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Department of Health & Family Welfare
Medical Education Branch
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Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700091

No: HF/O/MERT/III /ME/MISC-102/2020

Dated: Kolkata, the 27th November, 2020

From: The Special Secretary to the Deptt. of Health & Family Welfare, GoWB.

To: The Director of Medical Education, Government of West Bengal.

Subject: Re-opening of Medical Colleges/ Institutions w.e.f. 1st December, 2020-Reg.

Madam/Sir,

As per the direction of National Medical Commission (NMC) the Medical Colleges will reopen w.e.f. 1st December, 2020.

However classes will start in a phased manner only after proper sanitization and maintaining COVID prevention to be decided by the respective Medical Colleges/ Institutions.

With regards,



Special Secretary

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राष्ट्रीय आयुर्विज्ञान आयोग National Medical Commission

No. NMC/Secy/2020/05

Dated: 25.11.2020

To

The ACS/Principal Secretary/Secretary in charge of Medical Education (All States/ UTs)
The Director of Medical Education (All States/UTs)
The Dean/Principal/Director, All Medical Colleges/Institutions (All States/UTs)

Subject: Advisory for reopening the Medical Colleges.

Madam/Sir,

Please find enclosed the letter of the Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India addressed to the Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs dated 25.11.2020 alongwith letter of National Medical Commission dated 12.11.2020 with academic calendar including schedule of examinations for all UG batches. It has come to the notice that some medical colleges/institutions have already started class room teaching and have finalized examination schedules which may continue. It is further advised that all medical colleges/institutions shall ensure strict compliance of guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and respective State/UT Government about COVID 19 preventive measures including social distancing, use of mask and sanitization measures of hostels, class room, laboratories, lecture theatres, common spaces etc.

Yours faithfully



(Dr. R. K. Vats)
Secretary

Encl: As above.

Copy:-

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.
2. The Vice Chancellors of all Universities of Health Sciences.



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Government of India
Department of Health and Family Welfare
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

D.O. No.V-11025/235/2020 -MEP
25th November, 2020

Dear Colleague,

This is regarding the re-opening of Medical Colleges in the States and UTs. In this context, I would like to bring to your notice the advice of the National Medical Commission (NMC) tendered vide their letter dated 12th November, 2020, that has suggested that in the best interest of medical education, and from the point of view of standardisation, it is desirable that the medical colleges open at the same time across the country. A copy of the said letter of NMC is enclosed.

After considering all the relevant factors, the NMC has recommended that the colleges may re-open on or before 1st December, 2020. The NMC has also given a suggestive schedule of training for different classes that is annexed with their letter. Further, the NMC has advised that sufficient number of non-COVID beds may be made available in medical college hospitals to facilitate undergraduate medical training. The Ministry has also obtained concurrence from the Ministry of Home Affairs for re-opening of Medical Colleges in the States and UTs.

Accordingly, the States/UTs may take necessary steps to open the medical colleges on or before 1st December, 2020. Needless to say, all the SOPs/guidelines with respect to social distancing and prevention of spread of epidemic issued by Central/State/UT Governments will be followed scrupulously by all the colleges.

Regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Rajesh Bhushan)

Encl.: as above

Chief Secretary/Administrator of all States/UTs

NATIONAL MEDICAL COMMISSION

No. NMC/Secy/2020/03

Dated 12th Nov.2020

To,

The Secretary
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Nirman Bhawan,
New Delhi

Sub: Re-opening of Medical Colleges

Ref: Our e-mail dated 3-11-2020

Sir,

The National Medical Commission considered the representations from students and the Medical Colleges for re-opening of medical colleges for undergraduate MBBS students as the Colleges are closed for UG class room teaching, tutorials / practical classes /laboratory and clinical training due to the COVID 19 pandemic. The Commission noted the following:

1. The current batch of interns (2020) have not completed their required clinical training and unless the same is completed, they would not be eligible for appearing for the PG-NEET exam.
2. The PG-NEET exam for academic year 2021-22 has been delayed, as the eligible candidates (interns) will be completing their training late .Their training is required to be completed at the earliest , so that the PG NEET exam for the Academic year 2021-22 can be held in accordingly.
3. Delay in resuming the training, would have a cascading effect on training of next PG and Super-specialty courses in the coming years.
4. The academic session for the fresh MBBS students' for the AY 2020-21 has already been delayed by 4 months and as the UG counselling has started it is imperative that the new MBBS session should also be initiated at the earliest.
5. Further, it was noted that the students today (would-be doctors tomorrow) should also be familiar with the inherent threats and opportunities in health care system which they would eventually handle themselves . It should not become a missed opportunity for medical students to learn the skills of epidemic management as a public health professional.
6. Delaying re-opening of medical colleges has the potential of a null year for the academic year 2021-22 which could result in non-availability of about 80,000 doctors five years later.

After carefully considering all factors, the Commission recommends the following:

1. Medical colleges across the country must re-open on or before 1st December 2020 for the MBBS students already pursuing their course.
2. The delayed new academic session for 2020-21 should commence from 1st February 2021.
3. The new PG session for the academic year 2020-21 should begin from at least 1st July 2021 and therefore the PG-NEET exam for the AY 2021-22 would need to be scheduled around March-April 2021.
4. The Commission also noted that hospitals attached to teaching hospitals have been converted to complete COVID hospitals in several states. However, with opening of the medical colleges, and to facilitate UG training, all medical college affiliated hospitals would need to have sufficient number of beds for non-COVID patients and hence facilities for both outpatient and inpatient management for non-COVID patients must be re-started, if not already done.

