

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR INDIAN SYSTEM OF MEDICINE & NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR HOMEOPATHY, NEW DELHI

Directives for Counseling & Admission in Undergraduate (BAMS/BSMS/BUMS/BHMS) Courses of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani & Homoeopathy (ASU&H) Streams for the Academic Session 2024-2025

A. DIRECTIVES FOR COUNSELING AUTHORITIES (CENTRAL/STATE/UT)

I. Common directives for Central/State/UT Counseling and Admissions:

Eligibility Criteria to Participate in the Counseling:

1. Colleges/Institute who have received permission from the Medical Assessment and Rating Board/National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) for Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani streams and Medical Assessment and Rating Board/National Commission for Homoeopathy (NCH) for admission to ASU&H- UG courses for the academic session 2024-25 shall only be eligible to participate in the counseling process.

Seat Matrix (AIQ & State/UT Quota):

2. The seat matrix for admission in the Government, Government-aided institutions and Private Institutions shall be fifteen per cent (15%) for All-India Quota and eighty-five per cent (85%) for State/Union Territory Quota as specified in the NCISM and NCH Regulations in force at the time of admission. (Please refer to Sl.No:14 of this guidelines).

Provided that-

- i. the AIQ for the purpose of admission in all the Deemed Universities (both Government and Private - established under Central Act), shall be hundred per cent;
 - ii. the University and institute, which are already having more than fifteen per cent All-India Quota seats, shall continue to maintain that quota;
 - iii. five per cent. of the annual sanctioned intake capacity in Government and Government-aided institutions shall be filled up by candidate with specified disability in accordance with the provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016) and based on the merit list of NEET(UG)-2024.
3. In case of 85% of State/UT quota, the seat matrix for Government Quota, Management Quota, NRI quota etc., shall be as per respective State and UT policy; however, all admissions in all quotas (except foreign nationals) shall be through counseling conducted by State/UT counseling authority.

4. The Management seats under the State/UT Quota in Private Institutions shall be treated as domicile-free.

Reservation:

5. Category-wise reservation of seats shall be as per Central or State or UT Reservation Policy, as the case may be.

6. Reservation for allotment of 15% AIQ-UG seats in Private ASU&H Institutes:-All AIQ-UG seats of Private ASU & H Institutes are open in nature (all category candidates are eligible). However, as mentioned in relevant regulations, the relaxation in qualifying criteria may be provided category-wise.

Counseling schedule:

7. Central and State/UT conseling authorities shall prepare the counseling schedule for the A.Y. 2024-2025 in concurrence to the schedule specified by NCISM/NCH as given below:

Schedule for Central/State/UT Counseling

Rounds	Schedule for Admission	Central Counseling (AACCC)	State/UT Counseling
		All India quota Govt. + Govt. Aided + Deemed University + Central University + National Institute	(including State/ UT quota & All India Quota seats of Private Institutes)
Round-1	Counseling Process	28 th August 2024 to 5 th September 2024	6 th September 2024 to 18 th September 2024
	Last date of joining	11 th September 2024	18 th September 2024
Round-2	Counseling Process	18 th September 2024 to 26 th September 2024	27 th September 2024 to 9 th October 2024
	Last date of joining	3 rd October 2024	9 th October 2024
Round-3	Counseling Process	9 th October 2024 to 17 th October 2024	18 th October 2024 to 28 th October 2024
	Last date of joining	22 nd October 2024	28 th October 2024
Stray Vacancy Round (SVR-I)	Counseling Process	28 th October 2024 to 2 nd November 2024	Counseling and Seat Allotment - (2 nd November 2024 to 20 th November 2024) Last date of joining 25 th November
	Last date of joining	7 th November 2024	
Stray Vacancy Round (SVR-II)	Allotment Process	11 th November 2024	Note: State/UT counseling Authorities shall conduct sufficient phases of stray vacancy rounds to fill the vacant seats, considering the number of available eligible candidates in the State/UT and availability of vacant seats within the cut-off date of admission as notified by the NCISM/NCH.(Refer Guideline-20)
	Last date of joining	18 th November 2024	
Cut-off date of admission in ASU&H-UG courses for the A.Y 2024-25			25 th November 2024
Cut-off date for uploading the admitted students data by the institutions on the NCISM/ NCH portal.			25 th November 2024 (On or Before 6 PM)
Last date for data uploading of admitted students by counselling authorities on the State Ayush Admission Reporting interphase of AACCC-UG Portal.			25 th November 2024
Last date of data uploading of admitted students of all rounds (institution-wise) by counselling authorities on the NCISM/NCH portal.			10 th December 2024
Detailed round-wise schedule to be prepared and uploaded by the Central/State/UT counseling authorities on their respective websites and give wide publicity.			
Date of commencement of the BAMS/BUMS/BSMS/BHMS: 1st November 2024			

