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National Medical Commission  
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Sector-8, Dwarka  
New Delhi-110077  
06-03-2026

To,  
Registrar of SMCs of all States/UTs

**Subject: Mandatory physical onsite compensation classes for online studies undertaken by foreign medical students pursuing the MBBS course at medical institutions outside India -reg**

Sir/ Madam,

Reference is invited to Public Notice No. U-15024/15/2024-UGMEB(Pt) (e-8389863) [copy enclosed] dated 05-03-2026 issued by the Under-Graduate Medical Education Board (UGMEB) on the above subject matter being self explanatory inter-alia inviting references to its earlier Public Notices dated 07-12-2023 and 19-6-2024 and also providing the necessary clarifications on the queries raised by various stakeholders and students.

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05<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### PUBLIC NOTICE

In continuation of the Public Notices issued by the National Medical Commission, vide notices dated 07.12.2023 [copy enclosed] and 19.06.2024 [copy enclosed], regarding mandatory physical onsite compensation classes for online studies undertaken by foreign medical students pursuing the MBBS course at medical institutions outside India, the Commission hereby provides the following clarifications on queries raised by various stakeholders and students.

#### 2. Queries and Clarifications thereof:

Sl. No.	Query	Clarification
I	Applicability of Compulsory Rotating Medical Internship (CRMI) Regulations, 2021, Published on 18.11.2021	<b><i>The students who had taken admission on or before 18.11.2021, the date of notification of the Foreign Medical Graduate Licentiate Regulations, 2021 (FMGL, 2021), and who have duly compensated the period of online instruction by undergoing physical onsite clinical and/or theory training, together with one year of internship in the concerned foreign medical college or university, and who have qualified the examinations equivalent to the MBBS examination in India, shall be considered in accordance with the provisions of the Screening Test Regulations; and</i></b> <b><i>Students who had taken admission after 18.11.2021, the date of notification of the Foreign Medical Graduate Licentiate Regulations, 2021 (FMGL, 2021), shall be governed by the Compulsory Rotating Medical Internship (CRMI) Regulations, 2021, and shall be required to undergo one year of mandatory internship in India as prescribed therein. All other conditions maintained in the Public Notice dated 7.12.2023 will continue to remain in force.</i></b>

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II	Whether online study in one academic year can be compensated along with the next year offline, without extension of the study period?	<p><b><i>Compensation without extension of the study period is not acceptable, as it is contrary to FMGL Regulations, 2021, which require the course and clerkship to be commensurate with the MBBS course in India</i></b></p> <p>The primary objective of the public notices dated 07.12.2023 and 19.06.2024 is to ensure that any portion of the medical education undertaken by the Foreign Medical Graduates (FMGs) through online mode, particularly during periods of Global disruption like COVID-19, is adequately compensated through in-person clinical and academic training, by its very nature, requires substantial hands-on learning, clinical exposure, and practical experience, which cannot be effectively substituted by virtual instructions alone.</p> <p>Therefore, any FMG who studied a portion of their course online is required to undergo equivalent in-person training to make up for that duration. In this context, foreign medical institutions that issue a "compensation certificate" without actually extending the period of study and without ensuring that the additional training has occurred in a physical mode are acting in contradiction to the intent and requirements of the FMGL Regulations. Such certificates, issued without genuine compensation and extension of study period, undermine the very spirit and purpose of the FMGL Regulations, 2021, which aim to uphold the integrity and quality of medical education for practitioners intending to practice in India.</p> <p>Under <b>Schedule-I of the Foreign Medical Graduate Licentiate Regulations, 2021, notified on 18.11.2021</b>, it is clearly stated:</p> <p><i>"The course and internship or clinical clerkship shall commensurate with the MBBS course of India in accordance with the Regulations on Graduate Medical Education, 1997 and subsequent amendments thereto, and shall include the subjects mentioned therein as are duly recognized by the Commission under sub-section (2) of section 61 of the Act."</i></p> <p>This clause emphasizes that:</p> <p>The <b>structure, duration, and content</b> of foreign medical courses must be equivalent to the Indian MBBS curriculum.</p>



