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CIRCULAR

To,

Dean/Principal

NMC recognised Medical Colleges in the State of Maharashtra

Sub: - Regarding illegal charges/ fees charged by medical colleges towards FMG CRMI posting...

Ref: - National Medical Commission circular dtd. 04/03/2022 and 19/05/2022

Sir/ Madam

It has been stated that, every year Foreign Medical Graduate aspirants are applying for Provisional Registration to undergo Compulsory Rotating Medical Internship. These students have submitted several representations to National Medical Commission about illegal internship charges demanded by Medical Colleges. This matter was discussed in the parliament. National Medical Commission has observed that Foreign Medical Graduate are facing hardship and Foreign Medical Graduate are required to pay illegal charges towards Internship posting. Considering these difficulties and provisions of National Medical Commission regulation, National Medical Commission has issued detailed directives including direction to State Medical Council to obtain undertaking from recognised medical colleges, that colleges shall not charge any amount/fee from Foreign Medical Graduate aspirants who want to pursue internship under recognised medical colleges. Copy of National

Medical Commission guidelines is enclosed herewith for your perusal and necessary action.

Now in order to implement National Medical Commission guidelines, Council has decided to inform you that college shall provide undertaking stating that, they shall not demand any charges/amount from Foreign Medical Graduate regarding internship posting and shall undertake to abide / adhere to these guidelines.


Registrar

Maharashtra Medical Council

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

No. U.15024/4/2022-UGMEB/

Date: 4th March 2022

CIRCULAR

Subject : Guidelines for registration of Foreign Medical Graduates .

It has been brought into the notice of the National Medical Commission that Foreign Medical Graduates are facing hardship in getting themselves registered in some of State Medical Councils after publication of Foreign Medical Graduates Licentiate Regulations, 2021 and Compulsory Rotatory Medical Internship Regulations, 2021 by National Medical Commission.

2. The Commission hereby reiterates that the provisions contained in FMGL Regulations, 2021 are not applicable in the following cases:

- a. Foreign medical graduates who have acquired a foreign medical degree or primary qualification, as the case may be, prior to 18th Nov, 2021;
- b. Candidates who have joined their undergraduate medical education in foreign institutions prior to 18th Nov, 2021; and
- c. Such foreign medical graduates who are specifically exempted by the Central Government, by notification.

3. Therefore, the Foreign Medical Graduates(FMGs) who have acquired a foreign medical degree or primary qualification, as the case may be, and the candidates who have joined their education in foreign institutions, prior to 18th Nov, 2021, shall be governed by the provisions contained in previously applicable regulations, namely "The Screening Test Regulations 2002" and "The Eligibility Requirement for Taking Admission in an Undergraduate Medical Course in a Foreign Medical Institution Regulations, 2002"

4. However, the CRMI Regulations have been made effective from the date of publication in Gazette of India i.e. 18 Nov 2021. As per the provision contained in NMC's CRMI Regulations, *Indian citizens (including overseas Indian citizens) who are Foreign Medical Graduates who do not fall under the purview of the National Medical Commission (Foreign Medical Graduate Licentiate) Regulations, 2021 shall be regulated by the provisions of sub-section (3) of section 13 of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 (102 of 1956) in accordance with the Advisory no MCI-203(1)(Gen)/2020- Regn./118239, dated the 2nd September, 2020 and shall be required to complete CRMI in India if they have not undergone such practical training after obtaining such qualification as may be required by the rules and regulations in force in the country granting such qualification or has not undergone any practical training in that country.*

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5. In addition to the above, it has further been observed that there are also some Foreign Medical Graduates with incomplete internship due to such compelling situation which is beyond their control, such as Pandemic COVID-19 and war etc. Considering the agony & stress faced by these foreign medical graduates, their application to complete the remaining part of internship in India is considered eligible. Accordingly, the same may be processed by State Medical Councils provided that the candidates must have cleared FMGE before applying for completion of internship in India.

