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(INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH)

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NOTIFICATION

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE (ARS) EXAMINATION – 2014

and

NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY TEST (NET) – 2014 (II)

1. The Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB or the Board) will hold a combined ARS-2014 (Preliminary) Examination and NET-2014(II) during **22.9.2014 to 28.9.2014** in Online mode at 23 Centres across India in a staggered slot-wise examination format as per the Rules and Scheme of Examination indicated in this notification. The ARS-2014 (Main) Examination will be conducted on **28.12.2014**. Candidates are advised to read the notification carefully before filling the Online Application Form.

The ARS (Preliminary) Examination is a qualifying examination and its marks will not be carried forward for determining final merit of the candidates. All those candidates desirous of appearing for ARS Examination will have to take both the Preliminary and Main Examination and viva-voce. Since a pass in the Preliminary Examination is compulsory for all candidates, only those candidates who qualify the ARS-2014 (Preliminary) Examination will be eligible to appear in the ARS-2014 (Main) Examination. Candidates declared successful in ARS-2014 (Main) Examination and viva-voce will be recommended for appointment as Scientists in Agricultural Research Service (ARS) of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in the Pay Band-III of ₹15,600-39,100 plus Research Grade Pay of ₹ 6,000/-.

National Eligibility Test (NET) is a qualifying examination for determining eligibility for Lecturer/Assistant Professor in the State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) and other Agricultural Universities (AUs). Candidates clearing the National Eligibility Test will be eligible for Lecturers or Assistant Professors in the SAUs/AUs. NET certificates will be issued by the ASRB to the qualified candidates to enable them to apply against vacancies to be notified or advertised by the State Agricultural Universities/Agricultural Universities. SAUs/AUs who will satisfy themselves with regard to fulfillment of prescribed conditionalities and consider them for the recruitment process for Lecturers/Assistant Professors.

2. CENTRES:-

The centres of ARS Examination-2014 where the combined Preliminary Examination and the NET-2014 (II) will be conducted in Online Computer Based Test mode and the Main Examination in the conventional Paper and Pen mode will be conducted are mentioned in **APPENDIX - I** and **II** respectively. The ASRB may increase or decrease the number of centres according to the requirements. Candidates must select the centres of examination(s) carefully. No request for change of centre would be entertained under any circumstances.

3. **VACANCIES FOR ARS-2014**

The number of vacancies in ARS-2014 under various disciplines is mentioned in **APPENDIX- III**. The number of vacancies is only tentative and likely to change.

4. **RULES OF EXAMINATION**

The details of Rules of the ARS Examination are mentioned in **Appendix-IV**. The candidate must see the Rules of examination carefully before filling up the Online Application form.

5. **PRESCRIBED EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

For ARS-2014:

A candidate must hold a Master's Degree or equivalent in the concerned discipline with specialization as defined in **Appendix-V** completed on or before **28.12.2014**. For details, please refer to Rule 3 of Rules of the Examination given in Appendix-IV.

The candidates having Master's degree from a foreign University must attach a certificate of equivalence and recognition of that degree issued by the University Commission/ Govt. of India/ any other concerned GoI Department or Agency.

However, Candidates who have appeared at an examination, the passing of which would render them eligible to appear at the ARS– 2014 Examination but have not been informed of the results, may apply for admission to the ARS-2014 Examination. Candidates who intend to appear at such a qualifying examination may also apply.

Such candidates will be admitted to the ARS-2014 Examination, if otherwise eligible, but their admission would be deemed to be provisional and subject to cancellation, if they do not produce proof of having passed the requisite qualifying examination on or before 28.12.2014 i.e. scheduled date of ARS-2014 (Main) Examination.

For NET-2014 (II)

A candidate must possess a Master's degree or equivalent in the concerned Discipline and specialization completed on or before **28.12.2014**. The list of Disciplines and its prescribed educational qualifications are as given in **APPENDIX – V** 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 by the Government of India (GoI).

6. **AGE LIMIT:-**

For ARS-2014

A candidate must have attained the age of **21 years** but not have attained the age of **32 years as on 01.08.2014**. Age relaxation is admissible to the various categories as per rules. For details please refer to the Rule 2 of the Rules of the Examination as given in **APPENDIX –IV**.

For NET-2014 (II)

A candidate must have attained the age of 21 years as on **01.08.2014**. There is no upper age limit for the National Eligibility Test.

7. APPLICATION FEE: -

Details of Application fee to be paid:

S. No.	Category of candidate	For ARS-2014 Only (₹)	For NET-2014(II) Only (₹)	Both for ARS-2014 and NET-2014 (II) (₹)
1	General (UR) / Other Backward Class (OBC)	500/-	1000/-	1500/-
2	Scheduled Caste (SC)/ Scheduled Tribe (ST)/ Person with Disability (PwD) /	Nil	250/-	250/-
3	Women	Nil	Nil	Nil

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

The fee must be paid online through the website: <http://www.asrb.org.in>

- Payment can be made through Debit Card/Credit Card from any Bank.
- Payment using the online Challan generated (in case of payment to be made using Challan) can be made in any of the branches of the Syndicate Bank (list of the branches of Syndicate Bank can be obtained from the Branch locator link on : <http://www.syndicatebank.in>) In such cases, the paid copy of the ASRB portion of the Online generated challan for application fee must be uploaded in the relevant place of the application form without which the application will summarily be rejected.

8. PLAN OF EXAMINATION:-

For ARS-2014

The Detailed Plan of Examination is given in **APPENDIX- VI**.

For NET-2014(II)

The Detailed Plan of Examination is given in **APPENDIX- VII**.

9. HOW TO APPLY:-

A candidate seeking admission to the Examination must apply online in the prescribed Application Form available on the website: <http://www.asrb.org.in> . A candidate must read the provisions contained in this Notification for Combined ARS-2014 and NET – 2014 (II) carefully and abide by the same. A candidate must fulfil all the conditions of eligibility regarding age limits, educational qualifications, etc. prescribed for admission to the examination.

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.

No request for change in any field i.e., Name, Father's Name, Date of Birth, Gender, E-mail Id, Mobile No., Phone No., Category. etc. will be considered under any circumstances. Candidates are therefore advised to be very careful while filling up their application forms.

10. IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES FOR FILLING ONLINE APPLICATIONS:

- 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 application is allowed. They can exercise their option in the Application Form for being considered either for ARS-2014 only or NET-2014(II) or Both i.e. ARS-2014 and NET-2014 (II). Candidates are hereby informed that the details they provided 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 of multiple applications received, it is informed that 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 in the course of filling the Application Form.
- iv. Candidates are required to keep ready the following relevant details /information / documents:
 - a) Combined Notification for ARS Examination-2014 and NET-2014 (II).
 - 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; if available.
 - h) Doctorate Degree Certificate/Provisional Degree Certificate/Transcript/ Marksheet.
 - i) Center opted for Combined ARS-2014 (Preliminary) Examination and NET-2014 (II) (Please check the Examination Centers in this notification in Appendix – I).
 - j) Center opted for ARS-2014 (Main) Examination (Please check the Examination Centers in this notification in Appendix - II).
 - k) 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 2/3rd of the total space and taken without spectacles.
 - l) Scanned copy of signatures taken in Black/Blue ink on a white paper only in .jpg format only.
 - m) Debit Card/Credit Card details for online payment of fee.
 - n) Valid and active e-mail id.
- v. The candidates are required to enter their valid and active e-mail id only in the Application Form since all communication/information/update(s) for this Examination would be sent to this mail id only. In case, they do not have a 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.

In case, for whatever reason you want to fill another online Form , you will have to use another e-mail id , since an e-mail id once registered in our database cannot be used for another Form, even if the Name, Date of Birth, etc., fields are the same.

- vi. Please keep all relevant information regarding the payment towards Application Fee, if any, ready for successfully completing the Application process. For payment of Application Fee, please keep your Debit/Credit card ready for payment using them, (in case you are paying using these card(s)). Please keep UTR Number provided by the Bank/Branch where you have carried out NEFT/Challan transaction, in case you are adopting the NEFT / Challan payment option. In case, payment is being made through challan, the paid copy of the ASRB portion of the Online generated Challan for application fee must be uploaded in the relevant place of the application form without which the application will summarily be rejected. The candidates are strongly advised to ensure that the same is duly and clearly uploaded in the application form.
- vii. Please keep the scanned copy of your recent passport size photograph {taken against a light background (preferably white) for prominence} of a maximum size of 150 KB in .jpg format only (with the face covering at least 2/3rd of the total space for easy identification) and Scanned copy of your Signature (taken in 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. Please note that you should use only clear scanned copies (and not blurred or hazy) since your application form may not be considered if these are not clear. 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. You may browse and select the location where the scanned photograph/ signature file has been saved, select it and click the upload button. Once uploaded, a message informing about the successful uploading of the Photograph/signature, as the case may be will be displayed. In case, you want to use another photograph/signature (i.e., use any other photograph / signature), then select the edit button on the link and repeat the same process as before. Your online Application Form will not be submitted unless you have successfully uploaded your photograph, signature and the duly paid copy of the ASRB portion of the system generated challan (in case, you are paying the application fee through challan).

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 and 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 process is completed, there is no possibility of making any modification/editing whatsoever.
- ix. The online Application process will be open from 1000 Hrs on 09.08.2014 to 1700 Hrs on 08.09.2014 after which the link will automatically get disabled. It is, therefore advised that candidates may submit their applications well in time without waiting for the last date of Application Form submission.

The examination will be conducted Online and the number of computers will be limited at each centre. The candidates are advised to submit their application forms at the earliest since the slots/sessions for each centre for each Discipline is limited. In the event of the slot/session for any Discipline at any Centre becoming full, the candidate will have to select any other available slot/session for that Discipline at any other centre of their choice depending upon availability. The status of available slots/sessions will be dynamically changing since it would be concurrently accessed by other candidates also. No change for any centre once selected and submitted will be considered under any circumstances.

- x. 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 the mailbox.
- xi. Once the payment is successfully made, a message informing the successful submission of your Application Form will be displayed. In case, this does not appear, the process needs to be repeated, since it signifies/implies that your Application Form has not been successfully uploaded/ submitted.
- xii. Candidates are strongly advised to keep a print or soft copy of the completed Application Form for any future reference.
- xiii. Please note mere successful submission of the Application Form and/or Admission Certificate issuance does not automatically ensures admission to the Examination. If on verification at any later stage, it is found that they do not fulfill all eligibility conditions/wrong/incorrect/misleading /false information has been given either intentionally or otherwise/ error of omission or commission, their candidature will be cancelled/rejected and fee paid for examination will be forfeited and any action as deemed fit by the Board shall be taken in this regard.
- xiv. The online application form is spread over five parts. They 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 submission of the submission process.
- xv. In case of any clarification / assistance, call 011-25843907/25840251/25848172 during 0930 hrs to 1700 hrs (Monday to Friday, except Gazetted Holiday(s)) or contact the Controller of Examination – II, ASRB, KAB – I, Pusa, New Delhi – 110012 or e-mail to arsnet2014_2@asrb.org.in for ARS-2014 (Preliminary) and NET-2014(II) OR Controller of Examination – I, ASRB, KAB – I, Pusa, New Delhi – 110012 or e-mail to ars2014@asrb.org.in for ARS-2014 (Main) Examination and Viva – Voce.

11. LAST DATE FOR FILLING OF ONLINE APPLICATION:-

The last date for filling up of online application form is 1700 hrs on 08.09.2014.

