

**GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA
DIRECTORATE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION**

No.F.5(6)-DME/NEETUGCounselling/2025

Dated, Agartala, the 14 /08/2026.

EDUCATIONAL NOTIFICATION

Round-1 of Tripura Undergraduate Medical Counselling 2026 for admission to MBBS/ BDS/BHMS/ BAMS/ BUMS & BASLP Courses in various colleges against the Tripura State Quota/Domicile seats

AND

For “All India candidates other than Tripura Domicile” seats at Tripura Medical College & Dr. BRAM Teaching Hospital and Tripura Santiniketan Medical College for the session 2026-27 will start from 18/08/2026.

The schedule of the Counselling (as Annexure-A) and the Seat Matrix of all the seats to be distributed in the Tripura Undergraduate Medical Counselling 2026 (as Annexure B), eligibility Criteria for appearing in the Counselling for State Quota/Domicile Seats (Annexure-C), Guidelines for Online Counselling (Annexure-D), Flow Chart of Counselling & Allotment process (Annexure-E), Non-refundable Registration Fees and Mandatory Security deposit (Annexure-F) and Sample Procedure of Distribution of Seats (Annexure-G), Brief procedure of Round-1 to Stray Vacancy Round (Annexure-H), Steps of Online Counselling (Annexure – I) are annexed herewith.

Candidates are also requested to go through every **Annexures minutely before filling up their Application Form** and deposit of Registration Fee (**Non-refundable**). All NEET UG 2026 qualified eligible candidates are requested to register their names along with Registration Fees as indicated in Annexure-F.

Only registered candidates will be eligible for appearing in the Counselling. Admission on allotment is subject to condition that all the Uploaded documents are found authentic, true and correct during the Online & Physical verification.

The reservation for ST, SC, EWS, PwD and WESM candidates will be applied in the Seat Matrix as per Rules. Candidates belonging to ST/SC/ or **OBC (for All India other than Tripura Domicile)** and candidates belonging to eligibility criteria from **1 to 5 (as Annexure C)** shall have also to produce their original authentic certificates during physical verification. Candidates belonging to PwD category shall have to produce their respective **online generated Authentic Certificate** from the Disability Board of Agartala Government Medical College & GBP Hospital, Agartala or any other Disability Board recognized by National Medical Commission(NMC)/Medical Council of India (MCI) for verification. Reservation for **Ward of Ex Serviceman(WESM)** candidates and **Economically Weaker Section(EWS)** candidates will be applicable as per Rules. List of Disability Certification Centres and Certificate Format of **Person with Disability (PwD)** (as **Annexure J**) & EWS are furnished in (as **Annexure K**). All original copies of relevant certificates are **mandatory during physical verification**.

A candidate possessing a valid **Person with Disability (PwD)** certificate cannot claim the PwD sub-category during State Counselling if it was not declared at the time of MCC registration. If a candidate holds



both valid PwD and WESM certificates, only one sub-category to be selected during State Counselling and switching from PwD to WESM after MCC registration during State Counselling is not permitted.

The Portal of the Online Counselling (<https://trmcc.admissions.nic.in>) will be opened on **18-08-2026**. Please see all the Annexures (A to K) as Uploaded for ready reference. Annexure-"A" comprising Schedule of the Counselling including dates of Registration has been attached with this notification. Annexure-"B" comprising seat matrix will be published as per availability of seats in various courses at that point of time. Eligible aspirant candidates are requested to **read the Notification and Annexures carefully** before filling the Online Application Format and Registration for the 1st Round of Counselling and also to visit the said website (<https://trmcc.admissions.nic.in>) regularly for the Date of Registration, Counselling Schedule, Notice/Notification and News/Events or any Modification of Schedule/Steps/Guidelines/Seat Matrix from time to time in the website. All seats will be distributed as per Merit List of Registered eligible candidates only as per Norms, Guidelines of **NEET UG 2026**, Govt. of Tripura and Govt. of India as applicable.

Merit list of Registered Candidates will be duly published in the **Tripura Medical Counselling Committee (TRMCC)** website (trmcc.admissions.nic.in) after completion of the Registration of candidates for Tripura Undergraduate Medical Counselling 2026 and after verifying the eligibility of a candidate.

Candidates are requested to visit regularly the **Tripura Medical Counselling Committee (TRMCC)** website: <https://trmcc.admissions.nic.in> for updates/Notices/Notification which will be published from time to time & websites of concerned Institutions regarding any other Terms and Conditions including Tuition Fees, Hostel facilities etc. The cut off marks will be applicable as declared by NTA/NMC/MoHFW Govt. of India for **NEET UG 2026**.

Candidate should ensure that all the information filled during the online submission of application/ registration form is correct and factual. Information provided by the candidates in the online application/ registration form shall be treated as correct and self-certified and Tripura Medical Counselling Committee shall not entertain, under any circumstances, any request for change in the information provided by the candidates. The data entered by the candidate at the time of registration on NTA portal will be pre-populated and will be used for counselling purposes. Submission of **wrong document** can eventually lead to **cancellation of candidature**.

Candidates must note that the following eligibility conditions must be met:

1. The candidate must have passed in Physics, Chemistry, Biology/Biotechnology, and English individually and must have obtained a minimum of 50% marks taken together in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology/Biotechnology at the qualifying examination. In addition, they must have got a rank in the merit list of NEET (UG)-2026 for admission to Undergraduate Medical Courses.
2. In respect of the candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes or Other Backward Classes (NCL), the minimum marks obtained in Physics, Chemistry and Biology/Biotechnology are taken together in the qualifying examination shall be 40% marks instead of 50% marks for Unreserved and General-EWS Candidates.
3. In respect of PwD candidates, the minimum marks in the qualifying examination in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology (or Botany & Zoology)/Biotechnology taken together shall be 40% instead of 50%.

Candidates are advised to confirm the fee structure/ any other additional fee from the colleges before filling up choices for the same.

NO communication will be directly sent to the Candidate(s). They are advised to be in touch with the **TRMCC** website on regular basis for any updates.

The TRMCC/DME reserves its absolute right to alter, amend, modify or apply any or some of the instructions/guidelines contained in this information bulletin. In case of any ambiguity in interpretation of any of the instructions/terms/rules/criteria regarding the determination of eligibility/conduct of counselling/registration of candidates/ any information contained herein, the interpretation of the TRMCC/DME shall be final and binding in nature.

Candidates are advised to use Laptop or Computer along with the **latest registered version** of Chrome/ Internet Explorer/ Firefox/ Windows/ IOS during the Registration and Choice-Filling process to avoid any technical complications.



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ANNEXURE-A & B

Schedule for Round-1 of Tripura State NEET UG 2026 Online Counselling

The online registration of Round-1 of Tripura Undergraduate Medical Counselling 2026 will start from **18-08-2026**.

The counselling schedule & tentative seat matrix for Round-1 of Tripura Undergraduate Medical Counselling 2026 will be published in a separate notification in the counselling website.



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**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
FOR APPEARING IN THE COUNSELLING OF
TRIPURA STATE QUOTA/DOMICILE SEATS OF
MBBS, BDS, BASLP & AYUSH (UG) COURSES FOR THE
ACADEMIC SESSION 2026-27.**

Eligibility Criteria:

Eligibility Criteria for appearing in the Counseling of State Quota/Domicile Seats for NEET UG qualified candidates (NEET UG 2026 for academic session 2026-27) for admission to Medical/Dental/AYUSH/BASLP courses.

Clause – 1.

