

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
STATE MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY ANDHRA PRADESH  
O/o DIRECTORATE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION, OLD GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL PREMISES  
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**Rc. No: HMF02/7/21-PLG-DME (C No:1460166)**

**Dt: 26/02/2024**

Sub: APSMHA - Applications are invited for Registration of Mental Health Professionals under State Mental Health Authority - Reg.

Ref: 1) G.O.Ms. No: 133 Health, Medical and Family Welfare (B2) Department  
dt:16.02.2022

2) Mental Health Care Act 2017 Ministry of Law and Justice dt:07.04.2017

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The Attention of the Mental Health Professionals working in Government Medical Colleges and Private Medical Colleges and in Public and Private sector is invited to the subject cited above, wherein you are requested to register under Andhra Pradesh State Mental Authority as per the Act.

Every Mental Health professional in the state shall be registered in the State Mental Authority. Further, it is informed that as per the G.O.Ms. No:133 Health Medical and Family Welfare (B2) Department dt:16.06.2022 State Mental Health Rules registration shall be valid for a period of 10 years from the date of issue and can be renewed.

All Mental Health Professionals who are registered for Mental Health establishments under Mental Health Care Act shall register with State Mental Health Authority if they practice ECT in their clinics and the registration fee is free.

All the Mental Health Professionals who are not registered for Mental Health establishments under Mental Health Care Act shall register with State Mental Health Authority if they practice ECT in their clinics with no registration fee.

As per the Form - G format, the registration certificate will be issued to the professionals by the State Mental Health Authority. The registration certificate issued is subject to the conditions laid down in the Mental Healthcare Act 2017, and the rules and regulations made there under and shall be valid for a period of 10 years from the date of its issue and can be renewed before one month of the expiry with the prescribed fee subject to Government decision.

The following Professionals are eligible for registration as per the Mental Healthcare Act 2017.

1. **"Psychiatrist means a medical practitioner possessing a Post - Graduate Degree or Diploma in Psychiatry awarded by a university recognized by the University Grants Commission established under the University Grants Commission Act 1956, or awarded or recognized by the National Board of Examinations and included in the First Schedule to the Indian**

**Medical Council Act 1956, or recognized by the Medical Council of India, Constituted under the Indian Council Act 1956, or any Medical Officer who has (a) completed a Degree or a Diploma in Mental Health conducted by an Institute of National Importance shall be recognized as a psychiatrist (b) The designation holds true only till the during or tenure in the government service for the purpose of act.**

2. "Clinical psychologist" means a person (i) having a recognized qualification in the clinical psychology from an institution approved and recognized, by the Rehabilitation Council of India, constituted under section 3 of the Rehabilitation Council of India Act 1992: or (ii) having a Post - Graduate degree in psychology or clinical psychology or Applied psychology and a Master of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology or Medical and Social psychology obtained after completion of full time course of two years which includes supervised clinical training from any university recognized by the university Grants Commission established under the university Grants Commission Act 1956, and approved and recognized by the Rehabilitation Council of India Act, 1992 Rehabilitation Council of India Act 1992, or **any psychologist who has completed a degree or a Diploma in mental health conducted by Institute of National Importance shall be recognized as clinical Psychologist when employed in Government service for the purpose of act.**
3. "Psychiatric Social worker" means a person having a post- graduate degree in Social Work and a Master of Philosophy in Psychiatric Social Work obtained after completion of a fulltime course of two years which includes supervised clinical training from any university recognized by the University Grants Commission established under the University Grants Commission Act. 1956 or such recognized qualifications, or any person **who has completed a degree or a diploma in mental health conducted by institute of national importance shall be recognized as a Psychiatric Social Worker when employed in Government Service for the purpose of act.**
4. "Mental health nurse" or "Psychiatric Nurse" means a person with a diploma or degree in general nursing or diploma or degree in psychiatric nursing recognized by the Nursing Council of India established under the Nursing Council of India Act, 1947 and registered as such with the relevant nursing council in the State;

The applicants, for all private and Autonomous Mental Health Professionals shall be paid a Demand Draft (DD) Rs.10,000/- for Psychiatrist and Rs.5,000/- for Clinical Psychologist, Psychiatric Social worker and Mental Health Nurse (or) Psychiatric Nurse, in favoring of M/s Chief Executive Officer, State Mental Health Authority.

For Government Mental Health Professionals registration fee is free. As stated above, registration for Psychiatrists is free.

For registration Mental Health Professionals shall submit their application in

**Form - F** (Copy enclosed)

**Enclosure: Form - F**

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To  
All the Mental Health Professionals in the State.  
All the Principals and Superintendents of the Government Medical Colleges / Hospitals in the State.

Copy submitted to the Chairperson APSMHA / Special Chief Secretary to Government HM & FW Department for information.