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MEDICAL COUNCIL OF INDIA
NOTIFICATION

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 33 of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 (102 of 1956), the Medical Council of India, with the previous sanction of the Central Government, hereby makes the following regulations, namely:-

1. Short title and commencement – (1) These regulations may be called the Eligibility Requirement for taking admission in an undergraduate medical course in a Foreign Medical Institution Regulations, 2002
(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
2. Definitions:-In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,-
 - (a) “Act” means the Indian Medical Council Act,1956 (102 of 1956);
 - (b) “Council” means the Medical Council of India constituted under section 3 of the Act;
 - (c) “Permanent Registration” means registration for the purpose of enrolment on any State Medical Register or Indian Medical Register after obtaining the Primary Medical qualification followed by completion of such practical training as prescribed either in India or abroad as per the provisions of the Act;
 - (d) “Primary Medical qualification” means a medical qualification awarded by any medical institution outside India which is a recognized qualification for enrolment as medical practitioner in the country in which the institution awarding the said qualification is situated and which is equivalent to MBBS in India;
 - (e) “Provisional Registration” means provisional registration in a State Medical Register or Indian Medical Register for the purpose of undergoing practical training in India as prescribed and for no other purpose by an Indian citizen possessing any primary medical qualification but has not undergone such practical training after obtaining that qualification as may be required by the rules or regulations in force in the country granting the qualification;
 - (f) “qualifying examination” means the examination to be qualified to become eligible for admission to MBBS course in India as prescribed in the Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 1997.
3. An Indian citizen, who has passed the qualifying examination either from India or an equivalent examination from abroad and is desirous of joining an undergraduate medical course in any foreign medical institution on or after 15th March, 2002 shall approach the Council for issue of an Eligibility Certificate for that purpose.
4. The request for issue of Eligibility Certificate shall be made by the candidate in the proforma prescribed by the Council and shall be accompanied by the original certificate/mark-sheet

(alongwith Photostat copy) of the qualifying examination. The original certificate shall be returned to the candidate after verifying the same with the photostat copy which shall be retained by the Council. Request shall also be accompanied by a Demand Draft for the specified sum in favour of Secretary, Medical Council of India, New Delhi. The fee shall be fixed by the Council.

5. The Council shall be free to investigate on its own into the correctness of information furnished by the candidate in his/her application and/or call for any further information in this regard from the candidate and in the event of any information furnished by the candidate being found to be incorrect or false during such investigation or at any subsequent stage, the Council may refuse to issue the eligibility certificate or if already issued may cancel the same and he/she shall stand debarred from appearing in the screening test prescribed in sub-section (4A) of section 13 of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 without any notice. The decision of the Council in this regard shall be final.
6. The candidate shall also produce a certificate of his/her date of birth if it is not recorded in the certificate of the qualifying examination.
7. A candidate belonging to Scheduled Caste/Schedule Tribe/Other Backward Class shall produce a caste certificate issued by Competent Authority.
8. The Council shall consider the application for Eligibility Certificate and verify the following details as per the Regulations of the Council –
 - (i) Whether the candidate fulfills the age criterion prescribed by the Council?
 - (ii) Whether the candidate fulfills the eligibility criteria for admission to MBBS course in India as prescribed in the Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 1997, i.e., minimum qualifying marks criteria in Physics, Chemistry, Biology and English, including relaxed criteria in case the candidate belongs to a reserved category?
 - (iii) If the candidate belongs to SC/ST/OBC, whether he/she has produced a caste certificate from a Competent Authority?

In regulation 8 under heading “Eligibility Criteria”, the following Clause (iv) has been added after Clause 8(iii) in terms of Notification published on 01.03.2018 in the Gazette of India.

“(iv) Indian Citizens/Overseas Citizen of India intending to obtain primary medical qualification from any medical institution outside India, on or after May 2018, shall have to mandatorily qualify the ‘National-Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test for Admission to MBBS course’. The result of the ‘National-Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test for Admission to MBBS course’ shall deem to be treated as the Eligibility Certificate for such persons, provided that such persons fulfils the Eligibility Criteria for admission to the MBBS course prescribed in the Regulations on Graduate Medical Education, 1997.”