The applicant must be an Indian Citizen and a Permanent Resident of Tripura. The applicant or his/her parents must have been residing in the State of Tripura continuously for not less than 10 (ten) years immediately prior to the date of making application for appearing at NEET-UG. **The applicant should not have applied for domicile (as per NEET Brochure) of any State other than Tripura.**

Clause – 2.

Children of All India Services Officers borne in Tripura Cadre and the Children of the Employees of the State Government posted outside Tripura will be eligible to appear at the Counseling irrespective of their prior stay in Tripura.

Clause – 3.

In case a candidate is not permanent resident of Tripura but his / her parent is either on deputation as Officer/employee to the Govt. of Tripura or an Officer/employee of the Central Govt. working in Tripura and has served in Tripura continuously for a period of 3 (three) years or more prior to appearing in the qualifying examination from any School/Institute of Tripura.

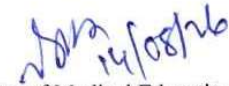
Clause – 4.

In case of wards of Ex-servicemen, either the candidate or his/her parents must have been staying in Tripura continuously for not less than 5 (five) years immediately prior to the date of making application for appearing at NEET Examination and the candidate must have passed H.S.(+2 stage) Examination in the year of NEET Examination from any **School/Institute in India affiliated to Board recognized by Govt. of India/Govt. of Tripura** with subjects in which he/she desires to appear in the NEET.

Clause – 5.

Children of serving Defense Personnel (Army/Navy/Air Force) hailing from Tripura are also allowed to appear for Counseling provided that their children should have stayed in Tripura continuously for not less than 5 (five) years immediately prior to the date of making application for appearing at the NEET Examination and that the candidate must have passed the H.S. (+2 stage) Examination from any Institution of Tripura with the subjects in which he/she desires to appear in the NEET.

In case of any doubt that may arise regarding authenticity of domicile/period of domicile, the same may be got verified from the issuing authority.


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ANNEXURE-D

GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA
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**GUIDELINES OF ONLINE COUNSELLING FOR MBBS, BDS, BASLP & AYUSH (UG) COURSES FOR
 THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2026-27**

The Directorate of Medical Education, Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Tripura has formulated the following guidelines to be adopted for distribution of seats for MBBS/BDS/BHMS/BAMS/BUMS & BASLP Courses through Counselling process by the Counselling Committee for distribution of seats in concerned Institutions for the academic session 2026-27.

1. After official publication of results of NEET UG 2026, Directorate of Medical Education (DME) notifies the date of schedule for the registration of the eligible candidates in the Tripura Counselling portal <https://trmcc.admissions.nic.in>. Then the Directorate Medical Education prepares the merit list of the registered candidates and allotment will be done as per Seat Matrix, Merit list and Choice filled by a candidate in the Counselling for admission in MBBS/ BDS/ BHMS/ BAMS/ BUMS/ BASLP Courses.
2. The Tripura Medical Counselling Committee shall supervise the Counselling of the qualified / eligible candidates for admission into the different Colleges/Institutions inside and outside Tripura every year.
3. **SEAT MATRIX:**
 - (i) State Quota/Domicile Seats – Reservation as per Tripura State Reservation Policy.
 - (ii) For 30(thirty) numbers of MBBS seats at Tripura Medical College (TMC) reserved for **All India Candidates other than Tripura domicile**, the Seat Matrix is prepared by TMC as per Central Reservation Policy, subject to approval of the State Government.
 - (iii) For 75(seventy-five) numbers of MBBS seats at Tripura Santiniketan Medical College reserved for **All India Candidates other than Tripura domicile**, the Seat Matrix is prepared by Tripura Santiniketan Medical College (TSMC) as per Central Reservation Policy subject to approval of the State Government.
4. **Eligibility:**
 - (a) Eligibility Criteria for State Quota/Domicile seats will be as per Eligibility Criteria stated in **Annexure-“C”**
 - (b) Eligibility Criteria for 105(One hundred five) numbers of MBBS seats for **All India candidate other than Tripura Domicile** will be as per Central Govt. norms & NMC guidelines as adopted by the state subject to approval of the State Government.
5. **Steps of Counselling:**
 - (i) NEET UG 2026 Results of candidates of Tripura based on “APPSTATE” criteria is published by DME in the website: <https://dme.tripura.gov.in>
 - (ii) In due Course TRMCC will publish notification for Registration in the Tripura State Counselling (Registration for Round-1 of counselling) for (a) State Domicile/State Quota seats (b) 30 (thirty) seats of the Tripura Medical

College for all India other than Tripura domicile candidate and (c) 75 (seventy-five) seats of the Tripura Santiniketan Medical College for all India other than Tripura domicile candidate.

(iii) Registration portal(<https://trmcc.admissions.nic.in>) will be kept open for a scheduled period during which candidates have to register their names for (a) State domicile seats/State Quota Seats (b) 30 (thirty) seats of TMC for all India candidates other than Tripura domicile (c) 75(seventy-five) numbers of Tripura Santiniketan Medical College for all India other than Tripura domicile candidate.

(iv) After registration process gets completed within the schedule date the merit list will be published following primary screening of candidates' documents.

(v) The Counselling Committee notifies the dates of "choice filling" for the registered candidates. Then the Counselling Committee will proceed for online allotment of seats only for those registered candidates of Tripura Undergraduate Medical Counselling 2026 who are eligible to participate in the Counselling.

(vi) After allotment of seats, Issuance of Nomination will be arranged from the office of DME for the State domicile/State quota seats and for the 'All India other than Tripura domicile' seats.

The nomination letter must be collected by the selected candidate himself/herself physically from the office of DME. All admission to the concerned Institutions as per allotment & Nomination is subject to verification of original documents in the concerned Institutions. Failure to produce original documents or any faulty, tampering, forgery in connection with original documents or any faulty illegible document if found during physical verification or at any point of time will lead to cancellation of Allotment/Nomination or admission in connection with that particular candidate and the said matter may be further processed as per Law.

(vii) After collection of nomination letter physically from the Directorate of Medical Education, the candidate will proceed for admission to the allotted College and have to fulfill the admission criteria of respective College/Institution after the physical verification of the original documents and necessary formalities in the allotted Institution within the schedule time of admission as notified. No admission shall be allowed beyond the last date of admission.

6. The seats not availed by the candidate in Round-1/2/3 of Counselling or availability of new seats after notification of Round-1/2/3 of counselling (if any), will be carried forward for the next Round-2/3/Stray Vacancy Round of Tripura Undergraduate Medical Counselling 2026.

7. Registration for Counselling can only be done online through the provided link (<https://trmcc.admissions.nic.in>). Registration through any other mode shall not be entertained. Registration is mandatory to get a seat by a candidate through Counselling in the Round 1, Round-2, Round-3 and Stray Vacancy Round of Tripura Undergraduate Medical Counselling 2026.

8. If any candidate who surrenders his/her allotted seat in any round of Counselling, he/she cannot claim that seat as his/her own.

For example, if a candidate who may have topped the NEET- UG in the first round Counselling but surrendered his/her seat with the intention of appearing in the subsequent round then he/she cannot claim in the 2nd Counselling that on the basis of rank he/she should be given a college of his / her choice made in Round-1. He / she will now rank with the others who are in the second Counselling and if in the second round of Counselling he / she is

eligible as per merit at Round-2 to a college of his/her choice, he / she will get it. To clarify it further, supposing an unreserved category who is number one in the list gets a college of his/her choice in Round-1 of Counselling, but he/she does not accept the offer or surrenders the seat. In that case, when the second Counselling takes place, if there is no seat left under the unreserved category in the college of his/her choice, then he /she will have to accept the seat in the college which is now offered to him/her in the second round of Counselling as per the availability of seats.