12. IMPORTANT NOTES:-

- i. Candidates must ensure that they fulfil all the eligibility conditions for admission to the examination as regards to 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 fulfill 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 after the conduct of ARS-2014 (Main) Examination. The Board shall summarily reject the candidature if he/she does not fulfill the eligibility conditions.
- ii. It is the sole responsibility of the candidates to ensure that they fulfill the specified eligibility before applying for the examination. The candidate must have documents / certificates (Bachelor's Degree / Caste Certificate / Disability Certificate / Matriculation Certificate, etc.) in support of their eligibility / candidature at the time of applying for the posts. In absence of such documents/certificates, candidates are advised not to submit the application or appear in the examination.
- iii. The candidates are not required to attach any certificates/marksheets with the application. **The candidates will be required to submit the self-attested copies of the documents/certificate in support of their candidature after the declaration of the result of the ARS-2014 (Preliminary) Examination but before the cut-off date which would be announced at the time of declaration of the result of the ARS-2014 (Preliminary) Examination, failing which the candidature of the candidate will be rejected.** However, the candidates who have not been issued/received their Master's Degree/PDC by that date may submit their copy of Master's Degree/Provisional Degree Certificate at a later date which would also be announced at the time of declaration of the result of ARS-2014 (Preliminary) Examination. Such candidates are required to submit their remaining documents before the cut-off date.
- iv. In cases, where any certificates/documents submitted by the candidates in support of their eligibility as stipulated in the preceding paragraph, is not found as per prescribed format, such candidates will not be given the opportunity to submit such certificate 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-IX, X, XI and XII. 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 their translated copy issued by any advocate and duly attested by Notary Public.
- v. While filling up the application form, the candidate should carefully decide about his/her choice for the centre and discipline for the examination. More than one application form from a candidate giving different centres and/or discipline will not be accepted under any circumstances. Even if a candidate submits more than one completed application, the Board will accept only one application at its discretion and the Board's decision in the matter shall be final.
- vi. In case their claim regarding Age, Educational Qualifications, Scheduled Caste(SC)/ Scheduled Tribe (ST)/ Other Backward Class(OBC)/ Person with Disability (PwD) / being ICAR /SAU employee is found to be incorrect, it may render them liable to be disqualified by the Board / ICAR and their candidature will stand cancelled.

- vii. Due care should be taken by the candidates to fill up their application form. No request for change in any field i.e., Name, Father's Name, Date of Birth, Gender, E-mail Id, Mobile No., Phone No., category. etc., will be considered under any circumstances. Candidates are therefore advised to be very careful while filling up their application forms.
- viii. No candidate will be allowed to take the examination unless he 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 the Board immediately to the Controller of Examination – II, ASRB, KAB – I, Pusa, New Delhi – 110012 or e-mail to arsnet2014_2@asrb.org.in for ARS-2014 (Preliminary) and NET-2014(II) OR Controller of Examination – I, ASRB, KAB – I, Pusa, New Delhi – 110012 or e-mail to ars2014@asrb.org.in for ARS-2014 (Main) Examination and Viva – Voce.
- ix. Mere issuance of the Admission Certificate does not entitle automatic right of admission to take the Test. If on verification at any later stage, it is found that they do not fulfill all eligibility conditions/there is suppression or misleading/ wrong/ fraudulent information provided, their candidature will be cancelled / rejected and fee paid for examination will be forfeited.
- x. Candidates should note that the name in the Admission Certificate in some cases, may be abbreviated due to technical reasons.
- xi. In the event of a candidate receiving more than one admission certificate from the Board, he/she should intimate the Board immediately and use only one of these Admission Certificates for appearing in the examination and inform about the same to the Board Office at Controller of Examination – II, ASRB, KAB – I, Pusa, New Delhi – 110012 or e-mail to arsnet2014_2@asrb.org.in for ARS-2014 (Preliminary) and NET-2014(II) OR Controller of Examination – I, ASRB, KAB – I, Pusa, New Delhi – 110012 or e-mail to ars2014@asrb.org.in for ARS-2014(Main) Examination and Viva – Voce.
- xii. No request for withdrawal of candidature/application received from a candidate after he/she has submitted his/her application will be entertained under any circumstances.
- xiii. 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 regularly for updates. No other form of notification will be used for issue of admission certificates.
- xiv. Only such SC/ST/OBC/PwD(OH) candidates who are selected on the same standard as applied to UR candidates shall be treated as own merit candidates. If any SC/ST/OBC and PwD(OH) candidate qualify after getting any relaxation in age or qualifying marks than what is provided for Unreserved category candidates then such SC/ST/OBC/PwD candidate shall be considered against reserved vacancies and they cannot be considered for appointment against an unreserved vacancy.
- xv. The Interview letters (through e-mail) for viva-voce for ARS-2014 Examination will be sent separately after the result of the ARS-2014 (Main) Examination and all instructions/information therefor will be indicated therein.

- xvi. In case of any discrepancy (spelling or surname etc.) in name or father's name of the candidate, he/she will be required to submit an original affidavit indicating the discrepancy and certifying the correct name along with other documents at the time of their submission.
- xvii. The candidates are advised to visit the ASRB website: <http://www.asrb.org.in> regularly. All the information related to the examination will be uploaded on this website <http://www.asrb.org.in> only.
- xviii. Syllabus for ARS-2014 and NET – 2014 (II) is available on the “Syllabus” Link of ASRB website: <http://www.asrb.org.in>
- xix. All communication in respect of an application made for this Examination should be addressed to the Controller of Examination – II, ASRB, KAB – I, Pusa, New Delhi – 110012 or e-mail to arsnet2014_2@asrb.org.in for ARS-2014 (Preliminary) and NET-2014 (II) OR Controller of Examination – I, ASRB, KAB – I, Pusa, New Delhi – 110012 or e-mail to ars2014@asrb.org.in for ARS-2014 (Main) Examination and Viva – Voce and should invariably contain the following particulars:-
1. Name and year of Examination- Combined ARS-2014 and NET-2014 (II)
 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.
- xx. No request for change in postal address shall be entertained.
- xxi. Please note that carrying of Mobile Phones/ pagers or any other communication device is absolutely prohibited in the Examination Centre premises. Any infringement of this instruction can lead to disqualification. 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.
- xxii. The Examination will be conducted in Online format at the designated Centres. The answers are to be indicated on the Computer itself during the Examination.
- xxiii. In case of any discrepancy between English and Hindi versions of the advertisement / information, the English version as on the Website of the Board will be treated as final.
- xxiv. This notification including Online Application available on ASRB Website: <http://www.asrb.org.in>
- xxv. The candidates are required to bring along the original of any of the Valid Photo Identity Card like Voter Card/ Aadhar Card/ Passport/ Driver's License/ PAN card apart from the Admission Certificate to be issued by ASRB when coming for the Examination. Please note, that in case the candidate does not present the original of the Identity Card at the registration desk at the centre, he/she will not be allowed to take the examination under any circumstances.

