NEET

The **National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET)** is a highly competitive entrance examination in India that is conducted for students who wish to pursue undergraduate medical and dental courses in government or private medical colleges across the country. NEET serves as a common entrance exam for admission to the following programs:

Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS): The undergraduate medical degree program that allows students to become medical doctors.

Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS): The undergraduate dental degree program for aspiring dentists.

NEET is the sole entrance examination for these courses in India. Here are some key details about NEET:

- Exam Format: NEET is a pen-and-paper (offline) test that consists of multiple-choice questions. It assesses the candidates' knowledge in three main subjects: Physics, Chemistry, and Biology (Botany and Zoology). It also includes questions on subjects like General Knowledge and English for AIIMS and JIPMER.
- Eligibility: To appear for NEET, a candidate must be a citizen of India and meet certain age and educational qualifications. They should have completed 10+2 with subjects of Physics, Chemistry, Biology/Biotechnology, and English.
- Score Validity: NEET scores are valid for one year, and the examination is usually conducted once a year.
- Admission Process: NEET scores are used by various medical and dental colleges for admission. Admissions are done on the basis of NEET ranks and the choices made during the counselling process. Both government and private colleges consider NEET scores for admissions.
- Qualification: To qualify NEET, candidates must obtain a minimum qualifying score, and the specific cutoff marks vary from year to year. Only qualified candidates are eligible for the admission process.

NEET is a highly competitive examination, and it requires thorough preparation. Many students choose to attend coaching classes or utilize self-study materials and practice tests to prepare for NEET. Aspiring medical and dental students should keep up with the official announcements and exam notifications from the National Testing Agency (NTA), the governing body responsible for conducting NEET.

In addition to NEET, there were separate entrance examinations for prestigious institutions like AIIMS and JIPMER in the past. However, as of my last knowledge update in September 2021, these institutions have now also adopted NEET scores for admission into their undergraduate medical programs. Please check for any updates or changes in the admission process that may have occurred after that date.