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भारत सरकार/ Government of India
राष्ट्रीय आयुर्विज्ञान आयोग /National Medical Commission
(O/o Secretary)

Sector-8, Dwarka
New Delhi-110077
18-03-2026

To,
Registrar of SMCs of all States/UTs

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

Reference is invited to Public Notice No. U-15024/15/2024-UGMEB(Pt) (e-8389863) [copy enclosed] dated 18-03-2026 issued by the Under- Graduate Medical Education Board (UGMEB) on the above subject matter being self explanatory inter-alia issuing detailed clarifications to its earlier Public Notices dated 07-12-2023 and 19-6-2024 duly keeping in view various representations and requests for further clarifications as received from stakeholders and FMGs.

2. The earlier Public Notice dated 06-03-2026 on the subject issue, hence, stands withdrawn and is hereby superseded by this clarificatory Public Notice.

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18th March, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

This Public Notice is issued as a clarification to the Public Notices dated 07.12.2023 and 19.06.2024 (copies enclosed) issued by the National Medical Commission regarding (i) *Foreign Medical Graduates (FMGs) who had a break in their penultimate and final years and returned to India owing to the COVID-19 pandemic or war situation and completed their course (including examinations) through online mode, and (ii) the requirement of physical, onsite compensatory classes in lieu of online classes undertaken by FMGs pursuing medical education in institutions outside India, respectively.*

2. Although the Commission has clarified the applicable requirements concerning the interpretation of the term sufficiently compensated and the requirement of undergoing clerkship in lieu of compensating online classes after the completion of the Compulsory Rotating Medical Internship (CRMI) at the stage of registration, however representations and requests for further clarification continue to be received from various stakeholders and FMGs. Accordingly, in order to ensure clarity and uniform implementation of the regulatory requirements, the Commission considers it appropriate to issue detailed clarifications to the Public Notices dated 07.12.2023 and 19.06.2024 while preserving the intent and spirit of these public notices.

3. The present clarification has been issued in clear and unambiguous terms to facilitate proper understanding and implementation. Accordingly, to avoid any further confusion, the Public Notice dated 06.03.2026 stands withdrawn and is hereby superseded by this clarificatory Public Notice.

4. The queries received and the corresponding clarifications have been presented in a tabular format and are appended to this Public Notice.

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

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Deputy Secretary, UGMEB

APPENDIX

Queries and Clarifications thereof:

Sl. No.	Query	Clarification
I.	Applicability of Compulsory Rotating Medical Internship (CRMI) Regulations, 2021, Published on 18.11.2021, on Foreign Medical Graduates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The CRMI Regulations, 2021 apply to Foreign Medical Graduates who took admission to their medical course on or after 18.11.2021, the date on which the regulations were notified. Such candidates are required to undergo one year of Compulsory Rotating Medical Internship in India after qualifying the Foreign Medical Graduate Licentiate Examination (FMGE) in accordance with the provisions of these Foreign Medical Graduate Licentiate Regulations, 2021.Candidates who took admission before 18.11.2021 will be governed by the Screening Test Regulations, 2002. Such candidates are required to undergo CRMI in India only when they came back to India without undergoing mandatory internship as a part of the medical course in Foreign Medical Institute.
II.	Foreign Medical Graduate (FMG) who have undertaken any part of the medical course through online mode , what will be the eligibility criteria for applying for registration in India?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In cases where a Foreign Medical Graduate (FMG) who attended online classes during their penultimate and final years and were unable to compensate for such online instruction through physical classes at their parent foreign medical institute will have to undergo one year or two years of clerkship in India, as specified in public notice dated 07.12.2023, in lieu of the period of study conducted through online mode.However, where the FMG produces a valid Compensatory Certificate as per the Public Notice dated 19.06.2024, issued by the parent foreign medical institution certifying that the online component of the course has already been compensated through physical classes along with internship program as a part of the course, through additional classes or extended course duration, as the case may be, supported by relevant

		<p>transcripts, such FMG shall be eligible for registration in India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is further clarified that FMGs governed by the Screening Test Regulations, 2002, who have already completed the required compensation and internship in physical mode at their parent foreign medical institution, shall not be required to undergo any additional CRMI in India.
iii.	<p>What is the meaning of the term "Sufficiently Compensated" as stipulated in the Public Notice dated 19.06.2024?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The term "Sufficiently Compensated" means that any period during which theory classes, practical training, or internship were conducted through online mode must be compensated by the Foreign Medical Graduate (FMG) through physical attendance at the parent foreign medical institute. The foreign medical institute is expected to make appropriate arrangements either by conducting additional/extra classes or by extending the duration of the course to enable the FMG to compensate for the online period. This applies to the FMGs who are pursuing or yet to compensate the online classes. Those who have already compensated are required to submit the compensatory certificate, supported by relevant transcripts.
iv.	<p>Clarification with regard to completion of clerkship in India in lieu of online classes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foreign Medical Graduates (FMGs) who attended online classes during their penultimate and final years and were unable to compensate for such online instruction through physical classes at their parent foreign medical institute will be required to compensate the online classes by undergoing one year / two years of clerkship, as specified in public notice dated 07.12.2023, in lieu of the period of study conducted through online mode. If a candidate/Foreign Medical Graduate (FMG) has cleared the FMGE and completed one year of Compulsory Rotatory

FMG

		<p>Medical Internship (CRMI) in India, along with production of compensatory certificate or clerkship completion certificate, as the case may be, the FMG becomes eligible for the registration, subject to the satisfaction of the State Medical Council about the authenticity of the Compensatory Certificate, & if required, to be corroborated from the entry-exit details in the passport of the FMG.</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) rest exclusively with the respective State Medical Councils (SMCs), in consultation with the concerned State Directorate of Medical Education (DME).</p> <p>In this regard, the SMCs shall verify and ensure that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The FMG has qualified the Screening Test/FMGL Examination; and 2. The FMG has duly completed the compensatory academic requirement, at the same foreign medical institution, duly verified and corroborated from the entry/exit records as reflected in the passport; if not, then the FMG must have undergone the required duration of clerkship in India, as prescribed in the public notice dated 07.12.2023; and <p>State Medical Council shall not grant permanent registration unless it has verified that all required conditions such as onsite compensation for online study, or required clerkship as per the mandate of public notice dated 07.12.2023, and completion of the compulsory rotating internship have been met. Any registration granted without following these rules will be considered a regulatory violation.</p>





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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 15th September, 2022 (read as a clarification of Public Notice dated 06th 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 31st 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 1st, 2nd or 3rd 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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