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# Manual

## For FNB Trainees

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# NBEMS Fellowship

- ◆ **Entrance Examination**
- ◆ **Counseling for Admission to FNB Programme**
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- ◆ **Registration with NBEMS for FNB Programme**
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# 1. Introduction

The Government of India established the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS) in 1975 with the objective of improving the quality of the Medical Education by establishing high and uniform standards of postgraduate examinations in modern medicine on an all India basis and utilizing existing infrastructure for capacity building.

NBEMS administers Post Graduate, Doctoral and Post Doctoral level Programmes in various disciplines of modern medicine. Post Graduate courses are offered to Post MBBS and Post Diploma candidates leading to the award of Diplomate of National Board (DNB) qualifications. Doctoral courses are offered to MD/MS/DNB qualified post graduates conferring them with Doctorate of National Board (DrNB) qualifications. NBEMS administers skill enhancing fellowship courses at Doctoral and Post-Doctoral levels awarding Fellow of National Board (FNB) qualifications.

NBEMS conducts various entrance examinations, exit examinations and screening tests. The Examinations conducted by NBEMS provide a common standard and mechanism of evaluation of minimum level of attainment of the knowledge and competencies of medical specialties. Moreover, intra country and international comparisons are facilitated with the availability of common evaluation mechanism.

The notification issued by the Govt. of India time to time in the Gazette of India for qualifications awarded by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences are available under **Annexure** to this handbook.

NBEMS qualifications have been recognized as per provisions of the section 37 of the National Medical Commission Act, 2019. The equivalence of NBEMS qualifications with the corresponding MD/MS or DM/MCh qualifications awarded under the ambit of NMC has also been defined in the above mentioned NMC Act. Details of the same are also available under **Annexure** to this handbook.

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## 2. Information for FNB Trainees

- 2.1. NBEMS Fellowship courses are skill enhancing programme administered by the NBEMS at its accredited institutions. The courses are administered both at Doctoral and Post-Doctoral level. NBEMS also administers Fellowship Courses for International Students under FPIS (Fellowship Programme for International Students).
- 2.2. The duration of the FNB course is for 2 years. NBEMS administers FNB Programme in disciplines listed in Chapter – 3. To distinguish the programme administered at Post-Doctoral Level, Fellow are conferred the qualification of FNB-PD (Fellow of National Board – Post Doctoral). Trainees pursuing programme at Doctoral level are conferred FNB (Fellow of National Board) qualification.
- 2.3. Both Indian and International students get admission to 2 years FNB course after successfully qualifying the FET (Fellowship Entrance Test) examination which is conducted by NBEMS. FET is conducted annually as per prescribed schedule.
- 2.4. The merit-based counseling for admissions to FNB Programme after conduct of FET is administered by NBEMS.
- 2.5. After opting for a seat for the FNB courses, the trainee is registered with NBEMS for FNB training in respective course.
- 2.6. The eligibility of the trainee for FNB programme is determined on the basis of prescribed criteria in the information bulletin for entrance examination. On successfully meeting the criteria and submission of required application with prescribed documents to NBEMS, the trainee gets registered with NBEMS. A letter to this effect in form of a “Letter of Provisional Registration” is communicated to the trainee and his/her training institution.
- 2.7. The training of the FNB trainees is governed by a set of NBEMS leave rules. All FNB trainees are advised to be thoroughly acquainted with the prescribed rule for availing leave during their

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FNB course as excess leave availed by them over and above the prescribed leave shall lead to extension of their training. This extension might affect the eligibility of the trainee for FNB Exit Examination in case the extended training goes beyond the prescribed cut-off date for completion of training. Excess leave beyond a prescribed limit may even cancel the registration of trainees for the course.

- 2.8. During the FNB training, the trainees are posted to different areas of the sub-specialty concerned as per the guidelines prescribed in the curriculum for that sub-specialty.
- 2.9. FNB trainees are NOT required to write theses as part of the training as the programme are primarily meant for skill enhancement.
- 2.10. All FNB trainees are provided with the training by the respective training institute as per prescribed curriculum. The training institution shall conduct the academic teaching and training including the bed side teaching, if applicable, as per prescribed guidelines of NBEMS. The trainees are required to maintain an e-log of cases observed/attended, Journal Clubs/Seminars attended/presented etc as per the format specified in their e-Doctor Log book. A regular review of the said e-logbook by the mentor/guide of the trainee is a mandatory requisite.
- 2.11. All FNB trainees are paid a minimum stipend as per guidelines prescribed by NBEMS. The trainees are paid stipend for the entire duration of training including their eligible leave as per NBEMS leave guidelines. However, they shall not be paid stipend for a period of more than the duration of the courses, i.e. 24 months, if in case their training gets extended due to excess leave availed by them.
- 2.12. The trainees are subjected to both Formative and Summative Assessment during their FNB training.
- 2.13. The Formative Assessment in the form of a Centralized Formative Assessment Test (FAT), is conducted by NBEMS during the 1st Year of FNB training. FAT comprises of a theory examination followed

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by work place-based assessment. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of training, the training institute conducts Internal Assessments on lines almost similar to the FAT.

- 2.14. Whereas the assessment outcome of FAT/Internal Assessments guides a trainee towards the progress made in the FNB training and the course corrections required, if any, the marks/grades of FAT/Internal Assessment are not added to the Summative Assessment.
- 2.15. It is mandatory for all FNB trainees to attend the minimum number of FAT/Internal Assessments during their FNB training.
- 2.16. All FNB trainees are required to attend the final exit examination leading to the award of FNB/FNB-PD qualification. National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences conduct FNB Exit Examination once every year.
- 2.17. FNB Exit examination comprises of theory and practical examination. A FNB trainee registered with NBEMS on obtaining requisite period of training as prescribed by NBEMS & fulfilling other eligibility criteria as stated in the Information Bulletin may appear for the FNB Exit examination. The trainees are required to complete their FNB training by a prescribed cut-off date to be eligible for a particular session of FNB Exit Examination.
- 2.18. FNB trainees who have qualified the FNB Exit Examination, shall be conferred with FNB/FNB-PD qualification in the specialty concerned on enrolment for the NBEMS convocation.
- 2.19. Instructions in this handbook are meant for giving an overview of the NBEMS training programme and are liable to change based on decisions taken by the MoHFW/NMC/MCC/NBEMS from time to time. The trainees are advised to refer to the respective guidelines/bulletin for each training process available at NBEMS website for updates, if any.
- 2.20. NBEMS reserves its absolute rights to alter the schedule, pattern, policy and guidelines of any of its training processes/examination

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at any time during the continuation or after the completion of FNB training. The trainee shall have no right whatsoever for claiming/deriving any right from past or present schedule, policy and guidelines of National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences.

- 2.21. The existing schedule, pattern, policy and guidelines are for ready reference only but in no way, they are or are ought to be treated as representative or acknowledgment of fact that NBEMS is bound to follow the same in future. NBEMS reserves its absolute right to alter, amend, modify or apply any or some of the instructions/ guidelines contained in this handbook
- 2.22. In case of any ambiguity in interpretation of any of the instructions/terms/rules/criteria regarding the determination of eligibility/conduct of examinations/ registration of candidates/information contained herein, the interpretation of the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences shall be final and binding in nature.
- 2.23. FNB trainees should communicate with National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences as per prescribed communication protocols only for their general queries. For any grievances with the NBEMS accredited institute and/or with NBEMS, the trainee can approach to respective Grievance Redressal Committees as detailed in this handbook.
- 2.24. All the correspondence through post should be addressed to the Executive Director, National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, Medical Enclave, Mahatma Gandhi Marg, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi-110029. Candidates are requested to super scribe the envelope with the subject matter of the correspondence for expeditious processing.
- 2.25. **The jurisdiction for court cases/disputes shall be at New Delhi only.**

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## 3. Fellowship Courses of NBEMS

- 3.1. Well-equipped Centres have been identified and accredited by NBEMS in the concerned sub-specialties. Students with DNB/MD/MS/MCh/DM qualification in the concerned specialty are eligible for joining NBEMS fellowship programme. Selection to the fellowship programme is based on an entrance test and admission to the courses will be through centralized merit-based counselling. The trainee will go through a structured training programme, maintain a performance record book and undergo an examination at the end of the training. Students will be awarded Fellow of National Board (FNB)/Fellow of National Board - Post Doctoral (FNB-PD) at the annual convocation of NBEMS.
- 3.2. NBEMS offers Post Graduate/Post-doctoral fellowship courses with following objectives:
  - 3.2.1. To facilitate and encourage post-graduates aspiring to learn skills and competencies in their area of interest.
  - 3.2.2. To provide highest quality of specialty services comparable to any country in the world.
  - 3.2.3. To recognize “Centre(s) of Excellence” and to identify experts in various sub-specialties and allied sciences.
  - 3.2.4. To create a forum for high level scientific interaction between expert groups.
  - 3.2.5. To facilitate and encourage our young post-graduates aspiring to provide for higher level of specialized services in own country.
  - 3.2.6. To prevent brain drain of qualified medical professionals leaving our country for further academic achievements.
  - 3.2.7. To improve and promote the existing medical institutions in India to perform high professional services in various fields.

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3.2.8. To promote medical research and Innovations adaptable to the socioeconomic status and culture of our country.

3.2.9. To conduct evaluation by appropriate mechanism for assessment of training programme examination before certification as specialist by the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences.

3.3. NBEMS administers Fellowship Courses in following disciplines of modern medicine:

***Fellow of National Board – Doctoral Level Courses:***

S. No	Post MD/MS/DNB Year Courses
1	Arthroplasty
2	Breast Imaging
3	Hand & Micro Surgery
4	Infectious Diseases
5	Maternal & Foetal Medicine (Previously High Risk Pregnancy & Perinatology)
6	Minimal Access Surgery
7	Paediatric Gastroenterology
8	Paediatric Hemato-Oncology
9	Paediatric Nephrology
10	Pain Medicine
11	Reproductive Medicine
12	Spine Surgery
13	Sports Medicine
14	Trauma & Acute Care Surgery (previously Trauma Care)
15	Vitreo Retinal Surgery

***Fellow of National Board – Post Doctoral Courses:***

S.No	Post DM/MCh/DrNB Courses
1	Interventional Cardiology
2	Liver Transplantation
3	Neurovascular Intervention

- ❖ *International Students are offered Fellowship Courses of NBEMS in above mentioned disciplines subject to availability of eligible institutions and their consent for participation in the FPIS Programme.*

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## 4. Entrance Examination for FNB Programme

- 4.1. Admissions to FNB Courses are done through Fellowship Entrance Test (FET).
- 4.2. FET is a qualifying-cum-ranking examination for admission to Fellow of National Board (FNB)/Fellow of National Board - Post Doctoral (FNB-PD) courses.

### **A. Eligibility Criteria For Indian Students:**

- 4.3. Students who are in possession of recognized post graduate medical Degree/Provisional Pass Certificate (MD/MS/DM/MCh/DNB/DrNB) or an equivalent recognized qualification or likely to be in possession of the same by the prescribed cut-off date for a particular session, in accordance with eligible feeder qualifications prescribed by NBEMS for Fellowship courses, can apply for FET.
- 4.4. Details regarding eligibility criteria, scheme of examination, test centre details, examination fee etc are published in the information bulletin for FET.

### **B. Eligibility Criteria For International Students:**

- 4.5. The student should possess post graduate medical qualification equivalent to the eligible feeder qualification for Indian Students for the corresponding Fellowship course.
- 4.6. The qualification of the student should be a registered qualification in his /her own country. The qualification of the student should be a recognised qualification as per provisions of the NMC Act, 2019 and included in Second Schedule or Part II of Third Schedule of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 which can be seen at the official website of the NMC.
- 4.7. There is no upper age limit for training in NBEMS Fellowship courses.