Counseling and Admissions:

8. All sanctioned/permitted seats by the Medical Assessment and Rating Board for Indian System of Medicine (MARBISM)/NCISM/Medical Assessment and Rating Board for Homoeopathy (MARBH)/NCH/, irrespective of categories/reservations, are to be filled only through online counseling, i.e., Central/State/UT counseling as the case may be (except foreign nationals).

9. Ayush Admissions Central Counseling Committee (AACCC), Ministry of Ayush will conduct “AIQ-UG Online Counseling” for admission to AIQ (15%) seats under Govt./Govt. Aided Colleges/Institutes, Central/Deemed Universities (Established under Central Act) and National Institutes of ASU&H streams.

10. The State/UT Counseling authorities shall conduct counseling for admission in 15% of AIQ-UG seats under Private ASU&H colleges/institutes/State Universities (other than Deemed Universities established under the Central Act). Further, State/UT Counseling shall be conducted in adherence to guidelines/schedule provided by NCISM/NCH to avoid the overlapping of the Schedule of AACCC counseling and State/UT counseling.

11. In case of 85% of State/UT Quota, the seat matrix for Government Quota, Management Quota, NRI Quota etc., shall be as per respective State and UT policy; however, all admissions in all quotas (except foreign nationals) shall be through online counseling conducted by State/UT counseling authority.

12. Seat allotment in any category shall be as per inter-se-merit.

13. No candidate who has failed to obtain the minimum eligibility marks in NEET (UG)-2024 shall be eligible for admission to Undergraduate courses for the academic year 2024-25.

14. Qualification Criterion: (As per the ASU&H-UG Regulations in force at the time of admission)

(a) National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (Minimum Standards of Undergraduate Ayurveda Education) Regulations-2022

(b) National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (Minimum Standards of Undergraduate Unani Education) Regulations-2022

(c) National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (Minimum Standards of Undergraduate Siddha Education) Regulations-2022

(d) National Commission for Homeopathy (Homeopathy Graduate Degree Course-Bachelor Homeopathic Medicine and Surgery (B.H.M.S) Regulations-2022

For admission to ASU&H-UG Courses:

15. Passing marks for eligibility in admission to ASU&H-UG courses should be as per the ASU&H-UG regulations and should be followed strictly. The details of qualifications for different categories are as follows:

(a) For ASU- UG Courses -Candidate must have obtained a minimum of 50% marks taken together in Physics, Chemistry and Biology at the 10+2 or equivalent examination in the case of general category and 40% Marks in the case of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Other Backward Classes.

(b) For Homeopathy-UG Course - Candidate must have obtained a minimum of 50% marks taken together in Physics, Chemistry and Biology/Biotechnology at the 10+2 or

equivalent examination in the case of general category and 40% Marks in the case of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Other Backward Classes.

(c) In respect of persons with disability as specified under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016), the minimum qualifying marks in the said qualifying examination are as follows: a) shall be 45% in the case of the general category. b) 40% in the case of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes.