- xxvi. Since, the ARS-2014 (Preliminary) and NET-2014 (II) will be conducted Online and the number of computers will be limited at each centre, the candidates are advised to submit their application forms at the earliest since the slots/sessions for each centre for each Discipline is limited. In the event of the slot/session for any Discipline at any Centre becoming full, the candidate will have to select any other available slot/session for that Discipline at any other centre. No change for any centre once selected and submitted will not be considered any other circumstances.
- xxvii. The decision of the Board as to the eligibility or otherwise of a candidate for admission to the examination shall be final.
- xxviii. Any attempt on the part of a candidate to obtain support for his candidature by any means may disqualify him for admission to the examination.
- xxix. 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 misbehavior or misconduct in the examination hall, may, in addition to rendering himself liable to criminal prosecution.
- 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.

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CENTRES FOR ARS-2014 (PRELIMINARY) AND NET-2014 (II)

Centre Code	Centre Name	Centre	State
01	Directorate of Medicinal & Aromatic Plants Research	Anand	Gujarat
02	National Institute of Animal Nutrition & Physiology	Bengaluru	Karnataka
03	ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region	Barapani	Meghalaya
04	Indian Veterinary Research Institute	Bareilly	Uttar Pradesh
05	Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute	Barrackpore	West Bengal
06	Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh
07	Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture	Bhubaneswar	Odisha
08	Tamil Nadu Veterinary & Animal Sciences University	Chennai	Tamil Nadu
09	Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute	Cochin	Kerala
10	Central Soil & Water Conservation Research & Training Institute	Dehradun	Uttarakhand
11	Indian Agricultural Research Institute	Delhi	Delhi
12	National Academy of Agricultural Research Management	Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh
13	Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Jammu	Jammu	Jammu & Kashmir
14	Central Arid Zone Research Institute	Jodhpur	Rajasthan
15	National Dairy Research Institute	Karnal	Haryana
16	Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research	Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh
17	Central Institute of Post Harvest Engineering & Technology	Ludhiana	Punjab
18	Central Institute of Fisheries Education	Mumbai	Maharashtra
19	Central Institute for Cotton Research	Nagpur	Maharashtra
20	ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region	Patna	Bihar
21	Central Agricultural Research Institute	Port Blair	Andaman & Nicobar Islands
22	Central Potato Research Institute	Shimla	Himachal Pradesh
23	Central Institute of Temperate Horticulture	Srinagar	Jammu & Kashmir

CENTRES OF EXAMINATION FOR ARS-2014 (MAIN) EXAMINATION

The candidates will be required to indicate the choice of the centres for the ARS-2014 (Main) Examination from amongst following centres in the Application Form:

Centre of Examination for ARS-2014 (Main) Examination	Centre Code No.
Bengaluru	01
Bhubaneswar	02
Coimbatore	03
Delhi	04
Guwahati	05
Hyderabad	06
Jammu	07
Kolkata	08
Mumbai	09
Nagpur	10
Patna	11
Varanasi	12

VACANCY POSITION FOR ARS EXAMINATION-2014

Sl. No.	Code No.	Discipline	UR	SC	ST	OBC	PwD (OC/HC)	Total
1	01*	Agricultural Biotechnology	1	0	0	1	0	2
2	02	Agricultural Entomology	5	1	1	2	0	9
3	03*	Agricultural Microbiology	2	1	0	1	0	4
4	04	Economic Botany & Plant Genetic Resources	4	0	2 (1 BL)	4 (2 BL)	0	10
5	05	Genetics & Plant Breeding	11	3	1	5	0	20
6	06	Nematology	1	0	0	0	0	1
7	07*	Plant Biochemistry	1	2(BL)	1(BL)	5 (4 BL)	1(BL)	9
8	08	Plant Pathology	11	2	0	9	0	22
9	09	Plant Physiology	1	0	0	0	0	1
10	10	Seed Science & Technology	1	0	0	0	0	1
11	12*	Fruit Science	1	0	0	1	0	2
12	13*	Spices, Plantation and Medicinal & Aromatic Plants	1	1(BL)	0	1	0	3
13	14	Vegetable Science	1	0	0	0	0	1
14	20	Animal Reproduction & Gynaecology	1	0	0	0	0	1
15	21	Dairy Chemistry	1	0	0	0	0	1
16	22	Dairy Microbiology	1	0	0	0	0	1
17	23	Dairy Technology	1	0	0	1	0	2
18	24	Livestock Product Technology	5	0	1(BL)	0	0	6
19	27	Veterinary Medicine	3	0	1(BL)	2(BL)	0	6
20	33	Veterinary Surgery	1	0	0	0	0	1
21	34	Aquaculture	1	0	0	1	0	2
22	35	Fisheries Resource Management	12	3	3 (1 BL)	14 (8 BL)	0	32
23	36	Fish Processing Technology	2	1	0	1	0	4
24	37	Fish Nutrition	1	0	0	0	0	1
25	38	Fish Health	4	2 (BL)	1(BL)	6 (5 BL)	0	13
26	40*	Agricultural Chemicals	3	1	0	2	1	6
27	41	Agricultural Meteorology	1	0	0	0	0	1
28	43	Agronomy	2	1	0	1	0	4
29	45*	Soil Science	2	0	0	7(6 BL)	2 (BL)	9
30	47*	Agricultural Economics	3	1	0	1	1	5
31	48	Agricultural Extension	2	0	1	1	0	4
32	49*	Agricultural Statistics	3	13 (12 BL)	16 (15 BL)	15 (14 BL)	8(7BL)	47
33	50*	Home Science	0	1(BL)	0	2(BL)	0	3
34	51	Farm Machinery and Power	3	2 (1 BL)	1(BL)	6 (5 BL)	0	12
35	52	Agricultural Structures & Environment Management	6	2 (BL)	1 (BL)	3 (BL)	0	12
36	53	Land And Water Management Engineering	5	0	1(BL)	5 (4 BL)	0	11
37	54	Agricultural Process Engineering	14	1(BL)	3(BL)	8(BL)	0	26
TOTAL:			118	38	34	105	13	295

* Discipline identified for PwD category candidates

Abbreviations:

UR- Unreserved; SC- Scheduled Caste; ST- Scheduled Tribe; OBC- Other Backward Class; PwD- Person with Disability; OC-Orthopedically Challenged; HC-Hearing Challenged

Vacancy position of PwD (OC/HC) candidates is included in the total number of vacancies through lateral reservation.

RULES (ARS)

The rules for the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) - 2014 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 1st 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, (formerly Tanganyika and Zanzibar) Zambia, Malawi, Zaire, Ethiopia and Vietnam with the intention of permanently settling in India.