9. All Rounds will be held with the availability of seats at that point of time of concerned Notification and will be furnished accordingly.
- 10.A Candidate who got admitted to an allotted seat during Round-1 of Counselling and gets admitted but subsequently intends to resign/ surrender the seat shall have to apply in written to the admitting authority and also to the Director of Medical Education with an **online surrender certificate** obtained from the admitting Institutions regarding such surrender of the seat within a specified time which will be notified later on.
11. When admission & surrender gets completed, the Directorate of Medical Education shall notify in due course the vacancy status of seats informing about the vacancy status of seats in respect of course/branch and category for holding the for next round of Counselling with schedule & inviting fresh registration of next round.
- 12.A candidate, if admitted to a Round 2 allotted seat, can upgrade but cannot resign. In case of resignation of Round-2 admitted seat, the candidate's security deposit will be forfeiture.
- 13.The Security Deposit will be forfeited if a candidate has been allotted a seat in the Second Round or subsequent rounds and does not join the respective institution. Also, the Security Deposit will be forfeited if the admission gets cancelled due to any reason. E.g. in case the candidate gives wrong information at the time of registration based on which a seat may be allotted and later cancelled by the Admission Authorities at the time of reporting or fails to produce the required documents at the time of admission (within stipulated time).
- 14.If the candidate is allotted a Round-3 seat and subsequently joined **cannot upgrade or resign**. If the candidate is allotted a Round-3 seat, and NOT joined will be considered as **exit with forfeiture and elimination** (cannot participate in further rounds of counselling)
- 15.The candidates shall have to be present physically during the period of the document verification process in the allotted Institution before admission.
- 16.Admission of Candidate to a certain College/Institution will be subject to the fulfillment of other eligibility/Admission criteria, of the respective admitting College/Institution/University, including the cut-off marks in NEET UG 2026 of the respective category, Age of the candidate, beside other NEET Eligibility.
- 17.There will be no waiting list of the candidates at the time of Counselling. In successive occasions, fresh Counselling will be held as per procedure and Notification will be published in the website of TRMCC with available seat at that round.
- 18.No separate call letter will be issued to any candidate.
- 19.If a Candidate got admitted to an allotted a seat in the current year whether in or outside the State on the basis of the result NEET-UG-2026, he/she will not be entitled for allotment of another seat unless he / she has surrendered the earlier allotted seat in writing within the specified time to the admitting authority and produce the Surrender certificate issued by the admitting Institution to Directorate of Medical Education in due time.

20. If any seats viz MBBS/BDS/BHMS/BAMS/BUMS/BASLP courses are available after publication of seat matrix, then those will be placed in the seat matrix of the next round of Counselling.
21. Without production of the original relevant certificates a candidate shall not be allowed for admission to an allotted Institute.
22. Tripura State Merit List will be published on the website: <https://trmcc.admissions.nic.in>
23. A candidate applying under Clause-1 of Eligibility Criteria should not apply for domicile seat of any State other than Tripura. A self-declaration in this regard will have to be given in the online State Counselling registration form. If the candidate is found to violate these domicile / or other eligibility criteria by supplying wrong/false information, his / her candidature of Counselling/Admission/Allotted/ Nomination is liable to be cancelled at any point of time.
24. A candidate admitted to a Round-1 allotted seat, participates in Round-2 for intention of upgradation of his/her choice of seat or Institution but fails to get an allotment in Round 2 then if he/she at that point of time intend to surrender his/her seat which he/she gets admitted in round-1 now wants to get a chance in the Round-3, then he/she can resign/surrender his/her seat by applying to admitting Institution and he/she have to submit the surrender acceptance letter from the admitting Institution to the office of the DME physically.
25. A candidate, allotted seat in round-2 can still participate in Round-3 after surrendering the round -2 allotted seat with forfeiture of his/her security deposit. But if he/she gets admitted to a round -2 allotted seat, he/she can upgrade but cannot resign.
26. Proper authentic certificates shall have to be possessed by a candidate and shall have to be shown at any point of time including during physical verification in support of any particular Reservation Category, State domicile Eligibility, Qualifying marks and rank other eligibility conditions, Date of Birth etc.
27. Candidates are instructed to visit TRMCC website-<https://trmcc.admissions.nic.in> regularly for any Updates, Notifications, Modifications, Notices issued from time to time regarding the said Counselling.
28. All candidates intending to avail State Quota seats of Tripura will have to submit an Undertaking stating that he/she is applying for State Quota Domicile seat of Tripura only and never applied or will apply for any other State Quota seat for this academic session of 2026-27.
29. Reservation Criteria of ST/SC for State Quota/ Domicile seats will be as per State of Tripura Reservation Rules.
30. Reservations of EWS /PwD for State Quota seat will be as per existing Rules and Guidelines as applicable for Tripura State in accordance with MCI/ NMC Norms.
31. Reservation for WESM for State quota seats will be as per existing rules & guidelines as applicable for Tripura State.
32. All Certificates of Reservation should be in Prescribed Form signed by the Prescribed authority with validity (wherever applicable) as per Rule.
33. In case of any doubt/dispute, the information in respect of the above-mentioned subject matters as provided in respective regulations/ notifications of the concerned Regulatory bodies shall be considered as authentic and final. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Information Bulletin, the decision of NTA/MoH&FW/NMC/MCI/DGHS/DCI/MoA/CCIM/NCH/TRMCC/Health & Family Welfare Department, Govt. of Tripura shall be final and binding.



34. All disputes pertaining to the conduct of Tripura Undergraduate medical Counselling 2026 and allotment of seats shall fall within jurisdiction of Agartala, Tripura only.
35. There will be 4(four) rounds of Counselling out of which Round-1 & Round-2 & Round-3 and Stray Vacancy round will be conducted in online mode by the Tripura Medical Counselling Committee subjecting to the availability of seats.
36. There may be need to conduct a Stray Vacancy Offline Round of Counselling in the event of still vacant seats after Round-3 and in that case the Stray Vacancy Round may be conducted by the admitting Institutions of Tripura or by Counselling committee in offline mode which will be declared in due course. Data will be shared with Centre and the States after Round 3 and if any candidate has his name in the list of allotted candidates in either Centre or State, then such candidates shall be eliminated from the Stray Vacancy Round.
37. There will be NO AIQ Seats reverted to State Quota.
38. The Eligibility, Guidelines, Steps of Counselling, Procedures of distribution of seats will be in accordance with existing Rules & Guidelines as per MCI/ NMC Norms/ Government of Tripura Norms and subject to change as per latest Notification from NMC directives from Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India and directives from Govt. of Tripura or any directives/ verdict from the Court of Law.
39. TRMCC reserves the right to withdraw/cancel any allotment/selection/nomination/admission if any found to be had been granted or allowed in advertently to any candidate at any point of time who is not eligible to appear/of participate in the Counselling or not eligible to be allotted/selected/nominated/admitted against a seat at any point of time.

40. **Communication protocols:**

By Email : trmcc.neet@gmail.com

By Post: Directorate of Medical Education, Government of Tripura, Bidurkarta Chowmuhan, Agartala.

41. Preferred and early mode of handling all the Counselling related queries by e-mail. Queries may only be process if the same are sent through registered email ID of a candidate who has already registered himself/herself for the said Counselling. Following information such as Name of the candidate, Mobile No, NEET Rank, Roll No., E-mail ID in respect of NEET UG 2026 must be provided in e-mail/letters to Director of Medical Education, Govt. of Tripura. Queries shall not be entertained from persons claiming themselves to be representatives, associates or officiate of the candidates.

