

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CHAIRPERSON, AP STATE ALLIED AND
HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONS COUNCIL: AP: VIJAYAWADA.
PRESENT: Y. VENKATESWARA RAO, B.Sc., MPT.**

Proc. No:1768/E3/APSAHPC/2026-1

Date:18-09-2026

Sub: - APSAHPC – Ophthalmic Sciences – Diploma in Optometry Technician (DOM) – Non-permission of Diploma-Level Entry for the Optometry profession by NCAHP – Diploma-Level Entry permitted only for Diploma in Ophthalmic Assistant (DOA) – Merger of Diploma in Optometry seats with Diploma in Ophthalmic Assistant by aligning seat capacity from 2026-27 A.Y – Resolution of the Special meeting of the Council - Orders – Issued.

Ref: - 1. NCAHP Notice F. No. Z/58/2024-AHS-DOHFW DEPARTMENT, dated 24.04.2025.
2. NCAHP Notice F. No - 1011/03/2025/NCAHP(AHS), dated: 05.06.2026.
3. Resolution of the Special Meeting of the Council Body held on 16.07.2026.
4. Note orders of the Chairperson, APSAHPC dated: 18.09.2026.

ORDER:

As per the reference 1st cited, the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP) has not permitted Diploma-Level Entry for the Optometry profession.

As per the reference 2nd cited, the NCAHP has permitted Diploma-Level Entry for Diploma in Ophthalmic Assistant.

And whereas, the Council Body, in its Special Meeting held on 16.07.2026, has resolved that the existing Diploma in Optometry Technician (DOM) seats shall be merged with Diploma in Ophthalmic Assistant (DOA) from 2026-27 Academic Year, as both courses come under the profession of Ophthalmic Sciences, by aligning the seat capacity as per NCAHP norms with maximum of forty (40) seats.

In view of the above and in accordance with the resolution of the Council Body, it is hereby ordered that the existing Diploma in Optometry Technician (DOM) seats in the institutions offering the said course shall be merged with Diploma in Ophthalmic Assistant (DOA) from 2026-27 Academic Year.

Accordingly, the seat capacity of the concerned institutions shall be aligned under Diploma in Ophthalmic Assistant, as detailed in the enclosed list to these

proceedings and shall form part of this order and the institutions are informed to make necessary changes in their course and seat particulars.

The Principals/Managements of the institutions concerned are hereby directed to comply with the above orders and accordingly make the admissions.

These orders are issued with the approval of the competent authority and shall be subject to the applicable guidelines/any further directions of the NCAHP.

Enclosure: List of institutions offering Diploma in Optometry, with revised Diploma in Ophthalmic Assistant seats capacity.

Sd/-
Chairperson
Y. Venkateswara Rao
APSAHP Council
Vijayawada.

// BY ORDER//

// ATTESTED//


Secretary
APSAHP Council
Vijayawada.

To

The Principals/Managements of all concerned institutions offering the above Diploma Courses

SECRETARY
A.P. STATE ALLIED AND HEALTH CARE
PROFESSIONS COUNCIL
Government of Andhra Pradesh
Vijayawada.

Copy submitted to:

The Secretary to Government, Health, Medical & Family Welfare Department,
Government of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati.

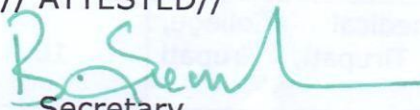
ANNEXURE

Sl. No	Name of the Institute	No. of Seats in Diploma in Optometry	No. of existing Seats in Diploma in Ophthalmic Assistant	No. of revised Seats for Diploma in Ophthalmic Assistant with alignment for maximum of 40 seats
1	Maharajah's Institute of Medical Sciences, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District.	6	4	10
2	Sri Adi Siva Sadgur Institute of Paramedical Sciences, Guntakal, Anantapur District	4	4	8
3	KMR Paramedical College, (V) Kanakampalem, (M)Puttur, Tirupati District	10	0	10
4	Lalitha College of Paramedical Sciences, Kothapet, Guntur.	10	0	10
5	Pushpagiri Vitreo Retina Institute, Opp: New RIMS General Hospital, (V) Putlampalli, YSR Kadapa	10	0	10
6	VSM Institute of Paramedical Sciences, Proddatur	10	0	10
7	Santhiram Institute of Paramedical Sciences, Nandyal, Nandyal District	10	20	30
8	Nimra Institute of Paramedical Sciences, Jupudi (V), Ibrahimpatnam (M), NTR District	10	0	10
9	KIMS Para Medical School, Near Mukthinuthalapadu (V), Ongole, Prakasam District	5	5	10
10	Pushpagiri Vitreo Retina Institute, Near TTD Kalyana mandapam, Alok Nagar, Vizianagaram.	10	0	10
11	Dr Akbar Para Medical College, Anantapur	6	6	12
12	Ketika Paramedical College, Bairagipetteda, Tirupati, Tirupati District.	10	10	20
13	Ameelio Institute of Allied Healthcare Sciences, Raaga Mayuri Green Hills, (V) Nannuru, Nandyal Road, Kurnool.	20	25	40
14	Puttaparthi Institute of Medical Sciences & Technology, Puttaparthi	15	15	30
15	NRI Institute of Paramedical Sciences, Chinakakani, Guntur District	10	20	30

16	Bollineni Medskills Paramedical Institution, Ragolu, Srikakulam District	10	20	30
17	Sankar Foundation Eye Hospital, Vepagunta, Visakhapatnam	30	30	40
18	Sindhuri Institute of Medical Sciences, Tirupati	20	20	40
19	Konaseema Institute of Medical Sciences, Amalpauram, East Godavari District	10	30	40
20	Sri Balaji Institute of Paramedical & Allied Health Sciences, New Airport Road, Tirupati	25	25	40
21	Nightingale Para Medical Institution, Kandukur, Prakasam District	0	50	40
22	Sri Ratna Institute of Para Medical Sciences, Giddalur, Prakasam District	0	50	40
23	Dr. Penubala Institute of Medical Sciences, Tiruchanoor, Tirupati.	30	30	40
24	Sri Venkateswara Aravind Eye Hospital, Tirupati	10	50	40
25	Parameswari College of Para Medical Sciences, Ongole.	30	30	40
26	Annapurna Para Medical Technology, Ullamparru	0	60	40
27	Hyderabad Institute of Para Medical Technology, Giddalur, Prakasam District	50	50	40
28	Government Medical College, Srikakulam	15	10	25
29	ACSR Government Medical College, Nellore	15	10	25

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