Provided that a candidate belonging to categories (ii), (iii), (iv) 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-2014** must have attained the age of **21 years** but not have attained the **age of 32 years as on 01-08-2014**. In-service candidates of ICAR less than 45 years in age as on **01-08-2014** will also be eligible to appear subject to possession of prescribed qualifications. In-service candidates of the State Agricultural Universities less than 35 years in age as on **01-08-2014** 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 Person with Disability 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 Person with Disability category will be eligible for grant of cumulative age relaxation under both the categories.
- (iv) For ARS the upper age limit for the candidates holding Ph.D. degree will be 35 years. Consequently the upper age limit for SC/ST/OBC/ Person with Disability candidates holding Ph.D. degree will be relaxable by a further period of 3 years. Thus, the maximum limit for SC/ST candidates in such cases will be 40 years, for OBC candidates 38 years and for Person with Disability candidate 45 years. In such cases the candidates should have obtained Ph.D. degree on or before **28.12.2014**, which is the qualifying date for holding Master's Degree.
- (v) Up to a maximum of five years if a candidate had ordinarily been domiciled in the State of Jammu & Kashmir during the period from the 1st January, 1980 to the 31st day of December, 1989.
- (vi) 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 Master's degree or equivalent in the concerned discipline with specialization as defined in **Appendix-V completed on or before 28.12.2014** 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 by the Government of India.

Candidates who have appeared at an examination, the passing of which would render them eligible to appear at the ARS-2014 Examination but have not been informed of the results, may apply for admission to the ARS – 2014 Examination. Candidates who intend to appear at such a qualifying examination may also apply.

Such candidates will be admitted to the ARS – 2014 Examination, if otherwise eligible but their admission would be deemed to be provisional and subject to cancellation, if they do not produce proof of having passed the requisite qualifying examination which will be required to be submitted by the candidates who qualify on the results of the ARS-2014 (Preliminary) Examination on or before 28.12.2014, scheduled date of ARS-2014 (Main) Examination.

The candidates having Master's degree from a foreign University must attach a certificate of equivalence and recognition of that degree issued by the University Commission/ Govt. 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	Examination fee (₹)
1	General (Unreserved) / Other Backward Class (OBC)	500/-
2	Women/ Scheduled Caste (SC)/ Scheduled Tribe (ST)/ Person with Disability (PwD)	Nil

NOTE I: Notwithstanding the aforesaid provision for fee exemption, a Person with Disability candidate will be considered to be eligible for appointment only if he (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 Person with Disability 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.

5. **RESERVED/RELAXED CATEGORY CANDIDATES**

- i. 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 – IX. Otherwise their claim for SC/ST category will not be considered.
- ii. Candidates who claim to belong to Other Backward Classes (OBC) will be required to submit requisite certificate in the prescribed format as per Appendix - X 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.
- iii. Candidates who claim to be Person with Disability will be required to submit medical certificates as per disability in the new prescribed applicable format i.e. Form II/III/IV as per Appendix - XI issued by the Competent Medical Authorities for the purpose of employment.
- iv. Candidates who claim to be ICAR/SAU employee will be required to submit the requisite certificate in the prescribed format as per Appendix-XII.

6. (a) **Number of Attempts:-**

The number of attempts for appearing in the Agricultural Research Service Examination will be limited to **FOUR** for all candidates (whether M.Sc./Ph.D.) including the in-service candidates of I.C.A.R. However, this restriction will not apply to SC, ST and PwD candidates, who are otherwise eligible.

Note-I :-

The number of attempts made by the candidates prior to Agricultural Research Service examination 2011 will not be taken into account for counting the number of attempts made. Attempt means that the candidate must have appeared for the Examination.

Note-II :-

An attempt at a Preliminary Examination shall be deemed to be an attempt at the Examination. Notwithstanding the disqualification/cancellation of candidature, the fact of appearance of the candidate at the examination will count as an attempt.

(b) **Restrictions on applying for the Examination:-**

“A candidate who has already qualified ARS examination 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/SAU Employee must attach a certificate to this effect in the prescribed format as given in **Appendix-XII** from the concerned Institute/SAU at the time of submission of documents/certificates.
8. The decision of the Board as 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 from the Board.
10. Any attempt on the part of a candidate to obtain support for his candidature by any means may disqualify him for 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 **Appendix-VIII**.

**Disciplines and their Approved Eligibility Qualifications for ARS-2014 and
NET – 2014 (II)**

Code No.	Discipline	Eligibility Qualifications
01	Agricultural Biotechnology	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Biotechnology/ Molecular Biology & Bio-Technology/ Genetic Engineering/ Botany/ Plant Sciences/ Life Sciences with specialization in Plant Biotechnology.
02	Agricultural Entomology	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Entomology/ Zoology/ Sericulture/ Apiculture/ Plant Protection with specialization in Agricultural Entomology.
03	Agricultural Microbiology	Master's degree in Agricultural Microbiology /Microbiology.
04	Economic Botany & Plant Genetic Resources	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Botany/ Horticulture with specialization in Agricultural Botany/ Economic Botany/ Plant Genetic Resources.
05	Genetics & Plant Breeding	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Agricultural Botany/ Plant Breeding or Genetics or Genetics and Plant Breeding.
06	Nematology	Master's degree in Agriculture /Nematology/ Entomology/ Plant Pathology/ Zoology/ Plant Protection with specialization in Nematology.
07	Plant Biochemistry	Master's degree in Plant Biochemistry/ Agricultural Biochemistry/ Biochemistry with specialization in plants.
08	Plant Pathology	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Botany/ Life Sciences/ Plant Protection with specialization in Plant Pathology/ Mycology.
09	Plant Physiology	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Plant Physiology/ Botany with specialization in Plant Physiology.
10	Seed Science & Technology	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Seed Science/ Seed Technology or Seed Science and Technology
11	Floriculture & Landscaping	Master's degree in Floriculture/ Agriculture or Horticulture with specialization in Floriculture and Landscaping/ Post Harvest Technology (Horticulture).
12	Fruit Science	Master's degree in Pomology/ Agriculture or Horticulture with specialization in Fruit Sciences/ Post harvest Technology(Horticulture).
13	Spices, Plantation & Medicinal & Aromatic Plants	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Horticulture/ Botany with specialization in Spices/ Plantation Crops and/ or in Medicinal and Aromatic Plants/ Post Harvest Technology (Horticulture).
14	Vegetable Science	Master's degree in Olericulture/ Vegetable Sciences/ Agriculture or Horticulture with specialization in Vegetable Sciences/ Post Harvest Technology (Horticulture).
15	Animal Biochemistry	Master's degree in Veterinary/ Animal Sciences/ Dairy/ Fishery Science with specialization in Biochemistry.
16	Animal Biotechnology	Master's degree in Veterinary/ Animal/ Fishery Science with specialization in Biotechnology.
17	Animal Genetics & Breeding	Master's degree in Veterinary/Animal Sciences with specialization in Animal Genetics and Breeding.
18	Animal Nutrition	Master's degree in Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Animal Nutrition.

