

List of Agri Ventures & application format :

Agri Clinic and Agri Business Scheme (ACAB)

Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business centres Scheme was launched in April 2002 by the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, in association with NABARD and MANAGE to take better methods of farming to each and every farmer across the country.

Agri-clinics are envisaged to provide expert advice and services to farmers on various technologies including soil health, cropping practices, plant protection, crop insurances, post harvest technology and clinical services for animals, feed and fodder management, process of various crops in the market etc. which would enhance productivity of crops/animals and ensure increased income to farmers.

Agri-business centres are commercial units of agri-ventures established by trained agriculture professionals. Such ventures may include maintenance and custom hiring of farm equipment, sale of inputs and other services in agriculture and allied areas, including post harvest management and market linkages for income generation and entrepreneurship development.

The aim of the programme taps the expertise available in the large pool of Agriculture Graduates to set up own Agri-Clinic or Agri-Business Centre and offer professional extension services to innumerable farmers.

The main objectives of the ACABC scheme are

- To support agricultural development.
- To create gainful self-employment opportunities to unemployed agricultural graduate, agricultural diploma holder, intermediate in agriculture and biological science graduates with post graduates in agri-related courses.

Eligible criteria for candidates

- Graduates, Post Graduates in Agriculture and Allied Sector
- Diploma/ PG Diploma in Agriculture and Allied Sector from recognised universities with 50 percent marks.
- Biological Science Graduates with Post Graduation in Agriculture and Allied subject.
- Diploma/ Post Graduate Diploma courses with more than 60 percent of the course contain in agriculture and allied subjects, after B.Sc. with Biological Sciences from recognised Colleges and Universalities.
- Degrees courses recognised by UGC having more than 60 percent of the course in agriculture and allied sector.
- Agricultural related courses at intermediate (i.e, plus two) with at least 55 percent marks

The scrutiny of the candidates

- The officials of NTI, MANAGE Hyderabad and ATMA etc as per the norms.
- Eligible candidates will be called for an interview.
- The interview committee consists of representative from KVK, NABARD Bank, State Agriculture Department.

Training and Hand Holding

National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE) will be responsible for providing training to eligible candidates through Nodal Training Institute (NTIs) and motivating them for setting up of Agri-Clinic or Agri-Business Centre.

The lists of Agri Ventures under AC&ABC are as follows:

- Seed production and processing units.
- Vermin-compost units.
- Production of bio-fertilizers, bio pesticides and other control agents.
- Apiaries (bee-keeping) and honey& bee products processing units.
- Agri tourism.
- Agri journalism- film production, farm publications and exhibitions.
- Poultry and fishery hatcheries.
- Livestock health cover, veterinary dispensaries and services including frozen semen banks and liquid nitrogen supply and artificial insemination.
- Feed production, marketing and testing units.
- Value addition centres.
- Repair, operation and maintenance of agri/horti machinery.
- Post harvest Mgt. Centres for sorting, grading, standardization storage and packaging.
- Horticulture clinic, nursery, landscape, floriculture.
- Vegetable production and marketing.
- Retail marketing outlets for processed agri-products.
- Production and marketing of farm inputs & outputs.
- Mushroom production.
- Production units like dairy, poultry, piggery, fisheries, sheep rearing, goat rearing, emu rearing etc.

Eligibility for Subsidy

Candidates trained under this scheme can avail subsidy from any scheme of central or state government related to his/her field of agri-business, if it is beneficial to the candidate. However, subsidy for the same project cannot be availed from more than one scheme by a candidate.

APPLICATION FORMAT FOR CANDIDATES TO ENROLL AS TRAINEES UNDER ACABC SCHEME

1.	Name of the candidates Name of the Father/Spouse	
2.	Date of Birth	
3.	Sex (Male / Female)	
4.	Permanent Address	
	Village and Panchayat	
	Block and/or Tehsil	
	District	
	State	
	PIN code	
5.	Address for Correspondence	
6.	Educational Qualification	
	Name of the Degree/ Diploma / Certificate / Course	
	Board/Institute/University where studied	
	University to which Affiliated	
	Marks / Grade obtained	
	Year of passing/completion	
7.	Contact details	
	Telephone/Mobile	
	Email	
8.	Experience	
8. A	Family Background	
	Agriculture	
	Other than agriculture	
9.	Agri-Business interest	
	Nature of enterprise being planned to set up after the training	
	Experience in the enterprise being planned	
	Likely place of establishment of enterprise	
10.	Aptitude for extension work with brief details of extension work done and vision for future in serving farmers	
11.	Aadhaar No.	
12.	Name of the Bank	
	Branch Name:	
	Account No:	
	IFSC Code:	

Date:

signature: