), and passed 4-year B.A/B.Sc.Ed or B.A.Ed/B.Sc.Ed.

Note:

- **Eligible Applicants are allowed to appear STET-2026(For In-Service Regular Teacher, Probationary Teachers & Instructors) in only one (01) category (Primary Level or Graduate Level).**
- For the purpose of this notification, only a Diploma/Degree course in Teacher Education recognized by the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) shall be considered.
- However, in the case of Diploma in Education (Special Education) and B.Ed. (Special Education), a course recognized by the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) only shall be considered.

Pattern of Examination:

- STET questions will be of objective type (Multiple Choice Questions).
- There will be no negative marking.
- Number of MCQs = 150.
- All questions are compulsory.

Paper I (for Primary Teacher for classes I to V)

Structure and Content	MCQs	Marks
Child Development and Pedagogy	30	30
Language I	30	30
Language II	30	30
Mathematics	30	30
Environmental Studies	30	30

Nature of Content and Questions (Paper I):

- The test items on Child Development and Pedagogy will focus on Educational Psychology of Teaching and Learning relevant to the age group of 6-11 years.
- The test items for Language-I will focus on the proficiencies related to the Medium of Instruction, which is English.
- Language-II will be from among the prescribed options other than Language I. A candidate may choose any one of the vernacular languages being taught in the schools of Sikkim from Class I-V (Lepcha/Bhutia/Nepali/Limboo/Hindi/Tamang/Rai/Gurung/Sherpa). The applicants will have to specify the language in their application form.

Paper II (for Graduate Teacher for classes VI to VIII) Structure and Content:

Subject	MCQs	Marks
Child Development and Pedagogy	30	30
Language I	30	30

Language II	30	30
Mathematics and Science	60	60
OR Social Studies (for Social Studies Teacher)	60	60

Nature and Content of Questions (Paper II):

- The test items on Child Development and Pedagogy will focus on Educational Psychology of Teaching and Learning, relevant to the age group 11-14 years.
- The test items for Language-I will focus on the proficiencies related to the medium of instruction, which is English.
- Language-II will be a language other than Language-I. The person may choose any one language from among the available options being taught in Classes VI to VIII in the schools in Sikkim (Lepcha/Bhutia/Nepali/Limboo/Hindi/Tamang/Rai/Gurung/Sherpa). The test items in Language II will also focus on the elements of language, communication, and comprehension abilities.
 - The test items in Mathematics and Science will be 30 marks each, and will focus on the Concepts, Problem Solving Abilities, and Pedagogical understanding of these subjects.
- The test items of Social Studies will be 60 marks, evenly distributed between History, Geography, and Civics as prescribed for classes VI to VIII by the State Government.
- The questions in the test for Paper II will be based on the topics of the prescribed syllabus of the State for classes VI to VIII, but their difficulty level and linkage could be up to the Senior Secondary stage.
- The question paper shall be in English, and questions in Vernacular will be in that Vernacular (Lepcha/Bhutia/Nepali/Limboo/Hindi/Tamang/Rai/Gurung/Sherpa).

1.4: FORM & FEE DETAILS:

- Application for STET will be **only through online form** on <https://tet.sikkim.gov.in/>
- An online payment of **Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred) only** is to be made as the Examination Fee.
- **FEE ONCE PAID WILL NOT BE REFUNDED BACK**

BEFORE STARTING TO FILL THE ONLINE FORM, KEEP READY THE FOLLOWING:

- Scanned/Digital Photograph (of the Applicant)
- Scanned Signature (of the Applicant)
- Scanned Professional Degree/Diploma Certificate (of the Applicant)

- Scanned Photo ID Proof (COI/Aadhar/Voter ID/Driving License etc.)
- Working e-mail and mobile no. (of the Applicant)

The online form will be available at www.tet.sikkim.gov.in from **24th August 2026**, and the **last date** for filling up the application form is **12th September 2026 (till 4 p.m.)**.

- **Notification:** 19th August, 2026 (Local newspaper & www.education.sikkim.gov.in)
- Candidates can download their admit cards from the same portal from 1st October, 2026.
- All successful candidates will be awarded the certificate in person after producing the original Admit cards issued to them.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- Qualifying the STET would not confer any right for recruitment/employment as it is only one of the eligibility criteria for appointment.
- In the OMR Answer Sheet, candidates should answer all the questions.
- As there is **NO NEGATIVE MARKING**, any one of the options should be **PROPERLY blackened**, and options should not be left blank.
- A light, faintly, and incompletely darkened circle is a wrong method for marking and liable to be rejected by the Optical Scanner.
- The candidate should mention their own mobile number and E-Mail ID while submitting their online application, as STET alerts will be sent to the candidates on their registered mobile number and E-Mail ID only.

SIKKIM TEACHER ELIGIBILITY TEST (STET-2026) For **In-Service Regular Teacher, Probationary Teacher & Instructors** WILL BE CONDUCTED ON **11th October, 2026 (SUNDAY)**.

BOTH LEVEL-I AND LEVEL-II (I.E., FOR PRIMARY AND GRADUATE TEACHERS) WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE SAME DAY.