19	Animal Physiology	Master's degree in Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Animal Physiology.
20	Animal Reproduction & Gynaecology	Master's degree in Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Animal Reproduction and Gynaecology.
21	Dairy Chemistry	Master's degree in Dairy Chemistry/ Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Dairy Chemistry.
22	Dairy Microbiology	Master's degree in Dairy Microbiology/ Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Dairy Microbiology.
23	Dairy Technology	Master's degree in Dairy Technology or Dairy Science/Dairy Engineering / Animal Products Technology/Food Technology with specialization in Dairy Technology.
24	Livestock Product Technology	Master's degree in Veterinary/Animal Sciences with specialization in Livestock Products Technology.
25	Livestock Production Management	Master's degree in Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Livestock Production Management/ Animal Husbandry.
26	Poultry Science	Master's degree in Poultry Sciences/ Veterinary/ Animal Sciences with specialization in Poultry Sciences.
27	Veterinary Medicine	Master's degree in Veterinary Medicine/ Veterinary Preventive Medicine/ Veterinary Clinical Medicine.
28	Veterinary Microbiology	Master's degree in Veterinary Sciences with specialization in Microbiology/ Bacteriology/ Virology/ Mycology/ Immunology.
29	Veterinary Parasitology	Master's degree in Veterinary Parasitology.
30	Veterinary Pathology	Master's degree in Veterinary Pathology
31	Veterinary Pharmacology	Master's degree in Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology/Veterinary Pharmacology.
32	Veterinary Public Health	Master's degree in Veterinary Public Health/ Epidemiology
33	Veterinary Surgery	Master's degree in Veterinary Surgery/Veterinary Anatomy
34	Aquaculture	Master's degree in Aquaculture/ Fishery Sciences/ Marine Biology/ Aquatic Biology with specialization in Mariculture/ Aquatic Environmental Management/ Aquatic Ecology/ Inland Aquaculture.
35	Fisheries Resource Management	Master's degree in Fishery Sciences/Fisheries Resource Management/ Marine Biology/Aquatic Environmental Management/ Aquatic Biology with specialization in Fisheries Resource Management/ Fish Population Dynamics/ Fishery Hydrography/ Ecosystem Management/ Aquatic Ecology.
36	Fish Process Technology	Master's degree in Fishery Sciences/ Fish Processing Technology/Post Harvest Technology/ Industrial Fisheries with specialization in Fish Harvest and Processing.
37	Fish Nutrition	Master's degree in Fishery Sciences with specialization in Fish Nutrition and Fish Physiology/ Feed Technology/ Fish Nutrition and Biochemistry.
38	Fish Health	Master's degree in Fishery Science/ Marine Biology with specialization in Fish Health/ Fish Pathology /Microbiology
39	Fish Genetics & Breeding	Master's degree in Fishery Science/ Marine Biology with specialization in Fish Genetics and Breeding/ Fish Biotechnology

40	Agricultural Chemicals	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Agricultural Chemicals/ Organic Chemistry with specialization in Agricultural Chemicals.
41	Agricultural Meteorology	Master's degree in Agricultural Meteorology/ Agricultural Physics with specialization in Agricultural Meteorology
42	Agroforestry	Master's degree in Forestry/ Agroforestry/ Botany/ Agronomy/Horticulture with specialization in Agroforestry.
43	Agronomy	Master's degree in Agriculture with specialization in Agronomy/Soil Water Management/ Conservation Agriculture/ Farming Systems Management/ Forage Production/ Water Science and Technology.
44	Environmental Sciences	Master's degree in Environmental Science/Agro-forestry/ Agricultural Physics/ Agriculturewith specialization in Environmental Science.
45	Soil Sciences	Master's degree in Agriculture/ Soil Sciences/ Agricultural Chemistry/ Agricultural Physics with specialization in Soil Physics and Soil and Water Conservation/ Soil Fertility/Soil Microbiology/ Soil Chemistry/ Water Science and Technology.
46	Agricultural Business Management	Master's degree in Agricultural Business Management/ Agricultural Marketing/ Business Management with specialization in Agricultural Business/ Fisheries Business Management
47	Agricultural Economics	Master's degree in Agricultural Economics/ Dairy Economics/ Veterinary Economics/ Fisheries Economics with specialization in Agriculture
48	Agricultural Extension	Master's degree in Agricultural Extension/ Veterinary Extension/ Dairy Extension/ Fisheries Extension/ Home Science Extension/ Agriculture Communication in Agricultural Sciences/ Rural Development/ Rural Management
49	Agricultural Statistics	Master's degree in Agricultural Statistics/ Statistics with specialization in Agriculture.
50	Home Sciences	Master's degree in Home Science with specialization in Family Resource Management/ Textile and Clothing/Child Development/ Foods and Nutrition.
51	Farm, Machinery & Power	Master's degree in Agricultural Engineering/ Mechanical Engineering with specialization in Farm Machinery and Power.
52	Agricultural Structures & Environmental Management	Master's degree in Agricultural Engineering with specialization in Agricultural Structures/ Aquaculture Engineering.
53	Land & Water Management Engineering	Master's degree in Agricultural Engineering/ Civil Engineering with specialization in Soil and Water Conservation/ Irrigation and Drainage/ Water Resources/ Hydrology/ Aquatic Engineering/Water Science and Technology.
54	Agricultural Process Engineering	Master's degree in Agricultural Engineering with specialization in Agricultural Process Engineering/ Food Process Engineering/ Dairy Engineering/ Post Harvest Technology
55	Food Technology	Master's degree in Food Science/ Food Technology/ Food Science and Technology/ Post Harvest Technology/ Dairy Technology

DETAILED PLAN OF EXAMINATION FOR ARS-2014

Two separate competitive written examinations followed by Viva-voce shall be conducted as per the following plan of examination:-

	<u>Examination</u>	<u>Max. Marks</u>	<u>Duration</u>
1.	(a) ARS-2014 (Preliminary) (Objective Type)	150	2 hours
	(b) ARS-2014 (Main) (Descriptive Type)	240	3 hours
	(c) Viva-voce	60	

2. (a) ARS-2014 (Preliminary) Examination Paper:-

ARS-2014 (Preliminary) Examination shall have one paper of 150 marks with all multiple choice objective questions to be solved in 2 hours (Two hours), from the respective professional subject(s) for which candidate has opted. The Examination will be conducted in Online format at the designated Centres. The answers are to be indicated on the Computer itself during the Examination.