16. No candidate shall be admitted to BAMS, BSMS, BUMS & BHMS Degree Courses unless he/she has attained the age of seventeen years on or before the 31st December of the year of his/her admission in the first year of the course. Further, there is no upper age limit for admission to ASU&H-UG courses.

17. In order to be eligible for admission to an undergraduate course for an academic year, it shall be necessary for a candidate to obtain minimum of marks at the 50th percentile in the 'National Eligibility cum Entrance Test' for the undergraduate course' held for the said academic year:

Provided that in respect of-

(a) candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes, the minimum marks shall be at the 40th percentile;

(b) candidates with benchmark disabilities specified under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016), the minimum marks shall be at 45th percentile in the case of the General category and 40th percentile in the case of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes.

18. No Authority or Institution shall admit any candidate to the Undergraduate courses in contravention of the criteria or procedure in respect of admissions, and any admissions made in contravention shall be cancelled by the NCISM/NCH.

19. Any admissions made beyond/over and above the intake capacity sanctioned/permitted by MARBISM/NCISM/MARBH/NCH/ for the said academic session shall not be approved.

20. Vide Court order dated 30.11.2023 in SCA No. 19485/2023 at High Court of Gujarat, the court has observed that the authority has not provided any guidelines to fill the seats that remain vacant after the Stray Vacancy Round (SVR). To comply with the direction of the court, it is requested all Central/State/UT counseling Authorities to conduct sufficient phase-wise allotments in stray vacancy round to fill the seats, considering the number of available candidates in the Central/State/UT merit list, whichever is applicable, and availability of vacant seats till the seats get filled within the cut-off date of admission as notified by the NCISM/NCH. The guidelines for State/UT counseling Authorities to conduct the SVR are as follows:

- a) Publication of non-reported/not-filled seats after R-3 on the State/UT counseling portal (wide publicity by any other means may also be adopted)
- b) Publication of ineligible list of candidates who have not complied with the Central/State/UT counseling rules/norms
- c) Registration facility for non-registered candidates on the State/UT counseling portal
- d) Choice filling facility, as applicable.
- e) Allotment of seats is based on the merit and preferences of the candidates.
- f) Publication of result on the State/UT counseling portal
- g) Reporting at the allotted institute

After the first phase of allotment in SVR, publish the non-reported/not-filled seats on the State/UT counseling portal and conduct subsequent rounds to fill the vacant seats, if any,

as per the procedure mentioned in the first phase allotment considering the availability of candidates. Eligible non-registered candidates shall be provided the registration facility in all rounds of SVR; however, the whole process of SVR allotment be completed within the time frame, and no admission after the cut-off date decided by NCISM/NCH shall be allowed/approved. The schedule for the last round of SVR shall be conducted in such a way that the Allotted candidates will get sufficient time to report to the allotted institute before the cut-off date of admission decided by NCISM/NCH.

21. There shall not be any institute-level counseling through any mode. Any admissions made at the institute level shall not be approved by the NCISM/NCH/Concerned University, and the institute shall be penalised as per the provision laid down under sub-section (1)(a)(f) of section 28 of the NCISM Act 2020/NCH Act 2020.

22. There shall not be any offline admission or admission without counseling (Central/State/UT), and any admissions in contravention of this shall not be approved.

23. NCISM/NCH shall not approve admissions made without the original documents of the candidates

24. Admission made in violation of the NCISM / NCH directives will be treated as invalid, and action will be initiated under the NCISM Act, 2020 / NCH Act, 2020.

25. Institutes will be held responsible in case students face hardship due to admission irregularities such as offline admissions, admission without counseling, and admission beyond sanctioned intake capacity. In such case, students shall be discharged from the course and institution, and the institute will be subjected to face consequences as per the provision laid down under the sub-section (1)(a)(f) of section 28 of NCISM Act 2020/NCH Act 2020, and the person responsible will be prosecuted as per the section of IPC/BNS concerned, whichever is applicable.