A candidate can submit his/her registration and application Form only once. Multiple registration/ submission of the application from a candidate applying as different category and profile of seat shall be rejected. **DO NOT SHARE YOUR USER ID OR PASSWORD TO ANY BODY.**

42. Candidates are instructed to ensure that no mandatory Column in Online Application form be left blank. Candidates should go through all the particulars and information asked and fill up those meticulously.
43. TRMCC disclaims any liability that may arise due to incorrect information provided by the candidate during Online Application Form submission or during Online Registration or in uploading relevant documents in this Tripura Undergraduate Medical Counselling 2026.
44. **Online Certificate of Disability for PWD candidates** shall have to be in prescribed format and signed by Designated Authority.

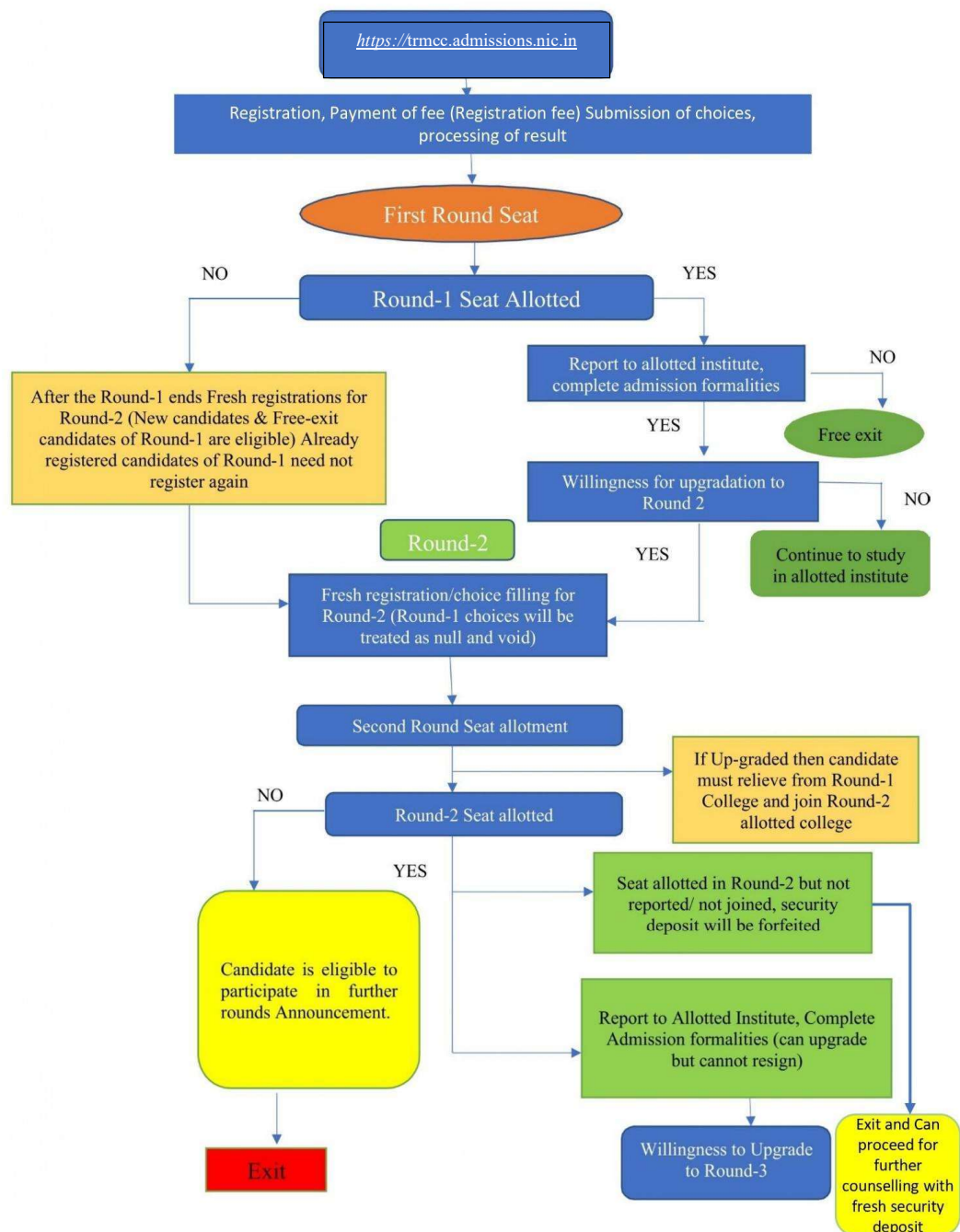
45. Income and Assets Certificate to be produced by eligible **Economically Weaker Sections (EWS)** shall have to be in prescribed format and signed by designated issuing authority as belonging to EWS for an eligible EWS candidate **(for the financial year APRIL, 2025 TO MARCH, 2026)**.
46. **WESM certificate** also shall be issued from the prescribed authority (Department of Sainik Welfare, Tripura) denoting & satisfying the Clause of eligibility.
47. Eligibility for qualifying criteria for appearing in NEET UG 2026 and State Eligibility (here for domicile seat only) as well as eligibility criteria of respective Institutions shall determine the ultimate eligibility of candidate to get a seat as per merit and Seat Matrix accordingly for admission to MBBS/BDS/BHMS/BAMS/BUMS and BASLP.
- Candidates are instructed to visit the <https://trmcc.admissions.nic.in> website regularly and go through every Annexures/Notices/Updates/ Notifications in connection with Tripura Undergraduate Medical Counselling 2026.
48. In event of any unprecedented circumstance any round of Tripura Undergraduate Medical Counselling 2026 may be performed Offline.
49. Educational Notification containing schedule of the Counselling including schedule of Online registration and choice filling by the candidates and the last date of admission for the Round-1 and subsequent round of Tripura Undergraduate medical Counselling 2026 will be notified accordingly.
50. Relevant **Service Bond and Discontinuation Bond** will be applicable to the admitted candidates in respect of their courses and Institution and shall have to be executed by the candidate during nomination/admission.
51. Registration Fees and mandatory security deposit from Round -1 onwards is applicable to every candidate intending to Participate in the Counselling which will have to be deposited via Net Banking/RTGS/NEFT/UPI.
52. EWS & WESM status are to be established through uploading of document and PwD through Online Certification from NEET certified Institutions for PwD certification.
53. All admission will be provisional till final approval from NMC.
54. In case of any objection, the burden of proof shall be with the objector and such objection shall have to be submitted within 2(two) days and the decision of the TRMCC shall be final and binding upon all.
55. Eligibility should be as per domicile eligibility criteria for State UG Counselling for State domicile seats.
56. The details of the documents to be uploaded during registration are as follows:

Serial No.	Certificates	Documents to be uploaded
1.	Age Proof	Birth Certificate/Class X Admit Card/Class X pass certificate
2.	Clause Supporting Documents	1) Clause-1: PRTC of the candidate/PRTC of the parents. 2) Clause 2: Parents service certificate clearly mentioning about service in the state of Tripura. 3) Clause 3: Parents service/deputation certificate issued by the appointing authority. 4) Clause 4: Valid Certificate of WESM issued from the Rajya Sainik Board. 5) Clause 5: Service certificate of the parents along with candidate's class 12th admit card /marksheet. However, if any other clause supporting document is submitted confirming the eligibility of the candidate is