1/3 marks will be deducted for each wrong answer in ARS-2014 (Preliminary) Examination (Objective Type). The total marks obtained will be rounded off to the next higher integer in case of 0.5 and above and to the immediate lower integer in case of 0.4 and below. This is a qualifying examination and marks scored will not be counted for final selection.

The candidates who obtain following minimum qualifying marks in the Preliminary Examination will be allowed to appear in the ARS (Main) Examination in the ratio of 1:15 (category-wise) for each post. However, the Board reserves the right to fix/alter the qualifying marks and ratio in any or all Disciplines at its discretion.

Minimum marks required for qualifying ARS-2014 (Preliminary) Examination:

Category of candidate	Minimum qualifying marks
Un-reserved(UR) (General)	45%
OBC(Non-Creamy layer)	40%
SC / ST/ Person with Disability (PwD)	35%

Since the ARS-2014 (Preliminary) Examination will be conducted Online (and the number of computers being limited at our Centres), there may be disciplines for which Multiple Sets of Question Papers will be used. In such cases, EquiPercentile Normalisation Procedure will be adopted for declaring Qualifying candidates for such Disciplines.

(b) ARS-2014 (Main) Examination Paper:-

ARS-2014 (Main) Examination Paper will have only one paper of 240 marks to be completed in 3 hours duration. The paper shall be divided in three parts A, B and C. Part 'A' will consists of 40 (forty) questions of 2 (two) marks each. In this part, answers required will be of very short, not exceeding 10 (Ten) words at the most. Part 'B' will have 20 (twenty) questions of 5 (five) marks each requiring one or two paragraphs and/or graphic explanation. Part 'C' will have 6 (six) essay type or descriptive type questions. Each question will carry 10 (ten) marks and may have two or more parts. Answers are required to be written in the space provided below the question. In no case extra sheets will be provided. All questions in parts 'A' 'B' and 'C' will be compulsory.

The candidates who obtain such minimum qualifying marks in the Main Examination as may be fixed by the Board in its discretion, shall be called for viva-voce in the ratio of 1:5 (category-wise) for each post.

(c) **ARS-2014 - Viva-voce :-**

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 viva-voce is to assess his/her suitability for the Service for which he/she has competed. The viva-voce 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, as well as in modern current of thought and in new discoveries, which should rouse the curiosity of well-educated youth.

The technique of the viva-voce 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-2014 (Preliminary) Examination and ARS-2014 (Main) Examination is available on the "Syllabus" Tab on the ASRB website www.asrb.org.in

3. Examination Procedure:-

- (i) Reserved category candidates who qualify after availing relaxed standard and/or age relaxation shall render themselves ineligible for UR posts. They will be eligible only for the posts which are reserved in respective category in a particular discipline.
- (ii) After the Viva-Voce the candidates will be arranged by the Board in the order of merit in each category (professional subject-wise) as disclosed by the aggregate marks finally awarded to each candidate. Candidates who obtain such minimum aggregate marks in the written papers and Viva-Voce without fixing any minimum marks in Viva-Voce 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/PwD (Orthopedically Challenged (OC)/ Hearing Impaired/Challenged (HC)) are also eligible to be considered against the unreserved vacancies, if no relaxation in age and no relaxation in qualifying marks either in ARS-2014 (Preliminary) or in ARS-2014 (Main) Examination or in both has been availed by such reserve category candidates. If any concession in age and relaxation in qualifying marks is availed, such candidates will be eligible for consideration only against vacancies reserved for them.
- (iii) **Rules for Tie-Breaker:-** Wherever the two or more candidates have secured equal aggregate marks (marks in written ARS-2014- Main Examination + Viva-voce) the merit of the candidates shall be determined by applying the following Tie-Breaker Rules.
 - (a) Candidate securing more marks in the written ARS-2014 (Main) Examination will be ranked higher.
 - (b) In case where the marks mentioned at (a) 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 is no provision for maintaining the select panel and therefore, the vacancies against which the recommended candidates do not join will not be filled-up. The backlog vacancies will be filled up from the next examination.
- (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 in their discretion 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) are 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-2014 (MAIN) EXAMINATION:

- (a) Question paper for ARS-2014 (Main) Examination can be answered either in English or Hindi. The Candidate has to indicate his/her option therefor in the Online Application Form itself.
- (b) Candidates must write the papers in their own hand. In no circumstances they will be allowed the help of a scribe to write the answer for them. Only the Orthopedically Challenged (OC) candidates with both arms affected may be allowed the help of a Scribe only with the prior permission of the Board. 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.
- (f) Standard of both the papers - ARS-2014 (Preliminary) Examination and ARS-2014 (Main) Examination will be that of Master's Degree of an Indian University.

DETAILED PLAN OF EXAMINATION FOR NET-2014 (II)

There will be one paper of 150 marks consisting of 150 objective type multiple choice questions to be solved in 2 (Two) hours. Each question carries one mark. These 150 questions shall be derived from the respective discipline in which the candidate has opted to appear.

Minimum marks required for qualifying NET-2014 (II)

Category of candidate	Minimum qualifying marks
Un-reserved(UR) (General)	50%
OBC(Non-Creamy layer)	45%
SC / ST/ Person with Disability(PwD)	40%

1/3 mark will be deducted for each wrong answer in the NET-2014 (II). The total marks obtained will be rounded off to the next higher integer in case of 0.5 and above and to the immediate lower integer in case of 0.4 and below.

The Examination will be conducted in Online format at the designated Centres. The answers are to be indicated on the Computer itself during the Examination.

