

राष्ट्रीय आयुर्विज्ञान आयोग
National Medical Commission
(Undergraduate Medical Education Board)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

National Medical Commission considered the representations received from medical students who are pursuing BS Course in Philippines, prior to publication of Gazette of India i.e. FMGL Regulations 2021, seeking exemption/special dispensation.

2. It is observed that BS & MD course are two separate degrees in Philippines. BS Course cannot be equated/included with MBBS course. Therefore, after the publication of Gazette Notification dated 18.11.2021 i.e. NMC's FMGL Regulations 2021, the students who have already taken admission for any foreign medical qualification/course which is not equivalent to the MBBS Course in India, cannot be treated as eligible qualification for registration to practice medicine in India. Whereas, the students who have taken admission in MD course in Philippines prior to FMGL Regulations 2021 can be considered subject to fulfilling other prevailing eligibility criteria for registration.

3. Bridging BS Course is a course of Bachelor of Science for candidates seeking to join courses in field of Science & Research in Philippines. The said course comprises of subjects of Biology similar to Class 11th & 12th in India. BS Course is the pre-medical course in Philippines, after the completion of which the candidates have to appear in the NMAT examination to seek admission in MD Course (Graduate/Primary Medical Course being equivalent to MBBS) which is of 4-year duration. The pattern is BS Course followed by MD Course, however, in the said BS Course, the candidates are not being taught pre-clinical subjects like Anatomy, Biochemistry, Biophysics, Microbiology etc., rather they are being taught subjects like Biology, Psychology etc. which is equivalent to Class 12th in India. Hence, BS Course is a basic degree course prior to the starting of Graduate/Primary Medical Course in reference with Indian Education. The same does not even qualify a candidate to be eligible for admission in MBBS course in India.

4. The Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 1997 prescribes that candidates mandatorily must qualify the NEET-UG Examination for becoming eligible for counselling to be considered for admission in MBBS course and that to appear in NEET-UG, it is pre-condition that the candidates must have studied in the last 2 years of his / her school education (Class 11th & 12th) regular, simultaneous, co-terminus the subjects of Physics, Chemistry & Biology. Thus, a candidate who has already undergone the requisite studies in Class 11th & 12th in India and thereafter qualified the NEET-UG, being the pre-requisite for proceeding to a Foreign Medical Institute, shall not gain any further knowledge by undergoing the BS Course, which seems to be a mandatory course for obtaining admission to the Graduate/Primary Medical Course in Philippines. The BS Course in Philippines is a pre-requisite to appear in NMAT for admission in MD Course (Graduate/Primary Medical Course being equivalent to MBBS). Hence, the duration of the BS Course cannot be counted in the duration of the Graduate/Primary Medical Course in Philippines. Further, the regulations were not made/directed to any particular country but to be universally applicable for all FMGs, with sole objective of maintaining standard of education and quality of doctors in India.

5. National Medical Commission, being the regulatory authority always endeavors to improve the quality of medical education and health care system in India and provides an equal & fair opportunity for individuals who aspire to study medicine and thereafter practice medicine in India. However, practicing medicine involves the risk of human life, hence the Commission cannot compromise with the high standard & quality of medical education in India.