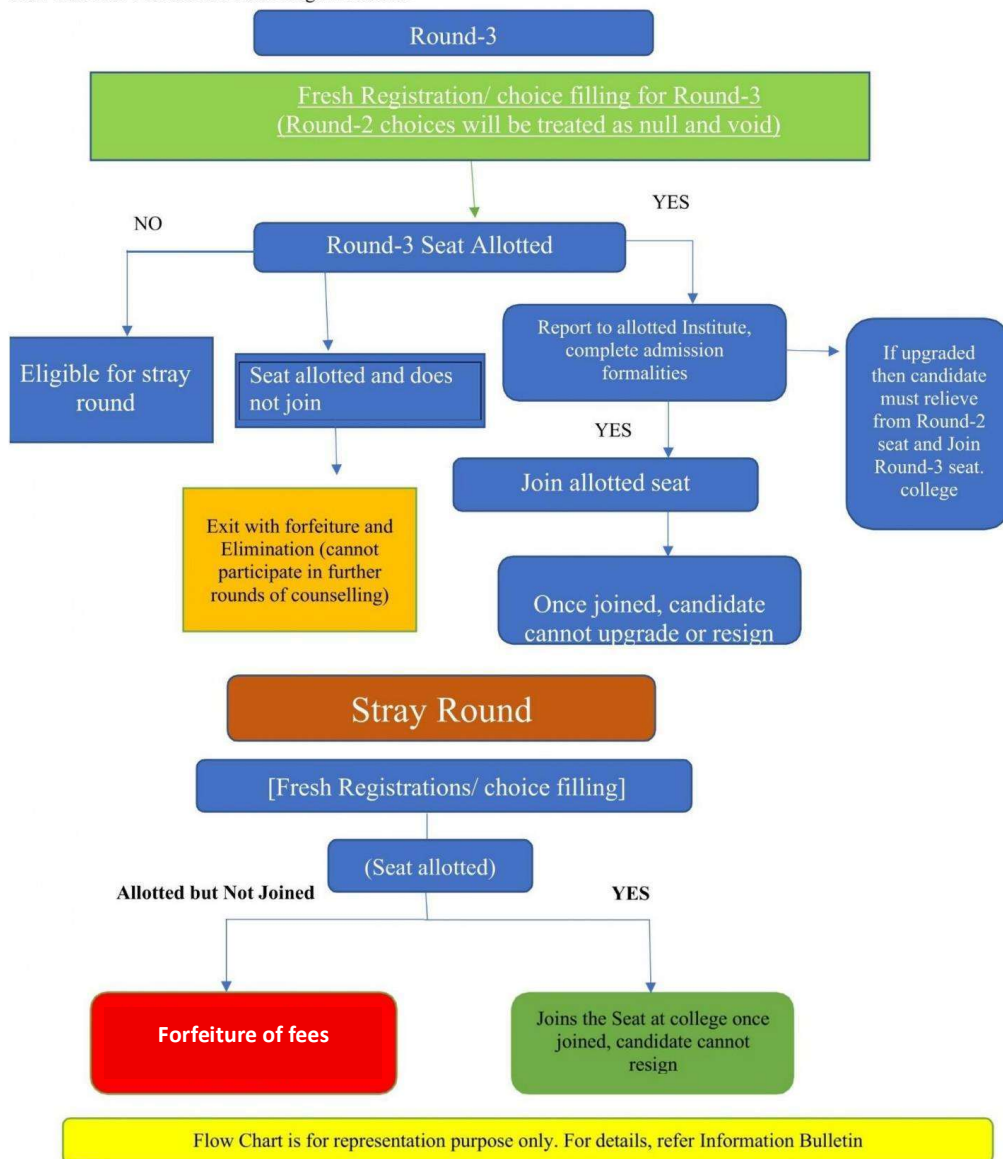
		subject to be verified by the Tripura Medical counselling Committee (TRMCC).
3.	Economically Weaker Section (EWS)	EWS certificate issued from the appropriate authority for the financial year 2025-26.
4.	Ward of Ex-Serviceman (WESM)	Valid WESM certificate for NEET-UG 2026 issued from the Rajya Sainik Board.
5.	SC/ST/OBC-NCL	SC/ST/OBC-NCL Certificate issued by the competent authority.
6.	Disability Certificate	Issued from a duly constituted and authorized Medical Board in an ONLINE format by the designated centers as per NMC norms. NO other PWD certificate, issued by any other Authority/Hospital will be entertained.
7.	H.S(+2) Mark sheet	H.S(+2) Marksheet (In case of Grades are awarded instead of secured marks/percentage, then the details of Grade to the corresponding marks/percentage must be produced by any supporting official document)
8.	NEET 2026 score Card	Latest NEET Score Card 2026
9.	NEET 2026 Admit Card	NEET-2026 Admit Card


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FLOWCHART FOR PROCESS OF COUNSELLING



Flow Chart for Process of Counselling ... continue



NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEES FOR ONLINE NEET UG 2026 COUNSELLING

Online Submission of Application Form with Registration Fees by the Candidate		Registration Fees for Counselling
Category	General/ OBC-NCL-(State Domicile) *	Rs.2500/-
	General-EWS(State Domicile)/ OBC-NCL- (Non-Domicile) **	Rs. 2000/-
	SC/ST/PwD/Other	Rs. 1800/-

*Registration fees for the candidates under OBC-NCL (Non creamy Layer) category registering for State quota/Domicile seats will be as per registration fees for General candidate.

** Registration fees for the candidates under OBC-NCL (Non creamy Layer) category registering for All India other than Tripura seats will be as per registration fees for General-EWS candidate.

MANDATORY SECURITY DEPOSIT FOR ROUND-1 AND SUBSEQUENT ROUNDS**For Government College Seats-**

For SC/ST category candidate Rs.5,000/-(Rupees five thousand) only.

For other category candidate Rs.10,000/-(Rupees ten thousand) only.

For Non-Government or both Non-Government & Government College Seats

For all category candidates Rs.1,00,000/-/(Rupees one Lakh) only

Both 'Registration fees' and 'Security Deposit' have to be submitted during the 1st round of Counselling (at the time of 1st round registration)


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**PROCEDURE OF DISTRIBUTION OF SEATS IN THE COUNSELLING FOR
MBBS, BDS, BASLP & AYUSH (UG) COURSES FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2026-27**

1. Tripura State Merit List of registered candidates will be generated. Anyone irrespective of any category can opt UR seat as per merit and also as per the candidates' individual choice filling from the available seats. After fulfilling the eligibility criteria, the seat will be allotted to the respective candidate as per the merit and candidates' own choice from the available seats. The seats will be distributed as per Tripura State Reservation policy from the common Merit List as per availability of seats for a particular course in a particular Institution based upon the preference of online choice filling of a particular candidate.
2. If the candidate belongs to ST/SC category with eligible Rank/Marks (as per Common Merit List) he/she will be selected for a seat of a particular course in a particular Institution in any one of the following cases: -
 - (a) A candidate of ST/SC category will be offered to opt any UR seat from the available seats of a particular course in a particular Institution according to his/her choice if his/her merit position permits. In that case one UR seat will be reduced from that particular Institution.
 - (b) The vacant seats in reserved category will be filled up as per approved roster and existing rules of distribution of seats.
3. Seats reserved for PwD/WESM will be distributed as per the existing norms/Roster and guidelines of the Government of Tripura.
4. The **conversion of seats** may be carried out **during the Round 3 Counselling/Stay Vacancy round**. The said conversion will be done only when the eligible Candidates belonging to the said Conversion Category have exhausted.



