

NMC REGULATIONS FOR MBBS ABROAD

(Foreign Medical Graduate Licentiate Regulations dated 18 November 2021)

The National Medical Commission has made new licentiate regulations for MBBS Abroad that are effective for all admissions that take place in foreign medical institutions on or after 18 Nov 2021. The subsequent paragraphs provide the gist of the new regulations that are required to be followed by the Foreign Medical Graduates (FMG) to get registration in National Medical Council or State Medical Councils for practice in India on return from the foreign medical institution.

Essential Criteria

- The duration of the medical course in the foreign medical institution must be of fifty-four months (around 4 and half years).
- The FMGs must undergo a supervised one-year rotatory internship in the same foreign medical institution.
- The medium of instruction for the MBBS course in the foreign medical institution must be in English language.
- The FMG must have studied the mandatory subjects (as given in Schedule 1) that fulfill the requirements of education and training equivalent or commensurate with that of an Indian Medical Graduate.
- The FMG should be registered with the respective regulatory body competent to grant license to practice medicine in that country where the institution is located.
- The FMG must clear the NExT or any other examination as mandated by the National Medical Commission.
- The FMG must undergo a supervised internship in India for a minimum period of one year after applying for the same to the Commission in subjects as outlined in Schedule 1.

Associated Criteria

As given in Schedule 1 of the regulations for recognition of Foreign Medical Graduates to practice medicine in India.

Course content and Training requirements for primary medical qualification outside India:

- Foreign Medical Graduates should have undergone a course of theory, practical and clinical training equivalent to a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) of India.
- Graduates should have completed supervised one-year internship training along with hands-on clinical training in such institution recognized, listed and approved by the respective Country's Government for imparting medical education in respective modern scientific medical subjects like General Medicine, Paediatrics, Anaesthesia, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Orthopaedics, Otorhinolaryngology, Psychiatry, Ophthalmology, Dermatology, Emergency or Casualty services, lab services and their sub-specialties.
- The course and internship or clinical clerkship in the Foreign Medical Institution shall include the subjects mentioned therein as are duly recognised by the Commission.
- The course curriculum shall be made available for review by appropriate authorities preferably through websites.

Location for conduct of the course:

- The entire course, training and internship or clerkship shall be done outside India in the same foreign medical institution throughout the course of study.

Duration of completion:

- The total duration for the medical graduation course shall be completed within ten years from the date of joining the course.

Exemption of Applicability of the Regulations:

- These regulations will not be applicable to:
- Foreign Medical Graduates who acquired a foreign medical degree or primary qualification prior to the implementation of these regulations i.e. before 18 Nov 2021.
- Candidates who are pursuing their education in foreign institutions and have acquired admission before the implementation of these regulations i.e., 18 Nov 2021.
- Foreign medical graduates who are specifically exempted by the Commission or the Central Government, as the case may be, by notification.
- Foreign Medical Graduates who have acquired a Foreign Medical Degree or any equivalent qualification, and the candidates who are pursuing their studies in foreign educational institutions, before the implementation of these regulations, shall be governed by the former applicable regulations.
- The Commission has the right to issue a no grant of permanent registration to practice medicine in case the candidate breaks the law upon public policy or national security.