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## 5. Admissions to FNB Programme

### A. Eligibility for Participation in Counseling for Indian Students:

- 5.1. Student must be in possession of recognized post graduate medical Degree/Provisional Pass Certificate (MD/MS/DNB or DM/MCh/DrNB ) or an equivalent recognized qualification or likely to be in possession of the same by the cut-off date prescribed for a particular session of FET, in accordance with eligible feeder specialty qualifications for NBEMS Fellowship courses and possess Permanent Registration of their MBBS qualification with a State Medical Council/National Medical Commission/Medical Council of India.
- 5.2. Student must have qualified FET for the respective admission session.
- 5.3. Students already pursuing or have joined a PG Course (FNB/MD/MS/DM/MCh) are not eligible for admission to any other FNB seat for the entire duration prescribed for the course already joined by them earlier. This shall be irrespective of their resignation or discontinuation from the said course due to any reason.

### B. Eligibility for Participation in Counseling for International Students:

- 5.4. The student should possess post graduate medical qualification equivalent to the eligible feeder qualification for Indian Students for the corresponding Fellowship course The student should be a registered medical practitioner in his/her own country.
- 5.5. Student must have qualified FET for the respective admission session. The eligible student who has qualified the entrance examination shall have to obtain clearance from appropriate authorities (Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs, Local police) and will have to obtain temporary registration with the

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National Medical Commission before they are permitted to join any FNB/FNB-PD course.

- 5.6. The National Medical Commission may, on payment of the prescribed fee for registration, grant temporary registration for the duration of the post-Doctoral course limited to the medical college/institution to which he/she is admitted for the time being exclusively for pursuing postdoctoral studies. Provided further that temporary registration to such foreign national shall be subject to the condition that such person is duly registered with appropriate registering authority in his/her own country where from he/she has obtained his/her PG Medical qualification, and is duly recognized by the corresponding Medical Council or concerned authority.
- 5.7. A visa support letter shall be issued by NBEMS to facilitate appropriate and valid travel visa and travel medical insurance.
- 5.8. All international students are required to obtain a “No Objection Certificate” from their Medical council /Government for appearing in the examination and permission for working in India for the period of Fellowship based on valid travel document (passport) and valid permission (visa). The documents shall be required to be produced at the time of counseling.

### **C. Nature of NBEMS Fellowship Seats:**

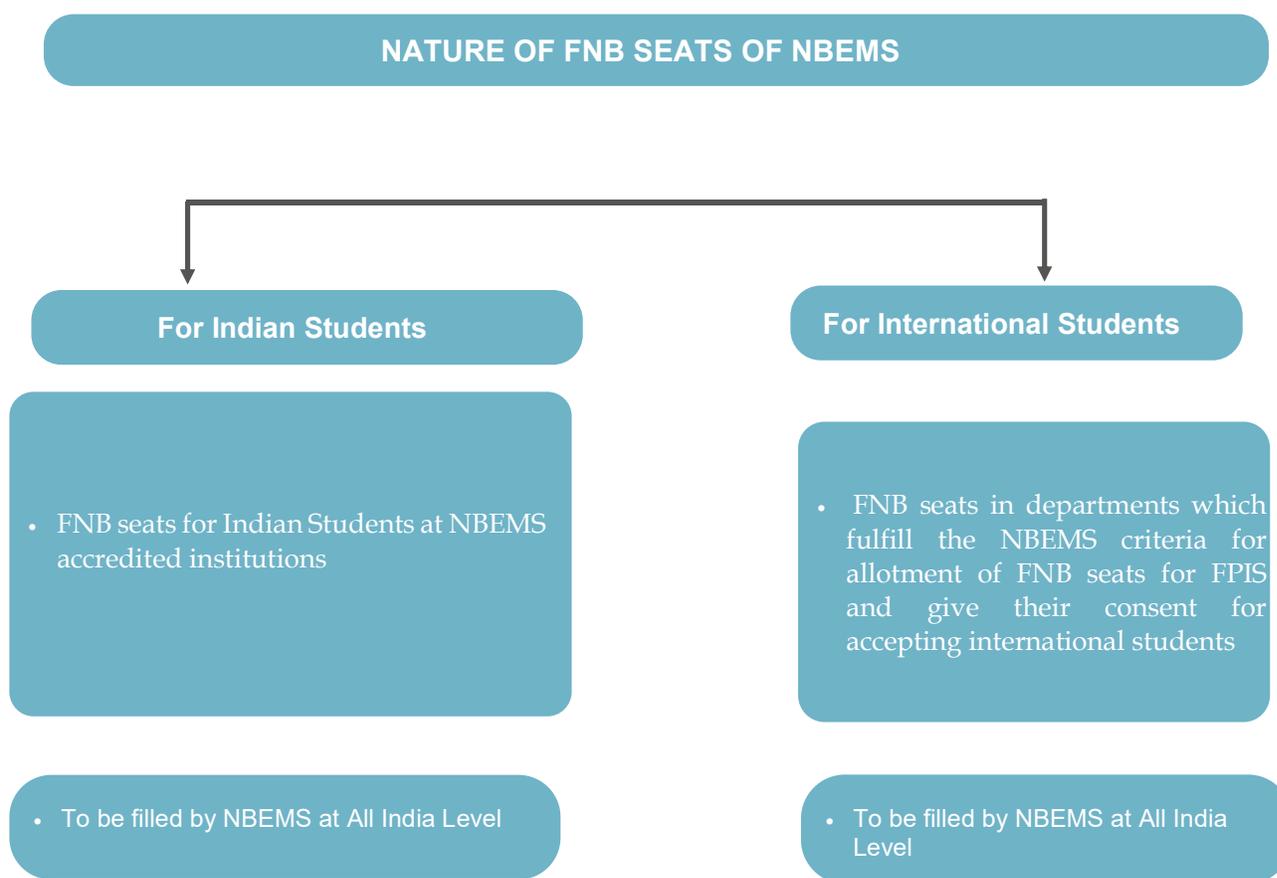
- 5.9. There are primarily two kinds of FNB seats:
  - All India Open FNB Seats for Indian Students
  - All India Open FNB Seats for International Students
- 5.10. Admissions to FNB courses of NBEMS are done through FET. The allotment of FNB seats is done based on FET marks and merit position. The specialty specific merit for Indian and International Students is prepared separately for seats ear-marked for them.
- 5.11. A detailed handbook of counseling is published by NBEMS at the time of counseling which can be accessed at its website at the time

of counseling, detailing the procedure and rules for counseling, applicable counseling fee, refundable security deposit, etc.

**Table - 1: Shows Nature of FNB seats and Counseling Authorities**

S.No	Types of seats	Counseling Authority
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FNB seats for Indian Students at NBEMS accredited institutions</li> <li>FNB seats for International Students at NBEMS accredited institutions</li> </ul>	NBEMS

**Flow Chart: Depicting Nature of FNB Seats and Counseling Authorities**

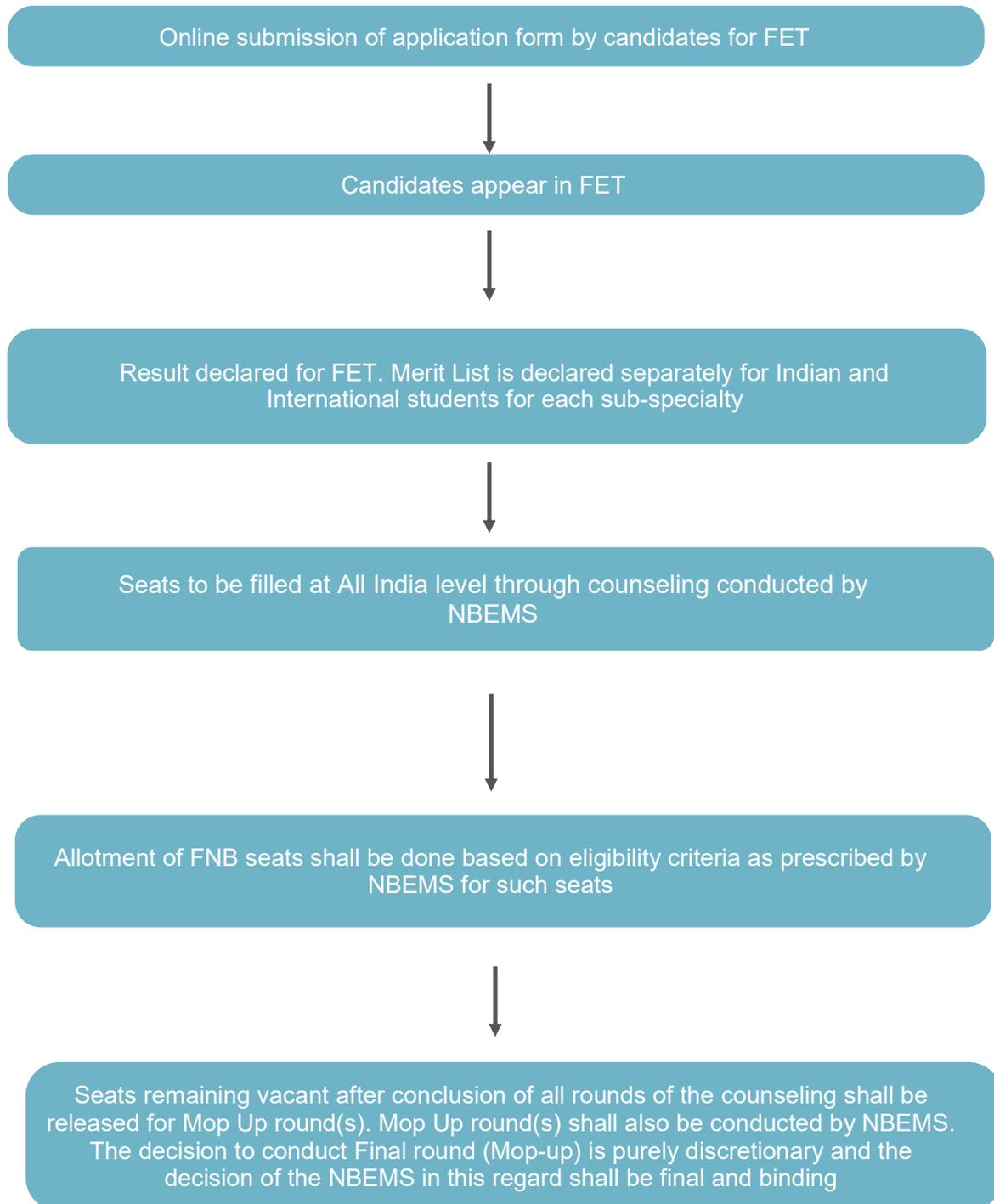


#### D. Reservation in FNB Seats:

5.12. There is no reservation in NBEMS Fellowship Courses.

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**Flow Chart: Depicting Allotment of FNB Seats at NBEMS Accredited Institutions through counseling conducted by NBEMS**



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## **E. Final Round [Mop-up]:**

- 5.13. FNB seats of NBEMS remaining vacant after conclusion of all rounds of counseling conducted by NBEMS may be released for Mop Up rounds. The Mop rounds may be conducted by the NBEMS.
- 5.14. The Final round (Mop-up) of counseling will be held only if sufficient number of seats are available. The availability of these seats should be well before the last date for admission for the respective admission session. However, candidates must note that the Final round (Mop-up) may not be conducted at all. The decision to conduct Final round (Mop-up) is purely discretionary and the decision of the NBEMS in this regard shall be final and binding.
- 5.15. All the candidates who have not been allotted with any seat in all the rounds of counseling will alone be eligible for Final round (Mop-up) of counseling.
- 5.16. The schedule for Mop Up round is notified on NBEMS website as and when it is announced.
- 5.17. The candidate who has qualified the FET and registered for the counseling conducted by the NBEMS but has not been allotted any seat in the counseling are eligible to participate in the Mop Up round to be conducted by NBEMS. No fresh registration for Mop Up round are considered.