5. The conversion of seats during the Round 3 Counselling/Stay Vacancy round of counselling as per MCC schedule or approval from the Government of Tripura are as follows

- SC (PwD/WESM) → SC
- ST (PwD/WESM) → ST
- UR (PwD/WESM) → UR
- EWS → UR
- ST → SC
- SC → ST
- ST/SC → UR
- OBC (for candidates other than Tripura) → UR (for candidates other than Tripura).

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I/C Director of Medical Education,
Government of Tripura

BRIEF PROCEDURE OF TRIPURA UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL COUNSELLING 2026 IN TABULAR FORMAT

Tripura Undergraduate Medical Counselling 2026	Non-Refundable Registration Fees	Refundable Mandatory Security Deposit All Rounds of Counselling	Not Joined Allotted College	Joined Allotted College
Round - 1	Yes	Yes	Free Exit (can participate in further rounds of counselling)	Can upgrade to Round-2. After upgradation must relieve from Round-1 college
Round - 2	Yes (if not registered in round-1)	Yes For: 1. Freshly Registered candidates 2. If not deposited in Round-1	Exit with forfeiture of Security deposit (can participate in further rounds of counselling with fresh security deposit)	Can upgrade but cannot resign. After upgradation must relieve from Round-2 college
Round-3	Yes (if not registered in round-1 or round-2)	Yes For: 1. Freshly Registered candidates 2. Those who have exited with forfeiture of security deposit in Round-2	Exit with forfeiture and Elimination (cannot participate in further rounds of counselling)	Cannot upgrade or resign.
Stray Vacancy Round	Yes (if not registered in round-1 or round-2 or round-3)	Yes For: 1. Freshly Registered candidates 2. If not deposited in Round-1 or Round-2 or Round-3 3. Those who have exited with forfeiture of security deposit in Round-2	Forfeiture of fees	Cannot resign

N.B.-Registration Fees and Security Deposit are mandatory for all candidates in each and every round of counselling. Everyone has to register once only. Those who have already registered in any round, need not require to register in next round.

**GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA
DIRECTORATE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION**

**GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING STEPS OF ONLINE COUNSELING FOR
UNDER GRADUATE COURSES OF MBBS, BDS, BASLP & AYUSH COURSES FOR THE
SESSION 2026-27**

1. Registration is a must for a candidate to be eligible for the Online Counseling. The same information and the documents submitted during online application form fill up of NEET UG 2026 Examination have to be submitted during registration of Tripura Undergraduate Medical Counselling 2026. Any change of information and documents will not be accepted.
2. There will be 03 (three) rounds and Stray vacancy round of counselling or as per any other notification from GOI (Govt. of India) /NMC (National Medical Commission)/ MCI (Medical Council of India) / NTA (National Testing Agency) / Hon'ble Supreme Court of India issued from time to time.
3. Fresh registration can be done in all rounds of counselling. The candidates who did not/could not register their names in any round must register their names in the subsequent rounds.
4. Candidates once registered in any round need not register their names for subsequent rounds. But security deposit is mandatory for all candidates for participation in Round-1 and subsequent rounds.
5. All rounds of Counselling will be online, and the distribution of categories will be as per Government of Tripura rules.
6. The counseling will be as per procedure of each candidate in the order of preference opted for different courses & colleges by a candidate.
7. **Any admitted candidate can upgrade in Round-2 & Round-3 of counselling by exercising choice filling option in Round-2 & Round-3 of counselling through counselling portal. Any offline communication regarding upgradation of seats will not be entertained.**
8. **The allotment of any seat in second/third Round will automatically cancel his/her earlier allotted/admitted seat.**
9. Any seats after 1st, 2nd and 3rd rounds of counseling if remains vacant or new seats be made available by GOI or any other source will be placed in the subsequent round of counselling with proper Educational Notification.

The final Tripura State Merit List will be prepared from the candidates who have registered in the Tripura Counseling Portal (<https://trmcc.admission.nic.in>) Physical Verification of Documents/Certificates etc. will be done by allotted Colleges before admission. Allotment/Nomination will automatically be cancelled for a candidate, if he/she does not clear Physical Verification process.

10. The final Tripura State Merit List will be published on the following website: (<https://trmcc.admission.nic.in>)
11. The schedule of the whole process of the counseling and registration thereof will be published in the Educational Notification from the Directorate of Medical Education in due course in accordance with the guidelines & directives of NMC/MCI/NTA/GOI/Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
12. In the event of any technical snag or any other unprecedented situation like preventing lapse of seats in the academic year 2026-27, counselling may have to be taken in offline mode, notification regarding any changes or modification of which shall be published in the website accordingly.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. No. 1: Is it necessary to join allotted Medical/Dental College of Round 1 to get chance to participate in Round 2?

Ans: No, candidates need not report or join the allotted college of Round 1 since there is free exit.

However, if they want to retain the Round 1 seat and upgrade in round 2 they have to physically join the college of Round 1 and give up-gradation willingness for Round 2 at the time of admission.

Q. No. 2: If a candidate does not report at the allotted college during Round 2 whether he has to register again for Round 3?

Ans: - Yes, Candidate security amount will be forfeited and he can participate in Round 3 only with Fresh Payment.

Q. No. 3: Who are eligible for 2nd Round of allotment?

Ans: Candidates eligible for seat allotment in 2nd round would be from one of the following groups:

Group-I: Registered candidates who did not get any seat allotment in the 1st round.

Group-II: Registered candidates who have secured seat & whose 1st round of allotted seat got cancelled during the document verification on reporting to Institution for admission will be considered for allotment of seat in the next round of seat allotment, with changed Category, subject to availability of seat in respective category.

Group-III: Candidates who have reported at allotted institute during 1st round of allotment and submitted willingness for second round up-gradation as Yes.

Group- IV: Candidates who have been allotted a seat but Not Joined.

Group V: Candidates who have resigned during the time frame from the allotted seat of first round at college.

Q. No. 4: Who are not eligible for 2nd Round of allotment?

Ans (a) Candidate who has become non-eligible due to having inadequate documents as per Eligibility Criteria.

(b) Who have not registered in Round 1 or Round 2.

Q. No. 5: Who are eligible for 3rd Round of allotment?

Ans: Candidates eligible for seat allotment in 3rd round would be from one of the following groups:

Group-I: Registered candidates who did not get any seat allotment in the Round 1 or Round 2.

Group-II: Registered candidates who have secured seat & whose 2nd round of allotted seat got cancelled during the document verification on reporting for admission will be considered for allotment of seat in the next round of seat allotment, with changed Category, subject to availability of seat in respective category.

Group-III: Candidates who have reported at allotted institute during 2nd round of allotment and submitted willingness for third round up-gradation as Yes.

Group- IV: Candidates who have been allotted a seat in Round 2 but did not join or resign and exited after forfeiture of fees.

Q. No. 6: Who are not eligible for 3rd Round of allotment?

Ans: (a) Candidate who has become non-eligible due to having inadequate documents as per Eligibility Criteria.

(b) Who have not registered in Round 1 or Round 2 or Round 3.