It is requested that the Central Government may issue necessary directions to all State Governments for re-opening of medical colleges and also making available non-COVID beds in the affiliated medical college hospitals to facilitate undergraduate medical training. The Colleges shall abide with the COVID 19 reopening guidelines issued by the Competent authorities in Central/State/UT Govts. The proposed schedule of medical training commencing on or before 1st December 2020 as approved by the National Medical Commission is annexed.

Yours faithfully



(R. K. Vats)

Secretary

NMC

Annexure: Tentative Scheduling of MBBS curriculum from 2021-2024

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Annexure: Tentative Scheduling of MBBS curriculum from 2021-2024

Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Month	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
Intern (2015)	1-4	8			
III (2016)	1-4	8			
IV (2017)	5-12	1-4	8		
V (2018)	1-4	5-12	1-4	8	
VI (2019)	5-12	1-4	5-12	1-4	8
VII (2020)	1-4	5-12	1-4	5-12	1-4
VIII (2021)	5-12	1-4	5-12	1-4	5-12
IX (2022)		5-12	1-4	5-12	1-4
X (2023)			5-12	1-4	5-12
XI (2024)				5-12	1-4
XII (2025)					5-12

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‘NMC – Medical Colleges - Schedule of Academic Program – (Post Pandemic Covid 19 situation) and its duration, Exam Schedule’ etc.,

S.No	UG batch joining Academic year	1 st Prof.	2 nd Prof.	3 rd Prof. Part-I	3 rd Prof. Part-II	Internship	NEET - PG
		1 st year	2 nd year	3 rd year	4 th year	5 th year	
1.	2015 – 16 (internship batch)	--	--	--	--	Internship starting Dec. 2020 to May 2021 st (6 months) June, July off)	NEET PG August 2021 (only for 2021)
2.	2016 – 17 (3 rd Prof II/ Final Prof.exam)	--	--	--	3 rd Prof Part II / final prof From Dec. 2020 to March 2021 (4 months) Univ. Exam in April 2021	Internship May 2021 to April 2022 (12 months) may & June off	NEET PG July 2022

3.	2017 – 18 (3 rd Prof I)	--	--	3 rd Prof Part -I – Dec 2020 to March 2021 (4 months only)	3 rd Prof Part II / final prof - May 2021 to Feb 2022 (10 months)	Internship April 2022 to March 2023 (12 months)	NEET PG July 2023
				Univ. Exam in April 2021	Univ. Exam in March 2022		
4.	2018 – 19 (2 nd Prof)	--	2 nd Prof December 2020 to March 2021 (4 months)	3 rd Prof Part -I – May 2021 to Feb 2022 (10 months)	3 rd Prof Part II / final prof – April 2022 to January 2023 (10 months)	Internship March 2023 to Feb. 2024 (12 months)	NEET PG July 2024
			Univ. Exam in March 2021	Univ. Exam in March 2022	Uni. Exam in Feb 2023		

5.	2019 – 20 (1 st Prof Covid-19 batch)	1 st Prof - Dec 2020- Jan 2021 (2 months)	2 nd Prof - March 2021 to Dec.2021 (10 months)	3 rd Prof Part-I – Feb 2022 to Dec. 2022 (11 months)	3 rd Prof Part-II – Feb 2023 to Jan. 2024 (12 months)	Internship – March 2024 to Feb 2025 (12 months)	NEET PG – July 2025
		Uni. Exam Feb 2021	Uni. Exam Jan 2022	Uni. Exam Jan 2023	Uni. Exam in Feb 2024		
6.	2020-21 (coming new batch)	1 st Prof – Feb 2021 to Dec 2021 (11 months)	2 nd Prof – Feb 2022 to Nov.2022 (10 months)	3 rd Prof Part-I – Jan 2023 to Nov. 2023 (11 months)	3 rd Prof Part-II – Jan 2024 to Jan. 2025 (13 months)	Internship – March 2025 to Feb 2026 (12 months)	NEET PG – July 2026
		Uni. Exam Jan. 2022	Uni. Exam Dec. 2022	Uni. Exam Dec. 2023	Uni. Exam Feb 2025		
7.	2021-22 Upcoming new batch	1 st Prof – October 2021 to August 2022 (11 months)	2 nd Prof – Oct.2022 to August 2023 (11 months)	3 rd Prof Part-I – Oct 2023 to Sept 2024 (12 months)	3 rd Prof Part-II – Nov 2024 to Nov 2025 (13 months)	Internship – March 2026 to Feb 2027 (12 months)	NEET PG – July 2027
		Uni. Exam Sept. 2022	Uni. Exam Sept. 2023	Uni. Exam Oct. 2024	Uni. Exam Jan 2026		

8.	2022-23 Upcoming new batch	1 st Prof – Sept 2022 to August 2023 (12 months)	2 nd Prof – Oct.2023 to August 2024 (11 months)	3 rd Prof Part-I – Oct 2024 to Sept 2025 (12 months)	3 rd Prof Part-II – Nov 2025 to Nov 2026 (13 months)	Internship – March 2027to Feb 2028 (12 months)	NEET PG – July 2028
		Uni. Exam Sept., 2023	Uni. Exam Sept., 2024	Uni. Exam Oct. 2025	Uni. Exam Jan 2027		
9.	2023-24 Upcoming new batch	1 st Prof – Sept 2023 to August 2024 (12 months)	2 nd Prof – Oct.2024 to August 2025 (11 months)	3 rd Prof Part-I – Oct 2025 to Sept 2026 (12 months)	3 rd Prof Part-II – Nov 2026 to Nov 2027 (13 months)	Internship – March 2028to Feb 2029 (12 months)	NEET PG – July 2029
		Uni. Exam Sept., 2024	Uni. Exam Sept., 2025	Uni. Exam October 2026	Uni. Exam Jan 2028		
10	Any batch	August / Sept	August / Sept	August / Sept / Oct.	January	March to Feb	NEET PG - July every year