

Registration of students with Foreign Medical Degrees

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As per Section 13(4A) of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 and Clause 3 of the Screening Test Regulations, 2002, an Indian National/ Overseas Citizen of India possessing a primary medical qualification awarded by any medical institution outside India and who is desirous of getting provisional/ permanent registration from the State Medical Council (SMC) on or after 15/03/2002 can be registered after he/she qualifies a Screening Test conducted by the National Board of Examinations.

As informed by the Medical Council of India (MCI), no specific data of foreign medical graduates who are registered with the MCI/ SMC is available with the Council before 2007. However, since 2007, MCI generated computerized registration certificate and as per the available records from 2007 till mid-2014, a total of 12,858 permanent registrations were granted by MCI in respect of Indian nationals who possess primary medical qualification from various universities outside the country.

As per the information furnished by MCI, a total of 10,22,859 Doctors who possess recognized primary medical qualification, are registered with the MCI/ SMC as on 31st March, 2017. State-wise data is given below:

Number of Doctors Registered with State Medical Councils / Medical Council of India as on 31st March, 2017

Sr. No.	Name of the Medical Council	Number of Doctors
1.	Andhra Pradesh Medical Council	86129
2.	Arunachal Pradesh Medical Council	792
3.	Assam Medical Council	22454
4.	Bihar Medical Council	40043
5.	Chattisgarh Medical Council	6584
6.	Delhi Medical Council	15246
7.	Goa Medical Council	3336
8.	Gujarat Medical Council	53954
9.	Haryana Dental & Medical Council	5717
10.	Himachal Pradesh Medical Council	2849
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	14188
12.	Jharkhand Medical Council	5003
13.	Karnataka Medical Council	101273
14.	Madhya Pradesh Medical Council	34347
15.	Maharashtra Medical Council	153513
16.	Medical Council of India	52666
17.	Nagaland Medical Council	801

18.	Orissa Council of Medical Registration	21681
19.	Punjab Medical Council	44682
20.	Rajasthan Medical Council	38677
21.	Sikkim Medical Council	893
22.	Tamil Nadu Medical Council	121847
23.	Travancore Medical Council	52474
24.	Uttar Pradesh Medical Council	69208
25.	Uttrakhand Medical Council	6662
26.	West Bengal Medical Council	65486
27.	Telangana Medical Council	2354
	Total	10,22,859

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The Government has taken the following steps to increase the number of doctors in the country:

- I. Relaxation in the norms for setting up of a medical college in terms of requirement for land, faculty, staff, bed/ bed strength and other infrastructure.
- II. Strengthening/ upgradation of existing State Government/Central Government Medical Colleges to increase MBBS seats with fund sharing between the Central Government and States.
- III. Establishment of New Medical Colleges by upgrading district/referral hospitals preferably in underserved districts of the country with fund sharing between the Central Government and States.
- IV. Enhancement of maximum intake capacity at MBBS level from 150 to 250.
- V. Enhancement of age limit for appointment/extension/re-employment against posts of teachers/dean/principal/ director in medical colleges from 65-70 years.
- VI. DNB qualification has been recognized for appointment as faculty to take care of shortage of faculty.

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The Minister of State (Health and Family Welfare), Sh Faggan Singh Kulaste stated this in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha here today.

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