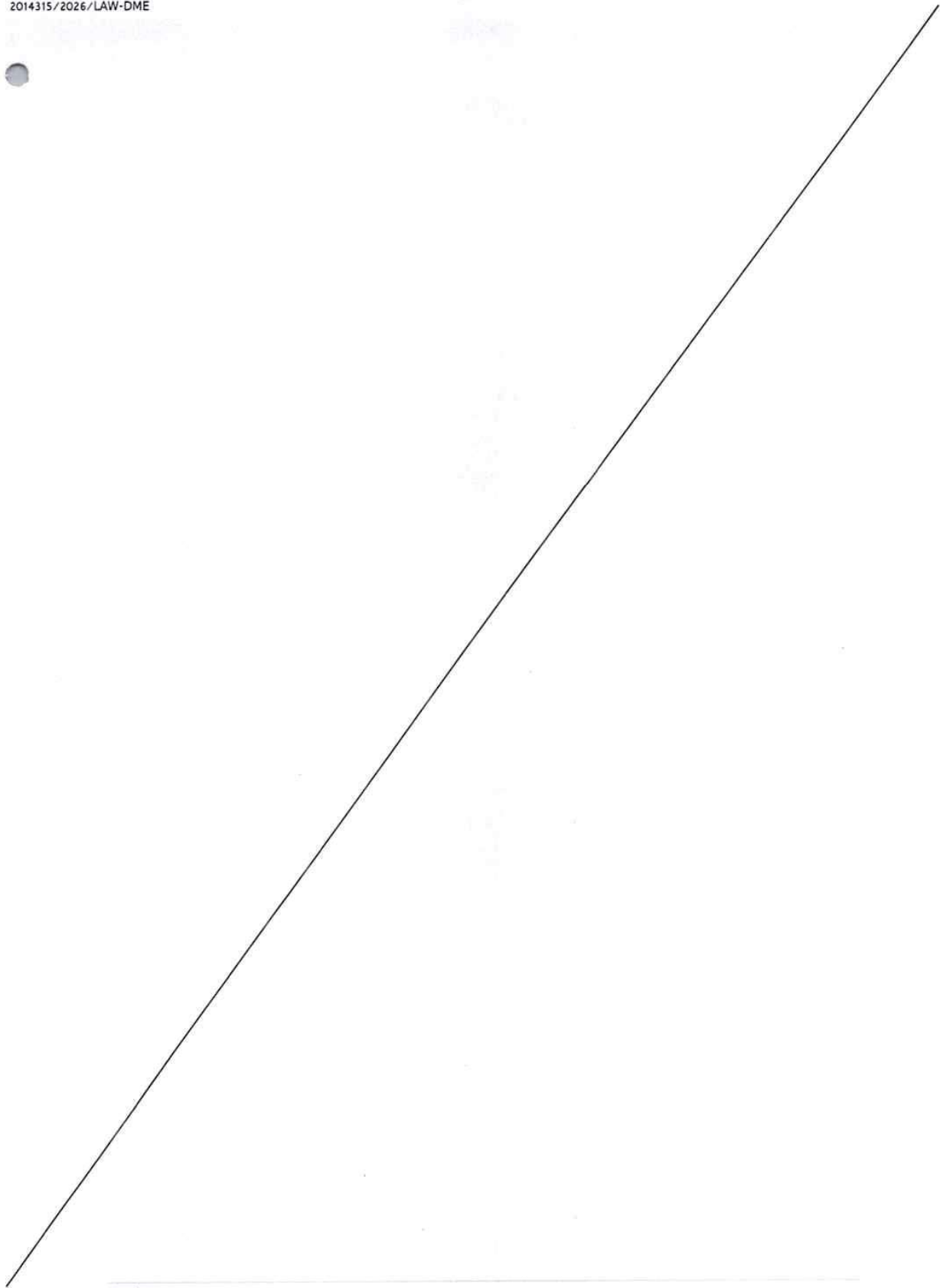
Q. No.7: If I opt to participate in second/third round of counseling whether my allotted seat (of previous round) will be cancelled?

Ans: In case you are not allotted any seat in the second round, you will retain earlier allotted seat in Round 1. Similarly, in case you are not allotted any seat in the third round, you will retain earlier allotted seat in Round 2. However, on up-gradation of a seat in second round or third round, the earlier allotted seat in First Round or Second Round respectively will automatically be cancelled and allotted to another candidate. You will also have **NO claim** over the earlier seat. Therefore, you are advised to fill in only higher choices or any other choice which you prefer over the earlier allotted seat, for subsequent rounds of counseling.

Q. No. 8: Who are not eligible for Stray Vacancy Round?

Ans. Following categories of Candidates are not eligible for Stray Vacancy Round: -

- a) Candidates who have not registered for Stray Vacancy Round.
- b) Candidate **joined/holding** any seat at the time of Stray Vacancy Round.
- c) Candidates allotted a seat in Round 3 and NOT REPORTED.



Annexure J

SCHEDULE – II
[See Clause 12.6]

ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE

Issued by the Medical Assessment Board

1. Candidate Particulars

1. Name of Candidate: _____
2. Father's/Mother's/Guardian's Name: _____
3. Date of Birth: ____/____/____
4. Gender: _____
5. NEET Roll Number: _____
6. Application/Registration Number: _____
7. UDID Number: _____
8. Disability Certificate Number and Date: _____

2. Medical Assessment Board

1. Name of Medical Assessment Board: _____
2. Institution/Hospital: _____
3. Date(s) of Assessment: ____/____/____
4. Place of Assessment: _____

3. Nature of Disability

1. Category of Disability: _____
2. Medical Diagnosis: _____
3. Nature and Extent of Disability: _____
4. Percentage of Benchmark Disability (where applicable): _____%

Note: The determination of eligibility has not been made solely on the basis of the diagnosis, category of disability, or percentage of benchmark disability.

4. Functional Competency Assessment

The Medical Assessment Board has assessed the candidate with reference to the essential competencies prescribed under the Competency Based Medical Education (CBME) Curriculum.

The Board records the following findings:

5. Assessment of Reasonable Accommodation

The Medical Assessment Board has considered the requirement and feasibility of providing reasonable accommodation, assistive technology, or other support measures.

Accommodation(s) considered:

Accommodation(s) recommended (if any):

If no accommodation is recommended, reasons:

6. Assessment of Ability to Complete the MBBS Course

The Medical Assessment Board is satisfied that the candidate:

- ☐ Is capable of successfully completing the MBBS Course and acquiring the essential competencies prescribed under the CBME Curriculum.
- ☐ Is capable of successfully completing the MBBS Course subject to the reasonable accommodation(s) specified above.
- ☐ Is not capable of acquiring the essential competencies prescribed under the CBME Curriculum despite consideration of reasonable accommodation.

Reasons:

7. Patient Safety Assessment

The Medical Assessment Board has evaluated whether the disability poses any demonstrable risk to patient safety.

Findings:

Where any risk has been identified, the Board records whether such risk can be mitigated through reasonable accommodation:

8. Final Determination

After considering—

- (a) the candidate's demonstrated functional competency;
- (b) the feasibility of reasonable accommodation and assistive technology;
- (c) the ability to successfully complete the MBBS Course and acquire the prescribed competencies; and
- (d) considerations relating to patient safety,

the Medical Assessment Board hereby certifies that the candidate is:

- ☐ Eligible
- ☐ **Eligible with Reasonable Accommodation**

Recommended Accommodation(s):

☐ IneligibleReasons (to be recorded in accordance with Clause 12.4):

_____**9. Declaration of the Medical Assessment Board**

The Medical Assessment Board certifies that this determination has been made after conducting an individualized assessment based on objective medical and functional evidence, taking into account the essential competencies prescribed under the Competency Based Medical Education (CBME) Curriculum, the feasibility of reasonable accommodation and assistive technology, and considerations relating to patient safety. The determination has not been based solely on the diagnosis, category of disability, or percentage of benchmark disability.