## **F. Tuition fee for First Year:**

- 5.18. Rs. 147,500 shall be required to be deposited to NBEMS by all candidates who are allotted with FNB seats in order to confirm their joining. After completion of all rounds of counseling, the sum of Rs. 1,47,500/- (125000 tuition Fee for 1st year + 18% GST) shall be transferred to respective NBEMS accredited hospital where the candidate has finally joined his/her FNB training. This fee shall be in addition to any registration fee/security deposit prescribed by the designated counseling authority for participation in the counseling

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## 6. Registration for FNB Programme

### A. Joining FNB Course:

- 6.1. Candidate allotted with a seat will be allowed to join the NBEMS accredited Medical College/Institution/Hospital allocated through a merit based counseling within a prescribed time from the date of issuance of the allotment letter.
- 6.2. The candidates shall be allowed to join the allotted institute only after the verification of the originals and fulfilment of the eligibility criteria prescribed.
- 6.3. Candidate has to begin his/her FNB training within the prescribed time. NBEMS accredited institute is required to upload the joining report of the candidate at NBEMS online portal in the prescribed format which is placed at Annexure labelled Annexure - A, format for which is placed in this handbook.
- 6.4. The allotment made shall be firm and final. Change of Institute/college from one place to another is not permitted under any circumstances. Requests for the same shall not be entertained by the NBEMS after the allotment process is completed.
- 6.5. In an event of closure of training institute or withdrawal of accreditation by NBEMS, the ongoing FNB trainees of that institute shall be relocated to the vacant seats available in other NBEMS accredited institutes, to complete their remaining period of FNB training, as per approved policy for relocation.
- 6.6. The last date for admissions for a particular session is notified by NBEMS for respective sessions.
- 6.7. Joining of a candidate to an NBEMS accredited institute through centralized merit-based counseling is subject to medical fitness of the candidate as assessed/examined by the medical board of the NBEMS accredited hospital/institution.

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6.8. **List of Prescribed Documents (in original)** required to be produced in original at the time of joining at NBEMS accredited institute:

6.8.1. **Indian Students**

- a. MBBS Degree
- b. MD/MS/DNB/DM/MCh/DrNB Degree Certificate/ Provisional Pass Certificate of eligible Post Graduate Medical Qualification issued on or before the prescribed cut-off date
- c. Permanent Registration certificate issued by NMC/MCI/State Medical Council.
- d. Proof of having passed the Post graduate/Doctoral degree final examination on or before prescribed cut-off date for respective admission session
- e. Following documents supporting post graduate qualification being recognized as per the provisions of the NMC act, 2019/ IMC Act 1956:
- f. **Self-attested copy of print out of NMC website** confirming to your additional PG Degree qualification being “Recognized” as per NMC/IMC Act.
  - If additional PG degree qualification is **NOT listed as “Recognized”** on NMC website, please produce one of the following two documents:
    - Additional Qualification Registration Certificate (AQRC) issued by NMC, OR
    - Additional Qualification Registration Certificate (AQRC) issued by State Medical Council + IMR Certificate issued by NMC wherein said additional PG Degree qualification is registered
- g. Valid Identity proof i.e. PAN card, Indian Passport, Voter ID card, Driving License or Aadhaar Card (with photograph).

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h. **Relieving Letter** issued by the sponsoring Government employer of the candidate with confirmation of study leave being granted for the period of FNB training and confirmation of payment of salary with applicable allowances as per rules of the sponsoring organization for the entire duration of FNB training, in case the candidate is employed with a Government Organization and joining FNB Programme on study.

**NOTE:**

- *Provisional pass certificate of PG/Doctoral Qualification in place of degree certificate of PG/Doctoral qualification can be produced in case the final degree certificate has not been issued by the university concerned. A certificate to this effect shall be required to be submitted duly signed by the Principal of the Medical College/Registrar of the University concerned.*
- *All the certificates must be in HINDI or ENGLISH. In case if any of the certificate(s) is/are in regional language, its Hindi/English version translated copy duly authenticated by a translator authorized in this regard by the state/Central Government will require to be produced in original at the time of counseling, along with the original certificate that has been translated.*
- *Candidates must note that the original certificate will be verified at the time of the joining of the Institute, by the Institute. If a candidate does not produce the originals for verification at the time of joining the institute, he/she shall lose his/her admission to the seat allotted to him/her in the counseling.*
- *In case a candidate has a bond with the State Government and his/her original documents are deposited with the State Govt/Medical College concerned for the period of bond, he/she shall be required to produce a letter to this effect indicating the list of original documents deposited and a "No Objection Certificate" from the State Government allowing the candidate to pursue FNB course during the period of said bond.*

6.8.2. **International Students:**

- a. MBBS/Primary Medical Qualification Degree Certificate
- b. Degree Certificate of eligible Post Graduate Medical Qualification issued on or before prescribed cut-off date.

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- c. Post Graduate Medical Qualification Registration Certificate issued by the Medical Council of respective country.
  - d. No Objection Certificate issued by the Medical Council/Government for permission to work in India for the period of Fellowship
  - e. Valid travel document (Passport) and valid permission (visa).
  - f. Temporary Registration with the National Medical Commission, New Delhi, India for the duration of FNB course shall be required to be obtained on allotment of a FNB seat.

The list is purely indicative. Please refer handbook of counseling to be published by NBEMS at the time of counseling.

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## ANNEXURE – A FORMAT FOR FNB

*Format of Joining Report to be furnished by all FNB Candidates who have been allotted FNB seats at NBEMS accredited Medical Colleges/Institutions/Hospitals for FNB training*

**NOTE: Ensure that Joining Report MUST be issued on an OFFICIAL LETTERHEAD under signature and stamp of DEAN/ PRINCIPAL/MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT/ HEAD OF THE INSTITUTION/DIRECTOR ONLY, as per the prescribed format.**

Office Dispatch Number:

Date of Issue:

The Executive Director  
National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences  
(Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India)  
Ansari Nagar, Mahatma Gandhi Marg (Ring Road)  
New Delhi-110029

Candidate's  
Photograph

**Sub: Furnishing of Joining Report for FNB course**

Sir,

It is certified that Dr. \_\_\_\_\_  
Son/Daughter/Wife of \_\_\_\_\_ who has appeared in FET  
\_\_\_\_\_ conducted by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences vide Roll  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ has reported for joining FNB course at our NBEMS accredited Medical  
College/Institution/Hospital on \_\_\_\_\_ (Date of Joining FNB training). He/she has scored \_\_\_\_\_  
rank in FET \_\_\_\_\_ as per the seat allotment letter received from NBEMS.

His/her original documents have been verified for their genuineness & authenticity. It is also certified  
that this candidate is eligible for admission to FNB as per NBEMS guidelines published in the  
Information Bulletin of FET \_\_\_\_\_ Admission Session.

He/she may be registered for FNB course in \_\_\_\_\_ the sub-specialty of  
\_\_\_\_\_ w.e.f \_\_\_\_\_ (Date of Joining FNB Training).

It is also certified that the candidate will be made to work during the entire FNB training as a resident  
doctor strictly in accordance with leave guidelines of NBEMS.

Yours sincerely,

Signature of Head of the Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Designation \_\_\_\_\_

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Acknowledgement of the  
candidate under his/her  
Signature

Official Stamp of the Issuing Authority with  
Name, Designation and Institute

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## B. Registration for FNB Course

- 6.9. Trainees joining FNB seats through Centralised merit-based counseling are required to get registered with NBEMS for FNB training.
- 6.10. Trainees are required to submit the application form for registration as FNB trainees with NBEMS online at <https://cns.natboard.edu.in> within 01 month of joining FNB training.
- 6.11. NBEMS trainee who have joined NBEMS training and the Joining report has already been submitted by the Hospital/Institute to NBEMS, can submit their online registration form through this web portal.
- 6.12. Allowing a candidate to join FNB training does not confer any rights on him/her to obtain registration with NBEMS for FNB training. Registration with NBEMS for FNB training shall be subject to fulfilment of eligibility criteria prescribed for the entrance examination qualified and submission of required documents to NBEMS for seeking registration within the prescribed time period.
- 6.13. A registration fee of Rs 3,000/- (for 2 Years course) is to be deposited through online payment gateway while filling up online application form for registration with NBEMS. Fee deposited through challan/Pay-in-slip is *not acceptable*.
- 6.14. Document to be submitted along with the online application form through this web portal are as follows:
- Registration Fee as per NBEMS norms to be paid online.
  - Scanned Passport Size photograph.
  - Scanned Signature
  - Scanned copies of all the documents which have been shown in original to the training institute at the time of joining FNB Course
- 6.15. After successful submission of online application, the NBEMS trainee has to take print-out of the filled application form. The trainee needs to sign the application form and to take signatures of the Head of the Institute at specified place. The application form

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duly signed (by candidate and HOI) is to be upload on the same portal.

6.16. The application for registration is processed by NBEMS in terms of the prescribed eligibility criteria for the admission session concerned. On successful registration of the trainee, the Letter of Provisional Registration with NBEMS for FNB training can be downloaded from NBEMS website.

6.17. The Registration number carries information about trainees' course, specialty chosen, institute chosen, year and session of registration and a unique number. This registration number is required to be quoted while submitting thesis for assessment to NBEMS or applying for FNB Exit Examinations etc.

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## 7. Leave Rules for FNB Trainees

- 7.1. The following revised leave rules shall apply to the candidates, who have joined in or after 2018. Those who joined before 2018, the old leave rule shall be applicable.
- 7.2. FNB Trainees are entitled to avail leave during the course of FNB training as per the Leave Rules prescribed by NBEMS.
- 7.3. A FNB Trainee can avail a maximum of 30 days of leave in a year excluding regular duty off/Gazetted holidays as per hospital/institute calendar/policy. This leave shall be processed at the institutional level.
- 7.4. Any kind of study leave is not permissible to FNB Trainees.
- 7.5. Under normal circumstances leave of one year should not be carried forward to the next year. However, in exceptional cases such as prolonged illness, the leave across the FNB training program may be clubbed together with prior approval of NBEMS.
- 7.6. Unauthorized absence from FNB training for more than 7 days may lead to cancellation of registration and discontinuation of the FNB training and rejoining shall not be permitted.
- 7.7. Any Leave availed by the candidate other than the eligible leave (30 days per year) shall lead to extension of FNB training. The training institute has to forward such requests to NBEMS along with the leave records of the candidate since his/her joining and supporting documents (if any) through the Head of the Institute with their recommendation/comments. NBEMS shall consider such requests on merit provided the seat is not carried over and compromise with training of existing trainees in the Department.
- 7.8. Any extension of FNB training beyond the scheduled completion date of training is permissible only under extra-ordinary circumstances with prior approval of NBEMS. Such extension is neither automatic nor shall be granted as a matter of routine.

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7.9. FNB trainees are required to complete their training by a prescribed cutoff date (as per information bulletin of Exit exam) for being eligible to FNB Exit examination.