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		<p>The course must <b>include sufficient hands-on clinical training</b>.</p> <p><b>Online-only education cannot be considered equivalent</b> unless the missed components are physically compensated for.</p> <p>Institutions must ensure compliance <b>with both curriculum and practical standards</b>, failing which FMG qualifications may not be recognized in India.</p>
III	<p>Should the compensation certificate contain details of the extended academic period to compensate for the online study in the offline mode?</p>	<p><b>Yes.</b></p> <p>It is imperative to verify the authenticity of the claim of Foreign Medical Graduates (FMGs) regarding the offline compensation for the remaining duration of the medical course, <b>which must include both theoretical and practical components</b>. Accordingly, the compensation certificate issued by the concerned foreign medical institution must clearly specify the details of the subjects and the duration completed by the FMG. i.e., <b><i>The certificate must specify theory, clinical subjects, and mandatory clerkship undertaken during offline compensation, etc.</i></b></p> <p>Furthermore, the transcript of record issued by the university/medical institution <b><i>must be duly apostilled and authenticated by the Indian Embassy or High Commission in the respective country</i></b>, to ensure its legitimacy and compliance with regulatory requirements.</p>
IV	<p>Whether the curriculum for the two academic years can be completed in one year of offline study?</p>	<p><b>No.</b></p> <p>As clarified at Sl. No. I, academic years cannot be compressed, and the entire online study period must be adequately compensated through physical onsite training.</p>
V	<p>Who has the primary responsibility to process applications of Foreign Medical Graduates (FMGs) to grant permanent registration in India?</p>	<p>The primary responsibility for processing applications of Foreign Medical Graduates (FMGs), particularly those falling under the categories specified above, in accordance with the provisions of the Foreign Medical Graduate Licentiate (FMGL) Regulations, 2021 and the Compulsory Rotatory Medical Internship (CRMI) Regulations, 2021, rests <b>exclusively with the respective State Medical Councils (SMCs)</b>, in consultation with the concerned <b>State Directorate of Medical Education (DME)</b>.</p> <p>In this regard, the SMCs shall verify and ensure that:</p>

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		<p>1. The FMG has duly completed the compensatory academic requirement, comprising both theory and practical components, at the same foreign medical institution, which shall be duly verified and corroborated through VISA stamping and entry/exit records as reflected in the passport;</p> <p>2. The FMG has qualified the Screening Test/FMGL Examination; and</p> <p>3. The FMG has completed a one-year Compulsory Rotatory Medical Internship (CRMI) in India, as prescribed under the CRMI Regulations, 2021, prior to the grant of permanent registration by the SMC.</p> <p>The prescribed sequence for processing shall be as follows:</p> <p>(i) Qualification of the Screening Test/FMGL Examination, along with submission of the requisite primary medical qualification degree and clerkship certificates;</p> <p>(ii) Grant of <b>provisional registration</b> for undergoing CRMI; and</p> <p>(iii) Subsequently, Grant of <b>permanent registration</b> upon satisfactory completion of CRMI.</p>

3. A State Medical Council shall not grant permanent registration unless it has fully verified that all required conditions—such as onsite compensation for online study, mandatory clerkship, and completion of the compulsory rotating internship in India—have been met. Any registration granted without following these rules will be considered a regulatory violation.

4. All other conditions mentioned in the Public Notice dated 7.12.2023 will continue to remain in force.

5. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.



**(Ram Pratap)**  
**Director, UGMEB**





**No.U-15024/9/2023-UGMEB**  
**Government of India National**  
**Medical Commission**  
**(Under Graduate Medical Education Board)**



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**Date: 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

In supersession to the Public Notice dated 22.11.2023, the National Medical Commission in its meeting held on 30.11.2023 has decided to provide clarifications/decisions in various issues with respect to Foreign Medical Graduates.

#### **1. ISSUES RELATED TO FMGs FROM UKRAINE**

##### **I. FMGs had a break in their final year and returned to India (Owing to covid pandemic or war) and completed FMG course (including examination) through online mode.**

- FMGs will have to undergo one (1) year clinical clerkship (CC) in India in lieu of deficiency in their training from their parent medical college.
- The Indian Medical College may charge clerkship fee from FMGs maximum upto Rs. 5000/-PM.
- After successful completion of 1 year clerkship and supported by logbook followed by authentication from concerned college authority, they will be allowed to begin CRMI which may be done in medical college or any recognized institute.
- Such students at the stage of CRMI, shall be eligible to receive stipend equivalent to the stipend received by IMGs of that college/ Institution.
- Allotment of such students to clinical clerkship or Internship programme will be done through concerned DME and SMC, in consultation with each other.
- Existing FMGs undergoing internship be allowed to continue to complete their two years before permanent registration given by the State Medical Council.

- This relaxation is specifically for final year students who returned to India owing to covid pandemic or war.