- i. Candidates must mark the answers/papers on their own. Under no circumstances will they be allowed the help of a scribe to mark the answers for them. Only the Visually Challenged (VC) and Orthopaedically Challenged (OC) candidates will both arms affected may be allowed the help of a Scribe only with the prior permission of the Board. Provision of a scribe will be made by ASRB on prior intimation on arsnet2014_2@asrb.org.in
- ii. The standard of paper will be that of a Master's degree of an Indian University in the relevant Discipline.

NUMBER OF ATTEMPTS:-

The number of attempts for appearing in the National Eligibility Test will be limited to FIVE for all candidates (whether M.Sc. /Ph.D.) including the in-service candidates of ICAR. However, this restriction will not apply to SC and ST candidates, who are otherwise eligible. An attempt will be one when the candidate actually appearing at the Examination. Mere applying for and not appearing for the Examination will not amount to an Attempt.

Note:-

1. The number of attempts made by the candidates prior to National Eligibility Test Examination –2012 will not be taken into account for counting the number of attempts made.
2. **Condition of eligibility regarding nationality, educational qualification, cut-off date of educational qualification, minimum age prescribed, will be same as prescribed in ARS 2014. However, there is no maximum age limit in NET.**

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 before seeking transfer on what so ever ground from that place / station.
4. Every trainee shall be required to execute a bond to serve the Council (ICAR) for a minimum period of 4 years from the date of appointment including the period of training. Failure to serve the ICAR for the stipulated period will render the candidate liable to refund to the Council a sum of ₹ 1,25,000/- (Rupees one lakh twenty five thousand only)
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Conditions of service, leave, pension, provident fund etc. for the members of service shall be as determined by the Council.
8. A Scientist is liable to serve anywhere in India or abroad.
9. Those candidates who have already been awarded Ph.D. / M. Phil Degree or have been granted certificate of admissibility to the award of the said research degree before joining ARS shall be granted 5/2 advance increments on production of the necessary documents on appointment.
10. In ARS, the scientist will be placed in the same discipline in which he/she has qualified the ARS Preliminary examination and no request for change of discipline will be entertained.
11. The candidates selected for appointment to the posts in Veterinary Sciences disciplines will be entitled to Non Practicing Allowance as admissible under the rule of Indian Council of Agricultural Research and subject to fulfillment of the conditions of entitlement as prescribed by the Council.

**FORM OF CERTIFICATE PRESCRIBED FOR SCHEDULED CASTE AND
SCHEDULED TRIBE**

Form of Certificate as prescribed in M.H.A., O.M. No. 42/21/49-N.G.S., dated 28-1-1952, as revised in Dept. of Per. & A.R., Letter No. 36012/6/76-Estt. (SCT) dated 29-10-1977, to be produced by a candidate belonging to a Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe in support of his claim.

FORM OF CASTE/TRIBE CERTIFICATE

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 _____
Scheduled Caste
Caste/Tribe* which is recognized as a ----- under:-
Scheduled Tribe*

- * 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 Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971 and the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act, 1976].

- * 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 Orders (Amendment) Act, 1976.
- * The Constitution (Dadra and Nagar Haveli) Scheduled Castes Order, 1962.
- * The Constitution (Dadra and Nagar haveli) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1962.
- * The constitution (Pondicherry) Scheduled Castes Order, 1964.
- * The constitution Scheduled Tribes (Uttar Pradesh) Order, 1967.
- * The Constitution (Goa, Daman and Diu) Scheduled Caste 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 (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Act, 1990.
- * The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order Amendment Act, 1991.
- * The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order Second Amendment Act, 1991.

2. 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 belong to the Caste/Tribe* which is recognized as a Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe* in the State/Union Territory* _____ issued by the _____ Dated _____

3. Shri/Shrimati*/Kumari* _____ and/*or his/her* family ordinarily reside(s) in village/town* _____ of _____ District/Division* of the State/Union Territory* of _____

Signature _____
Designation _____
(With Seal of Office)

Place _____
Date _____

State _____
Union Territory _____

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

* Please delete the words which are not applicable.

**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.

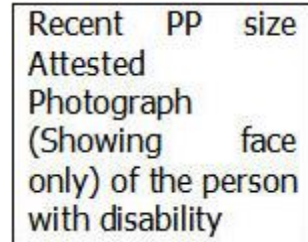
** - As amended from time to time.

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

Form-II

Disability Certificate
(In cases of amputation or complete permanent paralysis of limbs and
in cases of blindness)
(See rule 4)

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



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
- blindness

(Please tick as applicable)

(B) the diagnosis in his/her case is _____

(A) He/ She has _____ %(in figure) _____ percent (in
words) permanent physical impairment/blindness in relation to his/her _____ (part of
body) as per 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-III

**Disability Certificate
(In case of multiple disabilities)**

**(NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MEDICAL AUTHORITY ISSUING THE
CERTIFICATE)
(See rule 4)**

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

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 (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	Low vision	#		
3	Blindness	Both Eyes		
4	Hearing impairment	£		
5	Mental retardation	X		
6	Mental-illness	X		

(B) In the light of the above, his /her over all permanent physical impairment as per 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/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

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.

Form-IV

Disability Certificate
(In cases other than those mentioned in Forms II and III)

**(NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MEDICAL AUTHORITY ISSUING THE
CERTIFICATE)**
(See rule 4)

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 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	Low vision	#		
3	Blindness	Both Eyes		
4	Hearing impairment	£		
5	Mental retardation	X		
6	Mental-illness	X		

(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
CMO/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 vide notification number S.O. 908(E), dated the 31st December, 1996.

(On official Letter Head of the University/Institute)

It is certified that Sh./Smt./Dr. _____(Name)
is working as _____(Designation) in this University.
His/her initial date of appointment in the University/Institute is _____.
His/her pay in ₹ _____ (Pay Band) is ₹ _____
(Pay in Pay Band i.e. without Grade Pay) and a Grade Pay of ₹ _____.
He/she is a _____ (Regular/Contractual) employee of this University/Institute.
This University/Office has no objection to his/her applying for the post of Scientist of
Agricultural Research Service (ARS)-2014 Examination conducted by Agricultural Scientists
Recruitment Board.

(_____)

Registrar/Vice-Chancellor/
Controller of Examinations/
Competent Authority

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