7.10. The eligibility for FNB Exit Examination shall be determined strictly in accordance with the criteria prescribed in the respective information bulletin.

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## 8. Fee Guidelines for FNB Trainees

8.1. The Annual course fee prescribed by NBEMS for its courses and payable by the trainee is as follows:

### For Indian Students:

Head	Charges (in INR) per year
Tuition fees	75,000/-
Library fees	15,000/-
Annual Appraisal fees	15,000/-
Accommodation Charges	20,000/-

GST @ 18%

### For International Fellowship Students:

From SAARC Nations	INR 1,25,000/-
From Non SAARC Nations	USD 5000

GST @ 18%

8.1.1. Tuition fees: The tuition fees shall cover the cost incurred for accreditation, institutional FNB office, infrastructure and HR, training, teaching & research expenses, guest lecture, thesis support, administrative support expenses.

8.1.2. Library fee: Library fees shall cover the provisions made by the hospital for subscription of journals and purchase of textbooks for FNB & FNB trainees.

8.1.3. Annual appraisal fees: The appraisal fees shall cover the arrangements made for the purpose of appraisal of trainees and examiner remuneration.

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- 8.1.4. Accommodation charges: Electricity and other consumables can be charged on actual basis by the hospital depending upon institutional policy. The accommodation charges cannot be levied if the accredited hospital is not providing accommodation to FNB & FNB trainees.
- 8.2. The Annual Course fee shall be collected by NBEMS on annual basis for entire training period of a trainee. The training charges, fee guidelines and the disbursement of course fee to the concerned accredited hospital/institute shall be as per public notice dated: 15-01-2021 and the notices published subsequently in this regard, if any.
- 8.3. The accredited hospital cannot charge any other fees like capitation fees, security deposit, security bond, and caution bond in the form of cash, fixed deposit, bank guarantee, and agreement by any instrument whatsoever. However, State Government owned District Hospitals can implement a service bond with prior approval of NBEMS.

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## 9. Stipend Guidelines for FNB Trainees

- 9.1. Paying stipend to the NBEMS trainees is compulsory.
- 9.2. According to the NBEMS stipend policy, the hospital shall have to pay the NBEMS trainees a basic stipend as follows or basic stipend according to State Government policy (whichever is higher):

### Post MBBS DNB (Broad Specialty) Courses:

Year of DNB Training	Stipend (in INR) per month
First Year	35,000/-
Second Year	37,000/-
Third Year	39,000/-

### Post Diploma DNB (Broad Specialty) Courses:

Year of DNB Training	Stipend (in INR) per month
First Year	37,000/-
Second Year	39,000/-

### DrNB (Super Specialty) Courses:

Year of DrNB Training	Stipend (in INR) per month
First Year	41,000/-
Second Year	43,000/-
Third Year	45,000/-

### FNB Courses :

Year of FNB Training	Stipend (in INR) per month
First Year	41,000/-
Second Year	43,000/-

9.3. The phrase “basic stipend according to state Government policy” in para above should be interpreted for different states as tabulated below:

Categories of States	The phrase “basic stipend according to state Government policy” in NBEMS stipend guidelines should be interpreted as under:	
	For Broad Specialty trainees	For Super Specialty & FNB trainees
States where the stipend to MD/MS and DM/MCh trainees of State Government Medical Colleges is paid as a consolidated sum (without any break-up of basic pay and allowances)	The consolidated sum paid to MD/MS trainees of State Government Medical Colleges	The consolidated sum paid to DM/MCh trainees of State Government Medical Colleges
States where the stipend paid to MD/MS and DM/MCh trainees of State Government Medical Colleges is structured as a “Basic pay plus various allowances” and paid as per recommendations of 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC	Pay level 10 of 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC*  {Cell 1, 2 and 3 of pay level 10 in pay matrix of 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC correspond to first, second and third year of training respectively}	Pay level 11 of 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC*  {Cell 1, 2 and 3 of pay level 11 in pay matrix of 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC correspond to first, second and third year of training respectively}

*\*This does not include any kind of allowances as may be paid to MD/MS candidates in respective states. It is at liberty to the accredited hospitals to pay any allowances over and above the minimum sum prescribed by NBEMS.*

9.4. 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>& 6<sup>th</sup> year trainees of a Direct 6-year NBEMS courses shall be paid stipend equal to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> year trainees of a Super specialty course respectively provided that they clear the DrNB Part-I Examination.

9.5. Parity to the *basic stipend* paid by respective State Government should be maintained and rates of stipend may kindly be periodically revised.

9.6. NBEMS accredited hospitals are at liberty to pay NBEMS trainees a monthly stipend more than the minimum stipend prescribed by NBEMS.

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9.7. It is also desirable that the hospital provides accommodation to their trainees in addition to their stipend. However, the hospital shall not reduce the stipend of the trainees in lieu of providing accommodations.

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## 10. Formative & Internal Assessment

- 10.1. National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences conducts Formative Assessment Test for all DNB/DrNB/ FNB trainees on an annual basis as per the below prescribed scheme:

Course	FAT conducted by NBEMS	FAT conducted by institute/ hospital in the form of Internal Appraisal
Broad Speciality Courses	In 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of DNB training	In 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> year of DNB training
Super Speciality Courses	In 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of DrNB training	In 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> year of DrNB training
Post Diploma Courses	In 1 <sup>st</sup> year of DNB training	In 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of DNB training
Fellowship Courses	In 1 <sup>st</sup> year of FNB training	In 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of FNB training
Direct 6 years Courses	In 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> year of DrNB training	In 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> year of DrNB training

- 10.2. It includes various formal and informal assessment procedures by which evaluation of student's learning, comprehension, and academic progress is done by the teachers/ faculty to improve student attainment.
- 10.3. FAT is integral part of the effective teaching. The goal of Formative Assessment is to collect information which can be used to improve the student learning process.
- 10.4. The nature of evaluation to be followed should be on Formative Norms ONLY as it shall aim to give feedback on teaching and learning and become an integral part of the effective teaching.
- 10.5. The end goal should be to collect information which can be used to improve the student learning process. The purpose of the exercise is to assist the NBEMS accredited hospitals/ institutions to develop in to a center of academic excellence. This would further add value to

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the services being rendered in these accredited hospitals/institutions.

- 10.6. It is essentially positive in intent, directed towards promoting learning; it is therefore part of teaching. Validity and usefulness are paramount in this exercise and should take precedence over concerns for reliability.
- 10.7. They can be able to determine what the students already know and to what extent. They can decide what minor modifications or major changes in training programme are to be introduced so that all trainees can succeed in upcoming assessments. They can create appropriate lessons and activities for groups of learners or individual students and also inform students about their current progress and guide them.
- 10.8. They can be motivated to learn and take responsibility for their own learning. They can learn valuable lifelong skills such as self-evaluation, self-assessment, and goal setting and become more adept at self-assessment.
- 10.9. The exercise of Internal Appraisal shall cover areas of knowledge as per the standard training curriculum and guidelines. The trainees shall be assessed for knowledge as per the curriculum in a composite manner.
- 10.10. In terms of NBEMS Public Notice dated 26-11-2019, appearance in minimum required numbers of Formative Assessment Tests/ Internal Appraisals is mandatory towards eligibility for appearing in DNB/DrNB/ FNB Exit Examinations as per the below prescribed scheme:

Course	Number of FATs / Internal Appraisal mandatory
Broad Speciality Courses	Two
Super Speciality Courses	Two
Post Diploma Courses	One
Fellowship Courses	One
Direct 6 years Courses	Three

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10.11. The compulsory participations in FATs shall apply to the candidates, who join in or after July 2019 admission session.

**A. Formative Assessment:**

10.12. NBEMS conducts Formative Assessment Test (FAT) for DNB/DrNB/ FNB trainees who are under training as per below given details:

Course	FAT conducted by NBEMS
Broad Specialty Courses	In 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of training
Super Specialty Courses	In 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of training
Post Diploma Courses	In 1 <sup>st</sup> year of training
Fellowship Courses	In 1 <sup>st</sup> year of training
Direct 6 years Courses	In 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> year of training

10.13. The assessment scheme consists of Three Parts which has to be essentially completed by the trainees. The scheme includes: -

PART - I	Conduct of Theory Examination	Candidate has to appear for Theory Exam and is held for One day.
PART - II	Work Place Based Clinical Assessment	After Theory Examination, Candidate has to appear for Clinical Assessment.
PART - III	Performance Counselling Session On The Theory Performance	Candidate has to appear for his/her Theory Exam Assessment Workshop.

**10.14. Part I: - Conduction of Theory Examination:**

- The Theory Exam of FAT is conducted on an annual basis
- Mode of Examination: Descriptive (Paper & Pen)
- Number of sessions: Two sessions
- Centres for FAT (Theory): FAT Centre nearest available to the Training Institution
- Form & Fees for conduct of FAT: To be filled & paid by Training Institutions

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## 10.15. Part II: - Work Place Based Clinical Assessment

- The work place based clinical assessment shall assess the candidates on parameters such as:
  - Case Discussion
  - Case Presentation
  - Case Management
  - Investigation Techniques
  - Investigation Interpretations
  - Instrument handling
  - Viva Voice
  - Ward rounds
  - Assessment of Log Book
  - Assessment of Thesis Work
- Scheme of work place based clinical assessment

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
<b>Clinical Examination</b> (Case Preparation & Presentation)	Maximum 2 cases for each candidate (30 minutes of preparation & 30 minutes for presentation)  The examiner may allot the same case to two candidates for case preparation. However, the candidate shall have to present the case individually before the examiners.  In case of unavailability of patients for case presentation, Manikin or dummy or a healthy volunteer may be used for demonstration of clinical examination skills and for simulated cases.
<b>Viva- Voice</b>	Shall be conducted by all the Examiners together in a group
<b>Investigation Techniques/ Investigation Interpretations / Instrument handling /Ward Round/ Clinical Investigations/ Spots</b>	Wherever required.

<b>Assessment of Thesis Work</b>	<p>The Thesis work of the candidate shall be evaluated by the examiner on the following parameters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thesis Protocol Submission</li> <li>• Assessment of Thesis Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Research Purpose</i></li> <li>• <i>Review of Literature</i></li> <li>• <i>Data collection and analysis</i></li> <li>• <i>Analysis and interpretation of Findings</i></li> <li>• <i>Conclusion and Recommendations</i></li> <li>• <i>Referencing</i></li> <li>• <i>Readiness for Thesis Completion</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Thesis Viva</li> </ul>
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### 10.16. Part III: - Performance Counselling Session On the Theory Performance

- The Accredited Hospital is required to organise a Workshop so that the performance of each Trainee is discussed and deliberated at length.
- During the course of this Workshop, Trainees who have performed well shall share their Learning, Training and Answering skills with other Trainees.
- Head of Departments and Faculty Members shall also share their knowledge, and also the key words / skills Assessors look for, in each answer.
- Such Workshops shall motivate Trainees, augment the FNB training being given by the Hospital, help in enhancing overall performance of the Trainees, so that they are able to plan & attempt the FNB Theory Examination in an effective manner.
- The hospitals shall also carry out a thorough Review of the performance of each Trainee who appeared in the FAT. Such a review will certainly help in identifying the weaknesses / shortcomings and positive aspects of each Trainee.

#### **B. Internal Appraisal:**

10.17. All NBEMS accredited Institutions are required to conduct the annual Internal Appraisals for their respective FNB/FNB/FNB trainees in accordance to the Guidelines prescribed by NBEMS as per below given details:

Course	Internal Appraisal conducted by institute/hospital
Broad Specialty Courses	In 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> year of training
Super Specialty Courses	In 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> year of training
Post Diploma Courses	In 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of training
Fellowship Courses	In 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of training
Direct 6 years Courses	In 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> year of training

10.18. The detailed guidelines for conduct of Internal Appraisal are notified every year on NBEMS website and sent to the accredited hospitals also.