**II. FMGs had a break in Penultimate year of study (Owing to covid pandemic or war) and completed FMG course (including examination) through online mode.**

- FMGs will have to undergo two (2) years of clinical clerkship (CC) supported by logbook, further authenticated by concerned college authority.
- The Indian Medical College may charge clerkship fee from FMGs maximum upto Rs. 5000/-PM.
- After successful completion of 2 year clerkship and supported by logbook followed by authentication from concerned college authority, they will be allowed to begin CRMI which may be done in medical college or any recognized institute.
- Such students at the stage of CRMI, shall be eligible to receive stipend equivalent to the stipend received by IMGs of that college/ Institution.
- Allotment of such students to clinical clerkship or Internship programme will be done through concerned DME and SMC, in consultation with each other.
- Existing FMGs undergoing internship be allowed to continue to complete their three (3) years before permanent registration given by the State Medical Council.
- This relaxation is specifically for penultimate and final year FMGs who returned to India owing to covid pandemic or war.

**III. Allowing FMGs from Ukraine to continue their study from different countries (Except India)**

- a. In continuation to the earlier scheme dated 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 (read as a clarification of Public Notice dated 06<sup>th</sup> September, 2022) namely Academic Mobility Program, NMC has decided to extend such scheme as a one-time measure to the FMGs- who had joined MBBS course before 18.11.2021 and have returned from Ukraine to avail the benefits of the scheme and complete their remaining medical course. The Degree may however be awarded by the University to where they shall migrate.
- b. Those candidates who have joined the course (equivalent to MBBS in India), physically in Ukraine/ Russia on or after

18.11.2021, and have returned/ were evacuated during the warperiod (i.e. evacuation period of Operation Ganga w.e.f. 26.02.2022 to 11.03.2022) in a medical institute of either Ukraine or Russia shall be given permission to transfer/migrate to any other country (except India) to complete their study as per FMGL regulations dated 18.11.2021, and procure certificate which grants them license to practice Allopathy in that country. This permission for migration shall be specific for these students only who returned to India till 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022. **Period of permission of migration shall expire on 07.03.2024.**

- c. This relaxation is for the batch of students who at the time of return to India were in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year of their medical course.

## **2. ISSUES RELATED TO RECOGNITION OF BS COURSE**

- Students who were studying BS Course or had taken admission in BS course and were physically studying in Foreign Medical Institute at the time of publication of FMGL Regulation 2021 dated 18.11.2021 shall be governed by old Screening Test Regulation, 2002 however such students shall have to undergo additional one year of internship as per CRMI Regulation, 2021.
- This shall be one time exemption specific to these students only.

## **3. ISSUES RELATED TO INTERNSHIP OF FMGS IN INDIAN INSTITUTES**

- The number of seats permitted for internship or clinical clerkship will be 7.5% of the permitted MBBS seats in old colleges who have their students pursuing CRMI and it shall be 100% in new medical colleges who do not have their own students doing CRMI. The permission to be granted to these FMGs to join internship including the time frames and schedules in various institutions shall be decided jointly by State Medical Councils and State Directors of Medical Education/authorities allotting institutions to FMGs for pursuing internship. The students shall be continuing their compulsory rotating medical internship in the same institute/colleges where they shall be doing their clinical clerkship.

#### **4. ISSUE OF ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE (EC) TO FMGs**

- Keeping in view the fact that several thousand Indian students who have already commenced their pre-medical education, i.e., B.S. course in Philippines or pre-medical/language courses in any other foreign countries and that Eligibility Certificate is required to be granted on the criteria of age and marks in 10+2 as per Public Notice dated 14th September, 2018 issued by the erstwhile Medical Council of India and Order dated 27.09.2018 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi at New Delhi in WP(c)No.8091/2018 and connected matters, Indian Citizens/OCI who had not registered/appeared/qualified NEET-UG 2018 & 2019, were allowed to take admission in MBBS or equivalent medical course in a medical university outside the country in the academic year 2018-19 and 2019-20. However, such candidates are required to obtain/apply for an eligibility certificate from the Medical Council of India u/s 13(4B) of the IMC Act, 1956.
- Such candidates should furnish their admission record in BS or any other pre-medical course/language course in the Foreign Countries with their application for an Eligibility Certificate alongwith details of travel including exit from India and entry back into India as well as entry / exit in that Foreign Country. The same may be accepted only on the basis of certified copies of passport wherein such details are duly recorded. It may be further clarified that, the present is a one-time exemption granted keeping in view the peculiar facts and circumstances that have arisen and all those who leave the Indian Shores for pursuing pre-medical/medical course for the academic year 2018-19 & 2019-20 shall be exempted from the requirement of NEET-2018 & 2019 in terms of the amendment dated 01.03.2018 to the Screening Test Regulations, 2002 and Eligibility Requirement for Taking Admission in an Undergraduate Medical Course in a Foreign Medical Institution Regulation, 2002."

#### **5. ISSUES RELATED TO CAPPING OF TIME LIMIT TO QUALIFY FMG EXAMINATION**

- All FMGs shall have to complete their internship within 10 years from date of joining their Foreign Medical Institutions to

procure qualification equivalent to MBBS in India.

6. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

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