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Government of India
National Medical Commission
(O/o Secretary)

Sector-8, Dwarka
New Delhi-110077
22-06-2026

To

Director/Principal/Dean
All Medical Colleges/Institutions under NMC

Subject: Conversion of Post Graduate Diploma Seats to Post Graduate Broad Specialty Degree Seats (MD/MS) in Medical Colleges/Institutions from the Academic Year 2027-28 onwards - reg.

Sir/ Madam,

Reference is invited to Public Notice dated 19-06-2026 as issued by the Post-Graduate Medical Education Board (PGMEB) [Copy enclosed] on the above subject, inter-alia, requesting all the medical colleges/institutions presently conducting PG Diploma courses and intending to convert such courses to corresponding PG Degree courses (MD/MS) to submit applications to the Medical Assessment and Rating Board (MARB) in the prescribed format through the dedicated online portal, as to be made operational by MARB.

2. The detailed instructions regarding the application process and timelines shall be released separately by MARB.

3. As intimated by MARB, the Academic Year 2026-27 shall be the last academic year for admission to Post Graduate Diploma Courses. All concerned Medical colleges/institutions, universities are hereby accordingly directed to comply with the procedure and take note of related information/directions as indicated in the enclosed Public Notice dated 19-6-2026.

Encl: As above

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Postgraduate Medical Education Board (PGMEB)

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Dated:

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Attention is invited to the footnote to Regulation 2.1 of the **Post-Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 2023 (PGMER-2023)**, notified by the National Medical Commission (NMC), which provides as under:

“Medical colleges/institutions may apply to Medical Assessment and Rating Board (MARB) for converting diploma seats to degree seats. No more new applications will be entertained for permission to start or increase in number of diploma seats.”

2. The NMC has observed that several medical colleges/institutions are presently conducting both Post Graduate Diploma as well as Post Graduate Degree (MD/MS) courses in the same specialty, while some institutions are conducting only Diploma courses in certain specialties. In many such cases, the institutions may already possess the requisite infrastructure, faculty, clinical material, and other resources that may facilitate conversion of Diploma courses to Degree courses, subject to fulfillment of applicable regulatory requirements. In order to standardize postgraduate medical education, enhance the quality and recognition of specialist training, align postgraduate qualifications with contemporary educational standards, and optimize utilization of existing institutional capacity, the

Commission has decided that all Post Graduate Diploma courses shall be phased out, and converted to Post Graduate Broad Specialty Degree courses (MD/MS).

3. Accordingly, the **Academic Year 2026-27** shall be the **last academic year** for admission to Post Graduate Diploma courses. **No admissions** shall be permitted to PG Diploma courses from **Academic Year 2027-28 onwards, and such courses shall cease to be functional thereafter.**

4. All the medical colleges/institutions presently conducting PG Diploma courses and intending to convert such courses to corresponding PG Degree courses (MD/MS) may submit applications to the **Medical Assessment and Rating Board (MARB)** in the prescribed format through the online portal. *A dedicated application window/module for this purpose shall be made operational by MARB on the NMC portal, and detailed instructions regarding the application process and timelines shall be released separately by MARB.* Grant of permission for conversion of Diploma seats to Degree seats shall be **subject to fulfillment** of the requirements and standards specified by the NMC from time-to-time.

5. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

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