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Subject:- Relaxations for Postgraduate Degree thesis

The National Medical Commission has received several requests regarding submission of Postgraduate thesis of students for the batches admitted during academic years 2018-19, 2019-20 or those admitted in 2020-21 after Diploma for 02 year Postgraduate course and/or writing examine 2021 or 2022. The Postgraduate Medical Education Board (PGMEB) of the National Medical Commission after having carefully considered all the requests, the current COVID-19 pandemic situation and the training requirements of the postgraduate degree students, has decided as under:-

1. The sub-clause 14(4)(a) of the Postgraduate Medical Education Regulations with regard to the submission of the Postgraduate thesis states as follows: **"Thesis shall be submitted at least six month before the Theory and Clinical/Practical examination"**. In view of the COVID-19 pandemic the PGMEB has decided to relax the said portion of the regulation and allow the Postgraduate degree students of batches 2018-19 and 2019-20, to submit their thesis at least three months before the Theory and Clinical/Practical examination.
2. Further sub-clause 13.9 of the Postgraduate Medical Education Regulations states as follows:- **"A postgraduate student of a Postgraduate degree in broad specialities/super specialities would be required to present one poster presentation, to read one paper at a national/state conference and to present one research paper which should be published/accepted for publication/sent for publication during the period of his postgraduate studies so as to make him eligible to appear at the Postgraduate degree examination."** In view of COVID-19 pandemic, the PGMEB has decided to relax the said portion of the regulation and allow the Postgraduate students of batches 2018-19 only, in broad specialities/super specialities to be eligible to appear for their postgraduate degree examinations even if they have not made a poster presentation, read a paper at a conference or submitted a research paper for publication.
3. Further, in view of dearth of clinical material during current COVID-19 pandemic, the Universities and Medical Colleges/institutions are also advised the while evaluating the thesis submitted for acceptance for the batches 2018-19 and 2019-20, final sample size actually analyzed may be considered even if it is less than the committed sample size in the approved thesis protocol for the study.

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