10.19. The assessment scheme consists of Three Parts which has to be essentially completed by the trainees. The scheme includes: -

<b>PART - I</b>	Conduct of Theory Examination	Candidate has to appear for Theory Exam and is held for One day.
<b>PART - II</b>	Work Place Based Clinical Assessment	After Theory Examination, Candidate has to appear for Clinical Assessment.
<b>PART - III</b>	Performance Counselling Session On The Theory Performance	Candidate has to appear for his/her Theory Exam Assessment Workshop.

10.20. **Part I: - Conduction of Theory Examination:**

- The Theory Exam of FAT is conducted on an annual basis
- Mode of Examination: Descriptive (Paper & Pen)
- Number of sessions: As per guidelines
- Centres for FAT (Theory): In the Training Institution

10.21. **Part II: - Work Place Based Clinical Assessment**

- The work place based clinical assessment shall assess the candidates on parameters such as:
  - Case Discussion
  - Case Presentation
  - Case Management
  - Investigation Techniques
  - Investigation Interpretations
  - Instrument handling
  - Viva Voice
  - Ward rounds

- Assessment of Log Book
- Assessment of Thesis Work
- Scheme of work place based clinical assessment

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
<b>Clinical Examination</b> (Case Preparation & Presentation)	<p>Maximum 2 cases for each candidate (30 minutes of preparation &amp; 30 minutes for presentation)</p> <p>The examiner may allot the same case to two candidates for case preparation. However, the candidate shall have to present the case individually before the examiners.</p> <p>In case of unavailability of patients for case presentation, Manikin or dummy or a healthy volunteer may be used for demonstration of clinical examination skills and for simulated cases.</p>
<b>Viva- Voice</b>	Shall be conducted by all the Examiners together in a group
<b>Investigation Techniques/ Investigation Interpretations / Instrument handling /Ward Round/ Clinical Investigations/ Spots</b>	Wherever required.
<b>Assessment of Thesis Work</b>	<p>The Thesis work of the candidate shall be evaluated by the examiner on the following parameters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thesis Protocol Submission</li> <li>• Assessment of Thesis Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Research Purpose</i></li> <li>• <i>Review of Literature</i></li> <li>• <i>Data collection and analysis</i></li> <li>• <i>Analysis and interpretation of Findings</i></li> <li>• <i>Conclusion and Recommendations</i></li> <li>• <i>Referencing</i></li> <li>• <i>Readiness for Thesis Completion</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Thesis Viva</li> </ul>

### 10.22. Part III: - Performance Counselling Session On the Theory Performance

- The Accredited Hospital is required to organise a Workshop so that the performance of each Trainee is discussed and deliberated at length.

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- During the course of this Workshop, Trainees who have performed well shall share their Learning, Training and Answering skills with other Trainees.
  - Head of Departments and Faculty Members shall also share their knowledge, and also the key words / skills Assessors look for, in each answer.
  - Such Workshops shall motivate Trainees, augment the FNB training being given by the Hospital, help in enhancing overall performance of the Trainees, so that they are able to plan & attempt the FNB Exit Examination in an effective manner.
  - The hospitals shall also carry out a thorough Review of the performance of each Trainee who appeared in the Internal Appraisal. Such a review will certainly help in identifying the weaknesses / shortcomings and positive aspects of each Trainee.

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# 11. FNB Exit Examinations

## 11.1. Theory Examination:

11.1.1. The Theory examination comprises of one paper with maximum marks of 100.

11.1.2. There are 10 short notes of 10 marks each in the Theory paper

11.1.3. Maximum time permitted is 3 hours.

## 11.2. Practical Examination:

11.2.1. Maximum marks: 300

11.2.2. Comprises of Clinical Examination and viva The theory examination comprises of four papers, maximum marks 100 each.

11.3. The candidate has to score a minimum of 50% marks in aggregate i.e. 200 out of total 400 marks (Theory & Practical) with at least 50% marks in theory examination to qualify in the Fellowship Exit Exam.

11.4. The Theory and Practical of Fellowship Exit Examination shall be conducted at the same examination centre of the concerned specialty. Each candidate shall be individually informed by NBEMS regarding his/her examination centre.

## 11.5. Eligibility:

- Candidates who have undergone training as a FNB trainee at any of the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences accredited institute after having registered with NBEMS as a FNB trainee and are completing their prescribed (as per letter of registration issued by NBEMS) training as a FNB trainee by the cut-off date prescribed in the bulletin of respective examination session and submission of certificate to this effect, can undertake the FNB Exit Examination in the same sub-specialty.

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- The trainee shall be eligible to appear in FNB Exit Examination of a particular session only if he/she completes his/her FNB training by the prescribed cut-off date for the said session. The cut-off date for training completion may change due to variation in admission timelines for specific sessions due to unforeseen circumstances or uniform extension of training of the entire batch by NBEMS.
  - Submission of Training Completion Certificate indicating details of leave taken during FNB training for FNB trainees is an essential prerequisite. In case the candidate does not submit the training Completion certificate (as per applicable format) along with the application form, his/her application shall be rejected and fees forfeited.
  - Request for extension in cutoff date for completion of training for the purpose of eligibility determination for FNB Exit Examination are not considered.
  - **Candidates who have completed their FNB training while applying for FNB Exit Examination** shall be required to submit Final Training Completion Certificate (FTCC) as per format prescribed in Annexure - IV.
  - **Candidates whose FNB training is ongoing while applying for FNB Exit Examination** shall be required to submit **Provisional Training Completion Certificate (PTCC)** as per format in Annexure-III. The PTCC must confirm that the candidate would be able to complete his/her training by the prescribed cut-off, after taking into consideration all leave taken vis-a-vis the maximum permissible leave as per NBEMS leave rules and the required period of extension, if any. Such candidates are required to submit **Final Training Completion Certificate (FTCC)** as per format in Annexure-IV **immediately on completion of their training**. Such candidates shall be provisionally allowed to appear for FNB Exit Examination subject to completion of their FNB training by the prescribed cut-off date.

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- Candidates who submit their **Provisional TCC with correct leave details** projecting their training completion on/before the prescribed cut-off date for the examination, happen to avail more leave after applying for the examination due to some unforeseen reasons which might take their training beyond the prescribed cut-off date, shall NOT be declared INELIGIBLE for the examination.
    - If such a candidate qualifies the theory and practical examination, his/her Provisional Pass Certificate shall only be issued on completion of his/her FNB training and submission of Final TCC to this effect.
  - However, candidates who at any stage are found to have misrepresented/failed to disclose the complete details of leave taken by them, in their **Provisional TCC**, shall be declared INELIGIBLE on failing to complete their training on/before the prescribed cut-off date for the examination. Candidature of such candidates for FNB Exit Examination shall stand cancelled and result, if any declared, shall be treated as null and void.

#### 11.6. **Eligibility related to appearance in FAT:**

- In terms of the NBEMS notice dated 26th November 2019 (published on NBEMS website <https://natboard.edu.in>), appearance in minimum required numbers of Formative Assessment Tests (FATs) during the FNB training shall be mandatory towards eligibility for appearing in FNB Exit Examinations. This compulsory participation in FATs shall apply to candidates who have joined their training in or after July 2019 admission session.

#### 11.7. **Declaration of FNB Exit Examination Result:**

- FNB Exit is a qualifying examination.
- Results of FNB Exit examinations are declared as PASS/FAIL. There will be **no re-evaluation or rechecking/ re-totaling of answer sheets**. Requests for re-evaluation/re-totaling shall not be entertained.

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- The details of marks obtained/grading in Exit Examinations will be provided to all the candidates. Procedure for obtaining question wise marks can be seen at NBEMS website (Notice dt. 20.04.10, 14.12.11)
  - Results can be seen on NBEMS website <https://natboard.edu.in> No separate certificate for passing theory examination will be issued.
  - Candidates successful in the FNB Exit Examinations are issued Provisional Certificate of Passing FNB. Provisional Pass Certificates are valid till issuance of FNB qualification certificate in convocation of National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences for all purposes, including but not limited to, employment, registration with state medical councils etc.
  - Under normal circumstances the certificates of passing are issued to the candidates within four weeks of declaration of results, however, due to unforeseen circumstances, this period may vary.
  - For issuing a duplicate provisional pass certificate, submit a request letter stating reasons to issue a duplicate certificate, copy of FIR lodged with police authorities clearly mentioning the loss/non-receipt of certificate, affidavit in support of application (attested by public notary/oath commissioner/judicial magistrate), fee of Rs. 1000/- + GST@18% for document upto preceding 3 years and Rs. 2000/- + GST@18% for documents more than three years old. The demand draft should be made in favour of National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, payable at New Delhi.

#### 11.8. **NBEMS Convocation and Award of FNB Qualification certificates**

- Candidates who have qualified FNB Exit Examinations shall be conferred with FNB qualification in the specialty concerned on enrolment for the convocation.

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- National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences confers FNB/FNB-PD degree subject to fulfilment of eligibility criteria at the Convocation Ceremony.
  - Details of the NBEMS Convocation are announced at NBEMS website <https://natboard.edu.in> as and when the schedule are finalized for respective year.
  - FNB qualification certificates are issued to qualified candidates through post after convocation for the batch is declared open and qualification is conferred to the candidates in the convocation. Gold Medals are awarded in an award ceremony to the winners “in-person”.

## 11.9. Tentative Timelines for Issuance of various Certificates

S.No.	Examination Processes	Documents/Information Required	Tentative Timelines for issuance
1	Provisional Pass Certificate	<p>Successfully qualifying FNB Exit Examination</p> <p>Submission of Final Training Completion Certificate</p>	Within 4 weeks of fulfilment of all of these required documents/ processes
2	Attempt Certificate	<p>Communication from registered email of candidate along with following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy of Provisional Pass Certificate issued by NBEMS</li> <li>• Copy of Registration Letter issued by National Board of Examinations</li> <li>• Final Training Completion Certificate</li> <li>• Details of Examination: Applied/ Appeared</li> <li>• No Fees charged</li> </ul>	Within 2 weeks of receipt of written request
3	No Objection Certificate (NOC)	<p>Communication from registered email of candidate along with following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy of Provisional Pass Certificate issued by NBEMS</li> <li>• Copy of Registration Letter issued by NBEMS</li> <li>• Final Training Completion Certificate</li> <li>• Documentary Proof where NOC is required to be produced</li> <li>• No Fee Charged</li> </ul>	Within 2 weeks of receipt of written request if NOC has not been issued already as a component of PPC
4	FNB Mark sheet (Total Marks scored in Theory and Practical)	<p>Communication from registered email of candidate along with following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy of Provisional Pass Certificate issued by NBEMS</li> <li>• Copy of Registration Letter issued by NBEMS</li> <li>• Final Training Completion Certificate</li> <li>• Documentary Proof where FNB Exit Exam marks are required to be produced</li> <li>• No Fee Charged</li> </ul>	Within 2 weeks of receipt of written request

5	Transcripts	<p>Communication from registered email of candidate along with following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy of Provisional Pass Certificate issued by NBEMS</li> <li>• Copy of Registration Letter issued by NBEMS</li> <li>• Final Training Completion Certificate</li> <li>• Documentary Proof where transcript is required to be produced</li> <li>• Postal Charges applicable; No other fees charged</li> <li>• Shall only be issued directly to the employing/ verification authority concerned</li> </ul>	Within 2 weeks of receipt of written request
6	Photocopies of Theory Answer Sheets (Issued only to Fail Candidates)	<p>Communication from registered email of candidate to be submitted within 30 days of declaration of result along with following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy of Admit Card issued by NBEMS</li> <li>• Copy of result uploaded on NBEMS website</li> <li>• Final Training Completion Certificate</li> <li>• Fee of Rs. 100/- per paper plus GST @ 18% through bank draft drawn in favour of National Board of Examinations payable at New Delhi</li> </ul>	Within 2 weeks of receipt of written request
7	Document Verification by employing/ verification agency	<p>Communication from verifying agency concerned along with following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covering Form/Document Release request</li> <li>• Document to be verified</li> <li>• Fee of Rs. 2000/- plus 18% GST through bank draft drawn in favour of National Board of Examinations payable at New Delhi to be submitted by the agency concerned alongwith request letter or by the candidate directly to NBEMS</li> </ul>	Within 2 weeks of receipt of written request

8	Issuance of Duplicate Certificate	<p>Communication from registered email of candidate along with following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy of NCR/Lost Report filed with Police authorities</li> <li>• Duly signed affidavit for non-receipt/loss of certificate</li> <li>• Copy of original certificate, if available</li> <li>• Fee of Rs. 1000/- plus 18% GST (for documents upto 3 years old) or Rs. 2000/- plus GST@18% (for documents more than 3 years old) through bank draft drawn in favour of National Board of Examinations payable at New Delhi</li> <li>• For duplicate degree certificate, Rs. 2000 plus GST @18% is charged</li> </ul>	Within 2 weeks of receipt of written request
9	Question wise Marks (Issued only to Fail Candidates)	<p>Communication from registered email of candidate to be submitted within 30 days of declaration of result along with following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy of Admit Card issued by NBEMS</li> <li>• Copy of result uploaded on National Board of Examinations website</li> <li>• Final Training Completion Certificate</li> <li>• Documentary Proof where FNB Exit Exam marks are required to be produced</li> <li>• Fee of Rs. 1000/- plus GST @ 18% through bank draft drawn in favour of National Board of Examinations payable at New Delhi</li> </ul>	Within 2 weeks of receipt of written request
10	FNB Qualification Certificate	<p>Successfully qualifying FNB Final Practical Examination</p> <p>Issuance of PPC by NBEMS</p> <p>Enrolment for Convocation by depositing Rs. 2500/- as Enrolment Fee</p>	Degree Certificate are sent through post with 4 weeks of being conferred in Convocation
11	Equivalence Certificate	<p>Communication from registered email of candidate to be submitted along with following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentary Proof where equivalence certificate is required to be produced</li> <li>• PPC Issued by NBEMS</li> <li>• Final Training Completion Certificate</li> <li>• No Fees charged</li> </ul>	Within 2 weeks of receipt of written request

## FNB Training Completion Certificate (Provisional)

Format of Training Completion Certificate to be furnished by all FNB Candidates who have undergone training in institute accredited with NBEMS for FNB training.

❖ *Submission of False/Fabricated information/documents shall be liable for penal action.*

**NOTE: Ensure that FNB training completion certificates MUST be issued on an OFFICIAL LETTERHEAD of the training hospital/institute under signature and stamp of Dean/ Principal/ Medical Superintendent/Head of the Institution/Director only, as per the prescribed format along with the leave records.**

Office dispatch No.: .....

Date of issue.....

To,  
The Executive Director  
National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences  
Medical Enclave, Ansari Nagar,  
Mahatma Gandhi Marg (Ring Road)  
New Delhi-110029

Candidate's  
Photograph

### Sub: Furnishing of FNB Training Completion Certificate (PROVISIONAL)

Sir,

This training completion certificate has been issued to Dr \_\_\_\_\_ Son/ Daughter/ Wife of \_\_\_\_\_ who was registered with National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences w.e.f \_\_\_\_\_ vide Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_ for Two years of FNB training in the sub-specialty of \_\_\_\_\_ in our hospital/institution, for the purpose of appearing in FNB Exit Examination.

It is hereby certified that:

1. He/She has joined the FNB course on \_\_\_\_\_ and **WILL BE COMPLETING** mandatory Three years of training on \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The details of leave availed by the candidate till date are as follows:

Year of Training (First/ Second)	Period of Leave (Specify Dates of leave availed)	Nature of Leave	No. of Days
Total number of leave availed by the candidate during his/her FNB training till date (Grand Total in Days)			

3. He/She has appeared in the Formative Assessments Test (FAT) conducted by NBEMS and the Internal Assessments conducted by our hospital/institution as per details mentioned below:

Year of Training (First/ Second)	Year of appearing in FAT conducted by NBEMS	Year of appearing in Internal Assessment conducted by the hospital

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4. He/She has worked during his/her FNB training as a resident doctor strictly in accordance with leave and other training guidelines of National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences.

It is understood that if the details mentioned herein above are found at any stage to be incorrect/false/incomplete, he/she shall be declared INELIGIBLE for FNB Exit Examination and his/her candidature for the same shall stand cancelled and result, if any declared, shall be treated as null and void.

Yours sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Acknowledgement of the  
candidate under his/her  
Signature

Signature of Head of the Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Designation \_\_\_\_\_

Official Stamp of the Issuing Authority with  
Name, Designation and Institute

## FNB Training Completion Certificate (Final)

Format of Training Completion Certificate to be furnished by all FNB Candidates who have undergone training in institute accredited with NBEMS for FNB training.

❖ *Submission of False/Fabricated information/documents shall be liable for penal action.*

**NOTE: Ensure that FNB training completion certificates MUST be issued on an OFFICIAL LETTERHEAD of the training hospital/institute under signature and stamp of Dean/ Principal/ Medical Superintendent/Head of the Institution/Director only, as per the prescribed format along with the leave records.**

Office dispatch No.:.....

Date of issue.....

To,  
The Executive Director  
National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences  
Medical Enclave, Ansari Nagar,  
Mahatma Gandhi Marg (Ring Road)  
New Delhi-110029

Candidate's  
Photograph

### Sub: Furnishing of FNB Training Completion Certificate (Final)

This training completion certificate has been issued to Dr \_\_\_\_\_ Son/ Daughter/ Wife of \_\_\_\_\_ who was registered with National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences w.e.f \_\_\_\_\_ vide Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_ for Two years of FNB training in the sub-specialty of \_\_\_\_\_ in our hospital/institution, for the purpose of appearing in FNB Exit Examination.

It is hereby certified that:

5. He/She has joined the FNB course on \_\_\_\_\_ and **HAS COMPLETED** mandatory Three years of training on \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The details of leave availed by the candidate till date are as follows:

Year of Training (First/ Second)	Period of Leave (Specify Dates of leave availed)	Nature of Leave	No. of Days
<b>Total number of leave availed by the candidate during his/her FNB training till date (Grand Total in Days)</b>			

7. He/She has appeared in the Formative Assessments Test (FAT) conducted by NBEMS and the Internal Assessments conducted by our hospital/institution as per details mentioned below:

Year of Training (First/ Second)	Year of appearing in FAT conducted by NBEMS	Year of appearing in Internal Assessment conducted by the hospital

8. He/She has worked during his/her FNB training as a resident doctor strictly in accordance with leave and other training guidelines of National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences.

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It is understood that if the details mentioned herein above are found at any stage to be incorrect/false/incomplete, he/she shall be declared INELIGIBLE for FNB Exit Examination and his/her candidature for the same shall stand cancelled and result, if any declared, shall be treated as null and void.

Yours sincerely,

Signature of Head of the Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Designation \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Acknowledgement of the  
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## 12. Unfair Means Guidelines

If during the course of training / examination, a candidate is found indulging in any of the following, he/she shall be deemed to have used unfair means.

- 12.1. Candidate undergoing FNB training if by himself or in connivance with the accredited Institute authorities tries to abstain himself from FNB training or submits false/ forged certificate towards FNB training.
- 12.2. Maintaining incomplete/incorrect log book, attendance records, training schedule, thesis work etc.
- 12.3. Submission of FNB training certificate with wrong dates of joining and completion of training.
- 12.4. Candidate misbehaving or using abusive language with other FNB/FNB trainees or patients or staff of accredited institute or with the faculty of the accredited institute.
- 12.5. Candidate who has resigned from FNB course (after joining the FNB course) if appears for FNB entrance during the scheduled duration of training.
- 12.6. If a candidate is found to have made a wrong statement in his/her online application form for admission to the examinations / counseling / training or has attempted to secure or has secured admission to any of the examinations of NBEMS by making a false statement or by production of a false document.
- 12.7. If at any stage a candidate has tampered with any entry in the certificate or statement of marks or any certificate issued by any governmental or non-governmental body or any other document that has been issued to him/ her NBEMS.
- 12.8. In the answer book, a candidate is not permitted to write his/her name or put his/her signature (except on the jacket of the answer

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sheet) or put any sign or mark which may disclose his/her identity to the examiner.

- 12.9. Use/possession of any kind of electronic gadgets including mobile phones with or without internet (whether the gadgets are actually used or not).
- 12.10. Having in possession of any note-book(s) or notes or chits or any other unauthorized material concerning the subject pertaining to the examination paper.
- 12.11. Anything written on any part of clothing, body, desk, table or any instrument such as set square, protractor, blotting paper and question paper etc.
- 12.12. Giving or receiving assistance directly or indirectly of any kind or attempting to do so.
- 12.13. Change of seat without the permission of Examination Superintendent/ In charge Computer Laboratory.
- 12.14. Writing questions or answers on any material other than the answer.
- 12.15. Tearing of any page of the answer book or supplementary answer book etc.
- 12.16. Contacting or communicating or trying to do so with any person, other than the Examination Staff, during the examination time in the Examination center/Computer Laboratory.
- 12.17. Consulting notes, books or any other material or outside person while going out of the examination hall/Computer Laboratory to toilet or to any other place.
- 12.18. Impersonation.

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- 12.19. Candidate appearing multiple times with same or different identity in different sessions of same examination conducted on Computer Based Testing platform.
  - 12.20. Using or attempting to use any other undesirable method or means in connection with the examination.
  - 12.21. Taking away the answer book out of the examination hall/room. Smuggling out Question Paper or its part; or smuggling out answer book/supplementary answer sheet or part thereof.
  - 12.22. Running away or swallowing or destroying any note or paper or material found with him/her.
  - 12.23. If the answer books show that a candidate has received or given help to any other candidate through copying.
  - 12.24. Threatening any of the officials connected with the conduct of the examinations or threatening of any of the candidates.
  - 12.25. Found exchanging answer book or question paper with solution or copying from unauthorized material.
  - 12.26. Peeping into the computer monitor screen of the other candidate.
  - 12.27. Disclosing his/her identity or making distinctive mark in the answer book for that purpose or fails to deliver his/her answer book/continuation sheet before leaving the examination hall.
  - 12.28. Hacking or attempting to hack or causing interference with the website of NBEMS or its Technology Partner(s) or their Information Technology systems.
  - 12.29. Tampering with Information Technology systems of NBEMS or Technology Partner(s) or Computer Laboratory.
  - 12.30. Damaging the computer systems of computer Laboratory.