9. After verification, as required, if the candidate is found to fulfill the eligibility criteria, the Council shall issue an Eligibility Certificate in the prescribed format to the candidate certifying that he/she is eligible to join a medical institution outside India to obtain a primary medical qualification. The certificate shall indicate that on return after obtaining the foreign primary medical qualification, the candidate shall have to undergo a screening test, subject to fulfillment of the conditions prescribed in the Screening Test Regulations, 2002, and that passing this test shall only entitle him to provisional/permanent registration by the Medical Council of India or the State Medical Councils.

The following proviso has been added to clause 9 in terms of Notification published on 16.04.2010 in the Gazette of India .

“Provided that he/she has studied for the medical course at the same institute located abroad for the entire duration of the course from where he/she has obtained the degree.”

10. In case the candidate does not fulfill any of the qualifying criteria the Council may reject his application for issue of Eligibility Certificate giving the reasons therefor.
11. The issue of a eligibility certificate to a candidate shall not entitle him to any right, whatsoever, other than to take admission in an undergraduate medical course in a foreign medical institute.

Sd/-
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Secretary,
Medical Council of India

Extract form
Regulation Graduate Medical Education, 1997
(effective from the 29th May,1999)

Chapter II

4. **Admission to the Medical Course-Eligibility Criteria:** No Candidate shall be allowed to be admitted to the Medical Curriculum of first Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) Course until:

- (1) He/she shall complete the age of 17 years on or before 31st December, of the year of admission to the MBBS course;
- (2) He/she has passed qualifying examination as under:-
 - (a) The higher secondary examination or the Indian School Certificate Examination which is equivalent to 10+2 Higher Secondary Examination after a period of 12 years study, the last two years of study comprising of Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics or any other elective subjects with English at a level not less than the core course for English as prescribed by the National Council for Educational Research and Training after the introduction of the 10+2+3 years educational structure as recommended by the National Committee on education;

Note: Where the course content is not as prescribed for 10+2 education structure of the National Committee, the candidates will have to undergo a period of one year pre-professional training before admission to the medical colleges;

or

- (b) The intermediate examination in science of an Indian University/Board or other recognised examining body with Physics, Chemistry and Biology which shall include a practical test in these subjects and also English as a compulsory subject;

or

- (c) The pre-professional/pre-medical examination with Physics, Chemistry and Biology, after passing either the higher secondary school examination, or the pre-university or an equivalent examination. The pre-professional/pre-medical examination shall include a practical test in Physics, Chemistry and Biology and also English as a compulsory subject;

or

- (d) The first year of the three years degree course of a recognized university, with Physics, Chemistry and Biology including a practical test in three subjects provided the examination is a "University Examination" and candidate has passed 10+2 with English at a level not less than a core course;

or

- (e) B.Sc examination of an Indian University, provided that he/she has passed the B.Sc examination with not less than two of the following subjects Physics, Chemistry, Biology (Botany, Zoology) and further that he/she has passed the earlier qualifying examination with the following subjects-Physics, Chemistry, Biology and English.

or

- (f) Any other examination which, in scope and standard is found to be equivalent to the intermediate science examination of an Indian University/Board, taking Physics, Chemistry and Biology including practical test in each of these subjects and English.

Note:

The pre-medical course may be conducted either at Medical College or a Science College.

Marks obtained in Mathematics are not to be considered for admission to MBBS Course.

After the 10+2 course is introduced, the integrated courses should be abolished.

