PUBLIC NOTICE
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Subject: Opportunity for candidates allotted an Examination City outside their four preferences to select another Examination City – UGC-NET December 2026 – reg.

1. The National Testing Agency (NTA) will conduct the UGC-NET December 2026 examination in Computer-Based Test (CBT) mode at centres across the country from 14 to 18 December 2026 and on 21 December 2026.

2. The Examination City, Date and Shift allotted to candidates were communicated through the Advance Examination City Intimation Slip issued on 25 November 2026. Of the 9,76,008 candidates who were allotted Examination Cities:

   - 8,74,121 candidates (89.56%) were allotted their **first** preferred city;
   - 9,53,958 candidates (97.74%) were allotted a city from among their **four** preferred cities; and
   - 22,050 candidates (2.26%) were allotted a city **outside** their four preferred cities.

3. **Why some candidates got a city outside their preferences:** In some cities, more candidates chose that city than there were computer-based test seats available. Where none of a candidate's four preferred cities had a seat left, the candidate was allotted the **nearest city with available capacity**, based on the address given in the application form. This was done so that every candidate gets an examination seat within the schedule.

4. **Why this option is being given:** Test capacity is still available in some other cities. A city in one of these places may be more convenient for some of these candidates than the city they were allotted, for example because it is easier to travel to or they are staying there. NTA has therefore decided to let these 22,050 candidates choose another Examination City from the cities where capacity is available.

5. **Who can use this option:** Only candidates who were allotted an Examination City **outside** the four preferences in their online application form. Candidates who were allotted one of their four preferred cities do not need to do anything. **This option is not open to them, and requests from them will not be considered.**

6. **How to use it:**

   - Eligible candidates can log in to the candidate portal at https://ugcnet.nta.nic.in/ with their Application Number and Password/Date of Birth. The option will show up only for eligible candidates.

- The list shows only cities where capacity is currently available. Candidates may pick any one of them.
- The facility will remain open **until 29 November 2026 (11:55 PM)**.
- Seats in each city are limited and will be allotted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- A choice, once submitted, is final and cannot be changed.

7. **If no option is exercised:** Candidates who do not choose another city by the deadline will keep the Examination City shown in their Advance City Intimation Slip of 25 November 2026. No request will be accepted after the deadline.

8. The Admit Card for UGC-NET December 2026 will be issued separately on the official website in due course. The Examination City, Centre, Date and Shift shown on the Admit Card will be final.

9. Candidates are advised to regularly visit https://ugcnet.nta.nic.in/ for the latest updates. For any clarification, candidates may contact the NTA Help Desk at 011-40759000 / 011-69227700 (8 AM – 10 PM) or the toll-free number 1800 180 4747 (24×7).

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