10. Signatures**Name of Member Designation Signature**

Chairperson Member Member

Member Member

Date: ____/____/____

Place: _____

(Official Seal of the Medical Assessment Board)

The List of Primary Medical Assessment Boards who will issue Eligibility Certificates as per NMC norms to PwD candidates in support of their claim to avail 5% PwD reservation is as follows:

S/No.	Name of Medical Assessment Board	City/State	Specialities Available for which Eligibility Certificate can be issued as per category of Disabilities mentioned in Eligibility Certificate
1.	All India Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AIIPMR)	Mumbai	For Locomotor Disability only
2.	Goa Medical College	Goa	All Disabilities as mentioned in Eligibility Certificate except Speech Disability.
3.	Government Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram	Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala	All Disabilities as mentioned in Eligibility Certificate. Ophthalmology Tests to be conducted at Regional Institute of Ophthalmology, Thiruvananthapuram under GMC Thiruvananthapuram
4.	SMS Medical College	Jaipur, Rajasthan	All Disabilities as mentioned in Eligibility Certificate except: Neurology- Genetic Testing ENT- Speech & Language Disability Testing Orthopaedics/PMR- GoniometerAdult. Plumb Line, Hand Dynamometer, Laser
5.	Govt. Medical College and Hospital, Sector32	Chandigarh	All Disabilities as mentioned in Eligibility Certificate
6.	Govt. Medical College, Agartala, State Disability Board	Agartala/Tripura	All Disabilities as mentioned in Eligibility Certificate
7.	Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities, Bandra, Mumbai	Mumbai, Maharashtra	For Hearing Disabilities only
8.	AIIMS, Nagpur	Nagpur, Maharashtra	All Disabilities as mentioned in Eligibility Certificate
9.	Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Medical Sciences & RML Hospital, New Delhi. (ABVIMS & RMLH)	New Delhi	All Disabilities as mentioned in Eligibility Certificate except ENT For Visual Disability: Candidates who use LVAs may bring their own LVAs which can be checked.
10.	Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals (LHMC)	New Delhi	All Disabilities as mentioned in Eligibility Certificate
11.	All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru	Mysuru, Karnataka	For Speech & Hearing Disabilities only

12	Uttar Pradesh University of Medical Sciences, Saifai, Etawah-206130	Uttar Pradesh
13	King George Medical University, Lucknow, U.P.	Uttar Pradesh
14	Civil Hospital, Ahmedabad	Gujarat
15	New Civil Hospital, Surat	Gujarat
16	PDU Hospital, Rajkot	Gujarat
17	Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh	Assam
18	Gauhati Medical College, Guwahati	Assam
19	Silchar Medical College, Silchar	Assam
20	Madurai Medical College & Govt. Rajaji Hospital, Madurai	Tamil Nadu
21	Coimbatore Medical College Hospital	Tamil Nadu
22	Thanjavur Medical College, Thanjavur	Tamil Nadu
23	Zoram Medical College & Hospital, Falkawn, Mizoram	Mizoram
24	Dr Sushila Tiwari Memorial Government Hospital (under Government Medical College, Haldwani)	Uttarakhand
25	Indira Gandhi Medical College & Hospital, Shimla-171001	Himachal Pradesh
26	Dr. Rajendra Prasad Govt. Medical College & Hospital, Kangra at Tanda.	Himachal Pradesh
27	Government Doon Medical College, Dekhrakhas Patel Nagar, Dehradun-248001	Uttarakhand
28	Pt. BD Sharma Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Rohtak	Haryana
29	AIIMS Bilaspur	Himachal Pradesh
30	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Raipur, Chhattisgarh	Chhattisgarh

31	Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru Memorial Medical College, Raipur Chhattisgarh	Chhattisgarh
32	Chhattisgarh Institute of Medical Sciences, Bilaspur	Chhattisgarh
33	Late Shri Baliram Kashyap Memorial Medical College, Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh	Chhattisgarh
34	Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute (BMCRI), Bengaluru – State Capital Centre	Karnataka
35	Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMCRI), Mysuru – Regional Centre (South Zone)	Karnataka
36	Karnataka Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), Hubballi – Regional Centre (Central Zone)	Karnataka
37	Belagavi Institute of Medical Sciences (BIMS), Belagavi – Regional Centre (West Zone)	Karnataka
38	Gulbarga Institute of Medical Sciences (GIMS), Kalaburagi – Regional Centre (North-East Zone)	Karnataka
39	Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) Ranchi	Jharkhand
40	Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Medical College, Jamshedpur	Jharkhand
41	SSG Hospital, Vadodara	Gujarat
42	G.G.Hospital, Jamnagar	Gujarat
43	Sir.T. Hospital, Bhavnagar	Gujarat
44	PMCH, Patna	Bihar
45	NMCH, Patna	Bihar
46	IGIMS, Patna	Bihar
47	DMCH, Darbhanga	Bihar
48	JLNMCH, Bhagalpur	Bihar
49	ANMMCH, Gaya JI	Bihar

50	SKMCH, Muzaffarpur	Bihar
51	GMC, Bettiah	Bihar
52	BMIMS, Pawapuri, Nalanda	Bihar
53	JKTMC&H, Madhepura	Bihar
54	Andhra Medical College/King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam	Andhra Pradesh
55	Guntur Medical College/Govt. General Hospital, Guntur	Andhra Pradesh
56	Kurnool Medical College/Govt General Hospital, Kurnool	Andhra Pradesh
57	RIMS, Imphal	Manipur
58	All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Bhubaneswar	Bhubaneswar, Odisha
59	Andaman & Nicobar Islands Institute of Medical Sciences	Andaman And Nicobar
60	AIIMS Bibinagar	Telengana
61	AIIMS Jammu	Jammu
62	JIPMER Pondicherry	Pondicherry
63	AIIMS Bhopal	Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
64	NAMO Medical Education & Research Institute	Dadar & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu
65	NEIGRIHMS	Shillong, Meghalaya

**All the Primary Medical Assessment Boards have been instructed to include one PwBD Doctor/
Health Professional (regular employee) as Member of Medical Assessment Boards**

Annexure-K

Proforma for EWS Certificate

Government of
(Name & Address of the authority issuing the certificate)

INCOME & ASSEST CERTIFICATE TO BE PRODUCED BY ECONOMICALLY WEAKER SECTIONS

Certificate No. _____

Date: _____

VALID FOR THE YEAR _____

This is to certify that Shri/Smt./Kumari _____ son/daughter/wife of _____ permanent resident of _____ Village/Street _____ Post. Office _____ District _____ in the State/Union Territory _____ Pin Code _____ whose photograph is attested below belongs to Economically Weaker Sections, since the gross annual income* of his/her 'family'*** is below Rs. 8 lakh (Rupees Eight Lakh only) for the financial year _____. His/her family does not own or possess any of the following assets***:

- I. 5 acres of agricultural land and above;
- II. Residential flat of 1000 sq. ft. and above;
- III. Residential plot of 100 sq. yards and above in notified municipalities;
- IV. Residential plot of 200 sq. yards and above in areas other than the notified municipalities.

2. Shri/Smt./Kumari _____ belongs to the _____ caste which is not recognized as a Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Classes (Central List)

Signature with seal of Office _____

Name _____

Designation _____

Recent Passport size
attested photograph of
the applicant

*Note 1: Income covered all sources i.e. salary, agriculture, business, profession, etc.

**Note 2: The term "Family" for this purpose include the person, who seeks benefit of reservation, his/her parents and siblings below the age of 18 years as also his/her spouse and children below the age of 18 years

***Note 3: The property held by a "Family" in different locations or different places/cities have been clubbed while applying the land or property holding test to determine EWS status.