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- 12.31. Candidate found to have attempted or trying to attempt personally or through another person to influence or pressurise an examiner, or any officer or official connected with the examinations of the NBEMS or its technology partner, either at the Board or at the office of technology partner or their respective residence(s), in any matter concerned with the examinations.
  - 12.32. If at any stage if it is found that the candidate has appeared multiple times in the same session of examination or has appeared in same or different examination of NBEMS with different names, unfair means case shall be registered against such candidate and dealt accordingly.
  - 12.33. Any act of candidate/any person which is detrimental to safe, secure and smooth conduct of examination and the decision of EEC in this regard shall be final.
  - 12.34. Candidate is found talking/peeping to another candidate during the examination hours in the examination room.
  - 12.35. A candidate who refuses to obey the Superintendent of Examination center/ Computer Lab and changes his/her seat with another candidate and/or creates disturbance of any kind during the examination and/or otherwise misbehaves in the examination hall.
  - 12.36. A candidate found copying from notes written on any part of his/her clothing, body, desk or table or instrument like set squares, protractors, scales etc. or who is found guilty of concealing, disfiguring, rendering illegible, swallowing or destroying any notes or papers or material found with him/her or found exchanging answer book or question paper with solution or talking to a person or consulting notes or books outside the Examination Hall, while going to the toilet or in the toilet.
  - 12.37. Any candidate found guilty of having adopted anyone or more of the above Unfair means/misconduct is liable to be penalized with a penalty by the Ethics Committee, which may vary from cancellation of the examination/ expulsion up to next 14 attempts or 7 yrs and/or cancellation of candidature as may be decided by Examinations Ethics Committee after considering each case.

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12.38. The above list is purely indicative. If any act of omission or commission attributed to the candidate/intent by the candidate to vitiate the sanctity of the examination in decision of NBEMS shall be taken up as unfair means.

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## 13. Communication Protocols

- 13.1. Information in this handbook, information bulletins of respective processes/examinations & NBEMS websites will help answer most of the queries of FNB trainees.
- 13.2. The NBEMS website provides for Student Login option to all the processes for which trainees are required to interact with NBEMS. The said portal provides customized information such as application status of examination application is available at *Online Exit Examinations Portal (OEEP)*
- 13.3. In case FNB trainees are still facing issues, then they can contact NBEMS through any of the following modes:

- **NBEMS Candidate Care helpline:** NBEMS provides candidate support through its contact centre with dedicated calling agents on all working days from 09:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

**NBEMS Contact Centre Number: +91-11-45593000**

- **Communication Web Portal:** An online web portal can be accessed from following weblink to submit any query related to counseling, registration, training, examination etc:

<https://exam.natboard.edu.in/communication.php?page=main>

- **By Post:**  
Executive Director  
National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences,  
Medical Enclave,  
Ansari Nagar,  
New Delhi -110029

- 13.4. Queries shall only be processed if same are sent through email ID of trainee registered with NBEMS.

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- 13.5. Following Information must be provided in queries addressed to National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences:
- *Name of trainee*
  - *Email ID*
  - *Mobile Number*
  - *Correspondence Address*
  - *NBEMS Registration Number*
  - *Specialty*
  - *Name of FNB training Institute*
  - *Application Form ID/Roll Number for FNB Exit Examination*
  - *Specialty of Examination*
- 13.6. Queries sent without aforesaid information may not be entertained.
- 13.7. Do not send the same query multiple times, as it will delay the response process.
- 13.8. Queries shall not be entertained from persons claiming themselves to be representative, associates or officiates of the applicant candidate.

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# 14. Grievance Redressal Mechanism for NBEMS Trainees & Candidates

## A. Objective

- 14.1. To redress the grievance of the DNB/DrNB/FNB trainees registered with the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS) for DNB/DrNB/FNB training respectively.

## B. Composition

- 14.2. The composition of NBEMS Grievance Redressal Committee for DNB trainees shall be as under:

Designation	Role in the Committee
Vice President, GB NBEMS	Chairperson
Governing Body Member	Member
Any other co-opted expert/faculty with the permission of the Chairperson	Member
Executive Director	Member
Head of Concerned Department at NBEMS	Member Secretary

## C. Terms of reference

- 14.3. The terms of reference of the NBEMS Grievance Redressal Committee for DNB trainees shall be as under:

- 14.3.1. To attend to grievances of registered DNB/DrNB & FNB trainees related to DNB/DrNB/FNB training against the hospital.

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14.3.2.To attend to disciplinary issues related to DNB/DrNB/FNB training against registered DNB/DrNB/FNB trainees of the hospital.

14.3.3.To attend the grievance of the trainees with NBEMS in matters related to DNB/DrNB/FNB training, counselling, registration, thesis and/or examinations etc conducted by NBEMS.

14.3.4.To attend the grievance of the candidates with NBEMS who have applied for/appeared in counseling/examinations conducted by NBEMS.

14.3.5.To make recommendations on the grievance of the trainees/candidates after going through the facts of the matter.

14.3.6.To recommend penalty against trainees making false representations.

14.3.7.To provide platform for level – 2 Grievance Redressal.

#### **D. Venue of the meeting**

14.4. The venue of the meeting of NBEMS Grievance Redressal Committee for DNB trainees/candidates shall be at NBEMS office at New Delhi. The meeting may be convened on a virtual platform also, if so required.

#### **E. Frequency of the meeting**

14.5. The meetings of NBEMS Grievance Redressal Committee for DNB trainees/candidates shall be held once in every 3 months

#### **F. Quorum for meeting**

14.6. At least 3 members and Member Secretary should be present.

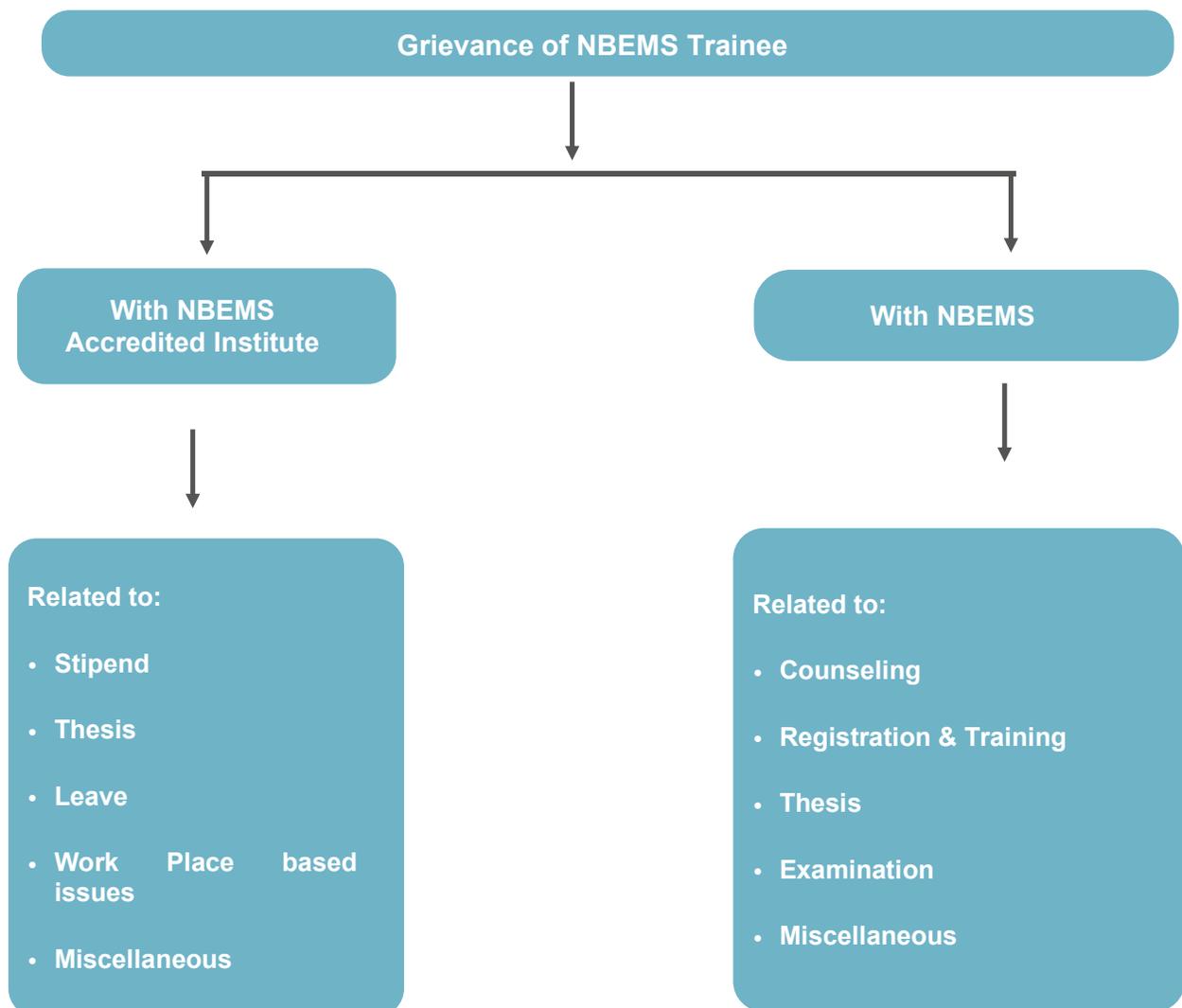
#### **G. Presiding officer**

14.7. Every meeting shall be presided by the Vice President of NBEMS and if the Vice President is unavailable then the Governing Body Member will be presiding the meeting.

## H. Voting

14.8. Every member shall have one vote except the Head of the NBEMS Department concerned. The Head of the NBEMS Department concerned will not have any voting rights as he/she has dealt the case at the time of redressal of the grievance at the 1<sup>st</sup> level. If there is an equality of votes on any issue being deliberated by the Committee, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.

## I. Nature of Grievance



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## J. Grievance Redressal Procedure:

### a) Grievance against NBEMS Accredited Hospital

14.9. To address issues between the DNB/DrNB/FNB trainees and NBEMS accredited hospitals, a Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) exists at each of the accredited hospital as per composition detailed below for addressing grievances of the DNB/DrNB & FNB candidates. The composition of the said committee is as under:

S. No.	Members	Role
1	Head of the Institute	Chairman
2	In-house, Senior Consultant, Medical Specialty	Member
3	In-house, Senior Consultant, Surgical Specialty	Member
4	DNB Coordinator of the hospital	Member
5	Medical Superintendent or equivalent in the hospital	Member
6	Representative of DNB & FNB Candidates of the hospital	Member
7	External Medical Expert of the Rank of Professor of a Govt. Medical College with Basic Science background	Member

14.10. The *Terms of Reference* for the Hospital GRC is as under:

14.10.1. To attend to grievances of registered DNB/DrNB & FNB candidates related to DNB/DrNB/FNB training against the hospital.

14.10.2. To attend to disciplinary issues related to DNB/DrNB/FNB training against registered DNB/DrNB & FNB trainees of the hospital.

14.10.3. To submit an action taken report to NBEMS in matters which are escalated for redressal at NBEMS level.

14.11. **Level - 1 Grievance Redressal Mechanism:** Any grievance against the NBEMS Accredited Institution related to DNB/DrNB/FNB training shall first be attended by the above mentioned Grievance

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Redressal Committee of the NBEMS Accredited hospital as level - 1 redressal mechanism.

- 14.12. Such matters shall not ordinarily be entertained by NBEMS directly. However, if the complainant is not satisfied with the decision of the hospital Grievance Redressal Committee, such matters shall be forwarded for further adjudication to the NBEMS Grievance Redressal Committee constituted for this purpose along with action taken report of Grievance Redressal Committee of the concerned accredited hospital.
- 14.13. The representation has to be submitted within one month of disposal of the grievance at level - 1. The Grievance can be submitted by the trainee through a dedicated Online Grievance Registration Portal (OGRP).
- 14.14. The aggrieved trainees may be asked to be physically/virtually present themselves before the NBEMS committee to present their grievance along with the supporting documents. The Head of Institute of the hospital/ the Head of the concerned department at hospital may be asked to attend the proceedings, if required.
- 14.15. No legal person / lawyer shall accompany the hospital/ the trainee under any circumstance.
- 14.16. The trainees shall be given an ample opportunity to present their case before the Committee.