6. Taking into the consideration all the relevant provisions of NMC's Regulations and circumstances, the Commission decided to issue the detailed guidelines/process which is required to be followed by State Medical Councils for grant of registration of FMGs till further instructions from the Commission or implementation of NExT Exam, whichever occurs earlier. State Medical Councils should ensure the following conditions/criteria while processing the case for grant of registration of FMGs:

- (i) The medical qualification/degree must be registerable to practice medicine in their respective jurisdiction of the country in which the medical degree is awarded and at par with the license to practice medicine given to citizen of that country.
- (ii) Documentary evidence certifying successful completion of physical training or internship during the medical qualification equivalent to MBBS, if conducted in foreign institute.
- (iii) Copy of passport with VISA and immigration details
- (iv) Foreign Medical Graduate Examination(FMGE) conducted by National Board of Examination(NBE) should be cleared by the candidates seeking registration in India.
- (v) If the candidate is found fulfilling all the above mentioned criteria, provisional registration may be granted by State Medical Councils for 12 month internship or balance period, as the case may be.
- (vi) Internship shall be permissible in medical college hospital or hospital attached to medical colleges, permitted by the Commission.
- (vii) The maximum quota for allocation of internship to FMGs must be restricted to additional 7.5% of total permitted seats in a medical college.
- (vii) State Medical Councils should obtain an undertaking from the medical college that **no amount/fee is charged by the medical college from the FMGs for permitting them to do their internship.** The stipend & other facilities to FMGs should be extended equivalent to Indian Medical Graduates being trained at Government Medical Colleges as fixed by the appropriate authority applicable to the institution/University or State.


(Shambhu Sharan Kumar)
Deputy Secretary

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National Medical Commission
(Undergraduate Medical Education Board)

No. U.15024/01/2022-UGMEB/

Date: 19th May 2022

CIRCULAR

Subject : Illegal charge of Internship Fee and non-payment of stipend to Interns.

It has been brought into the notice of the National Medical Commission through various sources that some medical colleges/institutes across the country are charging internship fee from the interns, Indian and Foreign Medical Graduates for doing their internship in their college/institutes and also not paying stipend to them.

2. In this regard, it is informed that the provisions contained in the NMC's Compulsory Rotatory Medical Internship Regulations 2021, which is applicable w.e.f. 18th November 2021, may kindly be read as under :

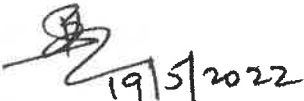
- ❖ *All Foreign Medical Graduates, as regulated by the National Medical Commission (Foreign Medical Graduate Licentiate) Regulations, 2021, are required to undergo internship at par with Indian Medical Graduates if they desire to seek Permanent Registration to practice Medicine in India.*
- ❖ *All Foreign Medical Graduates, unless otherwise notified shall be required to undergo CRMI at par with Indian Medical Graduates after the National Exit Test Step-1 after NExT becomes operational.*
- ❖ *Foreign Medical Graduates who require to complete a period of Internship shall do so only in medical colleges or institutions approved for providing CRMI to Indian Medical Graduates;*
 - ✓ *Foreign Medical Graduates may be posted first in colleges which have been newly opened and have yet to be recognized;*
 - ✓ *May be posted to different medical colleges or institutions through a counseling or seat allocation process based on the merit;*
 - ✓ *Medical colleges or institutions may allow up to 7.5 per cent of their permitted quota of interns to accommodate internship by Foreign Medical Graduates.*

3. National Medical Commission vide circular dated 4th March 2022 also clarified that *no amount/fee is charged by the medical college from FMGs for permitting them to do their internship. The stipend & other facilities to FMGs should be extended equivalent to India Medical Graduates being trained at Government Medical Colleges as fixed by the appropriate authority applicable to the institution / University or State.*

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4. As per the provisions of the NMC's CRMI Regulation 2021, interns (not more than 15 interns at any given time in one centre) are posted at Rural Health Centres for period of 12 weeks. However, it has been observed that due to paucity of Rural Centres adopted by college authorities, a large numbers of interns are posted in one Rural Centre. Therefore, the college authorities are advised to adopt more Rural Centres to accommodate internship training and also provide residential accommodation or transportation (to and from Rural Centres) to these interns at the cost of college authorities.

5. All State Medical Councils and Directorates of Medical Education are requested to kindly take immediate necessary action in this regard and ensure that no internship fee is charged by the medical colleges/institutes from these interns, Indian and Foreign Medical Graduates, and stipend including other facilities is being provided to FMGs as equivalent to Indian Medical Graduates in the States/UTs.


19/5/2022
(Shambhu Sharan Kumar)
Deputy Secretary

- (i) All Directorates of Medical Education
- (ii) All Registrars of State Medical Councils/UTs
- (iii) All Registrars/Vice-chancellor of Health universities