5. Selection of Students: The selection of students to medical college shall be based solely on merit of the candidate and for determination of the merit, the following criteria be adopted uniformly throughout the country:

- (1) In states, having only one Medical College and one university board/examining body conducting the qualifying examination, the marks obtained at such qualifying examination may be taken into consideration;
- (2) In states, having more than one university/board/examining body conducting the qualifying examination (or where there is more than one medical college under the administrative control of one authority) a competitive entrance examination should be held so as to achieve a uniform evaluation as there may be variation of standards at qualifying examinations conducted by different agencies;
- (3) Where there are more than one college in a state and only one university/board conducting the qualifying examination, then a joint selection board be constituted for all the colleges;
- (4) A competitive entrance examination is absolutely necessary in the cases of institutions of All India character;
- (5) Procedure for selection to MBBS course shall be as follows:-
 - (i) in case of admission on the basis of qualifying examination under clause (1) based on merit, candidate for admission to MBBS course must have passed in the subjects of Physics, Chemistry, Biology & English individually and must have obtained a minimum of 50% marks taken together in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology at the qualifying examination as mentioned in clause (2) of regulation 4. In respect of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes or Other Backward Classes, the marks obtained in Physics, Chemistry and Biology taken together in qualifying examination be 40% instead of 50% as above.
 - (ii) In case of admission on the basis of competitive entrance examination under clause (2) to (4) of this regulation, a candidate must have passed in the subjects of Physics, Chemistry, Biology and English individually and must have obtained a minimum of 50% marks taken together in Physics, Chemistry and Biology at the qualifying examination as

mentioned in clause (2) of regulation 4 and in addition must have come in the merit list prepared as a result of such competitive entrance examination by securing not less than 50% marks in Physics, Chemistry and Biology taken together in the competitive examination. In respect of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes or other Backward Classes the marks obtained in Physics, Chemistry and Biology taken together in qualifying examination and competitive entrance examination be 40% instead of 50% as stated above:

Provided that a candidate who has appeared in the qualifying examination the result of which has not been declared, he may be provisionally permitted to take up the competitive entrance examination and in case of selection for admission to the MBBS course, he shall not be admitted to that course until he fulfils the eligibility criteria under regulation 4.

MEDICAL COUNCIL OF INDIA

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PRESS NOTE

It is brought to the notice of Indian (citizens) students who are desirous of joining an Undergraduate Medical Course (equivalent to MBBS in India) in any Foreign Medical Institution on or after the 15th March, 2002, that all such intending candidates shall have to approach the Medical Council of India, Aiwan-E-Galib Marg, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110002 (**Present Address: Pocket 14, Sector 8, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110077**) for issue of Eligibility Certificate for getting admission to an Undergraduate Medical Course in any Foreign Medical Institution as per the provisions of "Eligibility Requirement for taking admission in an undergraduate medical course in a Foreign Medical Institution Regulations, 2002" which has been notified in Part III Section 4 of the Gazette of India Extra-ordinary issue dated the 18th February, 2002. The application form for issue of the Eligibility Certificate may be obtained from the Council office. The application form alongwith the details required therein may be submitted to the Council alongwith the demand draft in favour of Secretary, Medical Council of India, New Delhi, for the prescribed sum. It may be understood that Eligibility Certificate will be issued by the Council only to such candidates who fulfill the criteria of age of admission to the medical course and passing of qualifying examination (10+2 or equivalent or higher qualification) with the required percentage of marks as prescribed in the Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 1997, copies of which are available in the Council office on payment of Rs.100/-. The relevant extracts from these Regulations are also available on the Council's Website. A candidate belonging to SC/ST/OBC has to produce a caste certificate from the competent authority. Only after necessary verification, if the candidate fulfills the eligibility criteria, the Council shall issue Eligibility

Certificate to the candidate certifying that he/she is eligible to join a medical institution outside India to obtain a primary medical qualification. No candidate who has obtained admission in a Foreign Medical Institution on or after 15th March,2002 shall be permitted to sit for the Screening Test, after obtaining the medical degree from abroad, for the purpose of his registration in India, unless he produces the Eligibility Certificate issued by the Medical Council of India. Further details may be obtained from the office of the Medical Council of India, New Delhi and also may be seen in the website of the Council – www.mciindia.org.

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(M.SACHDEVA)
SECRETARY.