**b) Grievance against NBEMS:**

- 14.17. **Level - 1 Grievance Redressal Mechanism:** Any grievance against the NBEMS related to DNB/DrNB/FNB training and/or exam shall first be attended by the concerned department of NBEMS. Complainant can register their grievance with the concerned department through **Communication Web Portal of NBEMS**, as level - 1 redressal mechanism.
- 14.18. If the complainant is not satisfied with the resolution provided by the respective department of NBEMS, such matters shall be forwarded for further adjudication to the NBEMS Grievance

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Redressal Committee constituted for this purpose along with the resolution provided by the concerned department of NBEMS.

14.19. The representation has to be submitted within one month of disposal of the grievance at level - 1. The Grievance can be submitted by the trainee through a dedicated **Online Grievance Registration Portal**. The decision/resolution provided at Level -1 shall be mandatorily required to be submitted while submitting the Grievance at Level - 2. In case no resolution has been provided despite multiple communications at Communication Web Portal, details of all those communications needs to be provided. Matter cannot be escalated to Level - 2 unless the maximum time sought at NBEMS Communication Web Portal to resolve the matter at Level - 1 has been exhausted.

14.20. No legal person / lawyer shall accompany the trainee under any circumstance

14.21. The trainees shall be given an ample opportunity to present their case before the Committee.

#### **K. Recommendations of the Committee**

14.22. Committee shall make its recommendations subsequent to the representation being made by the trainee. The recommendations shall be approved by the Examination Committee and thereafter the GB will ratify the same, before the final outcome is communicated to the trainee.

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**  
(Department of Health and Family Welfare)  
**NOTIFICATION**  
New Delhi, the 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2016

S.O. 2672(E),-In exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (2) of section 11 of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 (102 of 1956), the Central Government after consulting the Medical Council of India, Hereby Makes the following further amendments in the First Schedule of the Act, namely;

- (i) The following diplomate National Board (DNB), Broad Specialty Courses (three years courses at the Post MBBS level) shall be inserted, namely,

Diplomate National Board (Anatomy)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations, New Delhi on or after August 1984.
Diplomate National Board (Emergency Medicine)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi on or after June, 2013.
Diplomate National Board (Field Epidemiology)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi on or after December 2012.
Diplomate National Board (Immunobematology & Transfussion Medicine)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi on or after December 2008.
Diplomate National Board (Rural Surgery)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi on or after December 2009.

- (ii) The following Diplomate National Board (DNB), Super Specialty Course (three years courses at the Post MD/MS level) shall be inserted, namely

Diplomate National Board (Endocrinology)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations, New Delhi on or after Feb 1989.
Diplomate National Board (Hematology)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations, New Delhi on or after December 2010.
Diplomate National Board (Medical Genetics)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi on or after January, 2015.

Diplomate National Board (Medical Oncology)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi on or after December 2002.
Diplomate National Board (Neonatology)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi on or after June 2005.
Diplomate National Board (Peripheral Vascular Surgery)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi on or after December 2009.
Diplomate National Board (Rheumatology)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi on or after December 2008.
Diplomate National Board (Surgical Gastroenterology)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi on or after January, 2002.
Diplomate National Board (Surgical Oncology)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi on or after December 2006.
Diplomate National Board (Thoracic Surgery)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi on or after January 2014.

(iii) The following Fellowship National Board (FNB), Courses (two years courses at the Post MD/MS level) Shall be inserted, namely,

Fellowship National Board (Critical care Medicine)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations, New Delhi on or after March 2001.
Fellowship National Board (Cardiac Anesthesia)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi on or after January, 2001.
Fellowship National Board (Hand & Micro Surgery)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi on or after February 2002.
Fellowship National Board (High, risk Pregnancy & Perinatology)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi on or after January 2001.
Fellowship National Board (Interventional Cardiology)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi on or after February 2002.

Fellowship National Board (Infectious Disease)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi on or after February 2008.
Fellowship National Board (Laboratory Medicine)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi on or after December 2006.
Fellowship National Board (Minimal Access Surgery)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi on or after December 2000.
Fellowship National Board (Pediatric Hemato Oncology)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi on or after December 2006.
Fellowship National Board (Pediatric Cardiology)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi on or after March 2001.

Fellowship National Board (Pediatric Intensive Care)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi on or after December 2006.
Fellowship National Board (Reproductive Medicine)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi on or after May 2003.
Fellowship National Board (Spine Surgery)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi on or after February 2001.
Fellowship National Board (Trauma Care)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi on or after May 2001.
Fellowship National Board (Vitreoretinal Surgery)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi on or after March 2001.
Fellowship National Board (Paediatric Gastroenterology)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi on or after January 2014.
Fellowship National Board (Sports Medicine)	This shall be recognised medical Qualification When granted by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi on or after January 2014.

**Note:** - The FNB qualifications shall not be treated as a recognised medical qualification for the purpose of teaching faculty.

[No. V.11025/19/2014-MEP]

ALIR. RIZVI, Jt. Secy.

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**No. V 11015/17/83-ME. (Policy)**  
**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY**  
**WELFARE (DEPT. OF HEALTH)**

New Delhi, Dated the 19<sup>th</sup> September, 1983

**NOTIFICATION**

S. O. In exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (2) of section (ii) of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 (102 of 1956), the Central Government after consulting the Medical Council of India, hereby makes the following further amendments in the First Schedule of the Act, namely:

(i) In the entries relating to National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi after the entry Membership of National Academy of Medical Sciences (Microbiology) ..... M.N.A.M.S. (micro) the following entries shall be inserted, namely:

Membership of the National Academy of Medical Science (Family Medicine)	M.N.A.M.S. (Family Medicine)
Membership of the National Academy of Medical Science (Biochemistry)	M.N.A.M.S (Biochemistry)
Membership of the National academy of Medical Science (Nuclear Medicine)	M.N.A.M.S (Nuclear Medicine)
Membership of the National Academy of the Medical Sciences (Clinical Pharmacology and therapeutics)	M.N.A.M.S (Clinical Pharmacology and therapeutics)

(ii) "The M.N.A.M.S. qualifications in various disciplines granted by the National Board of Examinations, New Delhi as included in this Schedule, shall be recognized medical qualifications only when granted on or before 30<sup>th</sup> August, 1982"

(iii) As a result of the change of nomenclature of the medical qualification granted by the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi, from M.N.A.M.S. (Membership of the National Academy of Medical Sciences) to Diplomate NB (Diplomate of National Board), in the entries relating to National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi, after the foot note related to M.N.A.M.S. qualification, etc. following entries shall be inserted, namely.

"The Diplomate of National Board qualification in various disciplines granted by the National Board of Examination, New Delhi, shall be recognized medical qualifications when granted on or after 30th August 1982".

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Diplomate National Board (Physiology)	..... Diplomate N.B. (Phy)
Diplomate National Board (General Medicine)	..... Diplomate N.B. (Gen Med)
Diplomate National Board (General Surgery)	..... Diplomate N.B.(Gen Surg)
Diplomate National Board (Ophthalmology)	..... Diplomate N.B. (Ophthal)
Diplomate National Board (Anesthesiology)	..... Diplomate N.B. (Anaes)
Diplomate National Board (Social and Preventive Medicine)	..... Diplomate N.B. (SPM)
Diplomate National Board (Paediatrics)	..... Diplomate N.B. (Ped)
Diplomate National Board (Psychiatry)	..... Diplomate N.B. (Psy)
Diplomate National Board (Orthopaedics)	..... Diplomate N.B. (Ortho)
Diplomate National Board (Radio-diagnosis)	..... Diplomate N.B. (Radio Dig)
Diplomate National Board (Radio Therapy)	..... Diplomate N.B. (Radiotherapy)
Diplomate National Board (Health Administration including Hospital Administration)	..... Diplomate N.B. (Health Administration)
including	
	Hospital Administration)
Diplomate National Board (Oto-rhinolaryngology)	.....Diplomate N.B. (Otorhino)
Diplomate National Board (Dermatology & Venereology)	..... Diplomate N.B. (Derm & Vener)
Diplomate National Board (Obstetrics & Gynaecology)	..... Diplomate N.B. (Obs & Gynae)
Diplomate National Board (Respiratory Diseases)	..... Diplomate N.B. (Resp disease)
Diplomate National Board (Neuro Surgery)	..... Diplomate N.B. (Neurosurgery)
Diplomate National Board (Paediatric Surgery)	..... Diplomate N.B. (Ped
Surg)	
Diplomate National Board (Neurology)	..... Diplomate N.B.
(Neurology)	
Diplomate National Board (Plastic Surgery)	..... Diplomate N.B. (Plastic Surg)
Diplomate National Board (Genito-Urinary Surgery)	..... Diplomate N.B. (Genitourinary Surg)
Diplomate National Board (Cardio-Thoracic Surgery)	.....Diplomate N.B.(Cardiothoracic Surg)
Diplomate National Board (Physical Medicine Rehabilitation)	..... Diplomate N.B. (Phy. Med & Rehab)
Diplomate National Board (Forensic Medicine)	..... Diplomate N.B. (Forensic Med)
Diplomate National Board (Maternal Child Health)	..... Diplomate N.B. (Maternal Child Health)
Diplomate National Board (Nephrology)	..... Diplomate N.B. (Nephrology)
Diplomate National Board (Cardiology)	..... Diplomate
N.B.(Cardiology)	
Diplomate National Board (Gastro-enterology)	..... Diplomate N.B. (Gastro)
Diplomate National Board (Microbiology)	..... Diplomate N.B. (Micro)
Diplomate National Board (Family Medicine)	..... Diplomate N.B. (Family Medicine)
Diplomate National Board (Pathology)	..... Diplomate N.B. (Pathology)
Diplomate National Board (Biochemistry)	..... Diplomate N.B. (Biochemistry)
Diplomate National Board (Nuclear Medicine)	..... Diplomate N.B. (Nuclear Med)

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Diplomate National Board (Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics) ..... Diplomate N.B. (Clinical  
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Extracts from the National Medical Commission Act, 2019

Recognition of medical qualifications granted by statutory or other body in India.

**37. (1)** The medical qualifications granted by any statutory or other body in India which are covered by the categories listed in the Schedule shall be recognised medical qualifications for the purposes of this Act.

(2) The Diplomate of National Board in broad-speciality qualifications and super-speciality qualifications when granted in a medical institution with attached hospital or in a hospital with the strength of five hundred or more beds, by the National Board of Examinations, shall be equivalent in all respects to the corresponding postgraduate qualification and the super-speciality qualification granted under this Act, but in all other cases, senior residency in a medical college for an additional period of one year shall be required for such qualification to be equivalent for the purposes of teaching also.

## THE SCHEDULE

[See section 37]

LIST OF CATEGORIES OF MEDICAL QUALIFICATIONS GRANTED BY  
STATUTORY BODY OR OTHER BODY IN INDIA

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Categories of medical qualifications</i>
1.	All medical qualifications granted by the Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research, Puducherry.
2.	All medical qualifications granted by All India Institutes of Medical Sciences.
3.	All medical qualifications granted by the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh.
4.	All medical qualifications granted by the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences, Bangalore.
5.	All medical qualifications granted by the National Board of Examination.

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