26. Admissions shall not be approved by any means after the cut-off date and time for admission as specified by NCISM/NCH.

27. No authority has the power to extend or modify the cut-off date of admission specified by NCISM/NCH, and such admissions shall not be approved.

28. No authority has the power to modify the intake capacity for admission into UG courses in ASU&H colleges sanctioned by MARBISM/NCISM/MARBH/NCH.

29. State/UT Counseling Authorities may direct ASU&H colleges/institutes to ensure the eligibility of the candidate as laid down in respective NCISM (MSE-UG) Regulations 2022 for Ayurveda, Siddha & Unani for admissions in ASU-UG courses and NCH (Homoeopathy Graduate Degree Course – Bachelor of Homoeopathic Medicine and Surgery (B.H.M.S). Regulations- 2022 for admissions in Homoeopathy-UG courses by proper scrutiny of the relevant original certificates and documents at the time of admission.

30. AACCC, M/o Ayush will circulate the list of ineligible candidates to the State/UT counseling Authority during the 3rd & Stray Vacancy Round (SVR-I & II) of AACCC-UG counseling to prevent them from participating in the State/UT counseling. State/UT Counseling Authorities are requested to ensure that such candidates have not been allotted any seat through any rounds of State/UT counseling for admission in ASU&H-UG courses.

31. State/UT Counseling Authorities may direct ASU&H colleges/institutes to ensure the authenticity and correctness of the details of admitted students before completing the admission procedures. Further, the ASU&H colleges/institutes should be instructed not to allow admissions without original documents. No modifications/ corrections after the cut-off date and time of admission as specified by NCISM/NCH shall be entertained.

32. Central/State/UT Counseling authorities have to submit a list of admitted students (i.e. college-wise consolidated list of admitted students through all rounds of counseling) to NCISM/NCH within 15 working days from the cut-off date of admission in the format and in the manner as prescribed by NCISM/NCH.

33. All State/UT Counseling Authorities are requested to see the website of AACCC, M/o Ayush (www.aaccc.gov.in), from time to time for AACCC-UG counseling scheme & FAQs, Schedule, and any updates/notices uploaded regarding the All India Quota-ASU&H-UG counseling for the A.Y 2024-25.

34. State/ UT counseling for ASU&H-UG Courses shall be started only after Central Counseling has commenced, in accordance with the schedule issued by NCISM/NCH.

35. State/UT Counseling Authority shall run an effective Query Redressal System to facilitate the counseling and admission process of UG courses and provide the email ID & Phone no of the same on the State/UT Counseling Authority's website.

36. State Ayush Admissions Reporting Portal: All State/UT counseling Authorities are requested to upload the round-wise data on admissions made through State/UT counseling under 85% of State/UT Quota seats of Govt./Govt. Aided colleges and 100% seats of Private Institutions of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy streams all over the Country on the interphase of the AACCC-UG portal.

Determination of fees and other charges in case of ASU&H colleges/institutes under NCISM/NCH:

38. The fee for 50 percentage (50%) of total sanctioned/permitted seats in Private ASU&H medical colleges/institutes and deemed universities which are governed under the NCISM Act, 2020/NCH Act, 2020, is to be determined by Fee fixation/Regulatory Committee (FRC) of the respective State/UT/Deemed University as per the guidelines for "Determination of fee and all other charges" prescribed by NCISM (BUSS/Fee/ASU/2022-23 dated 16-09-2022), and NCH (F.No 1-11/2022/NCH/10322-10331 dated 23.11.2022) which has been implemented from the A.Y 2022-23 onwards.

Tuition fee:

39. All State/UT Counseling authorities are requested to ensure that the tuition fee, as laid down and fixed by respective governing or fee fixation committees as applicable, shall be charged in each academic session for four and half years only by the institutes. No tuition fee shall be charged for an extended study duration in case of failing examinations or for any other reasons, and there shall not be any fee for internship training at the same institute.

40. All Central/State/UT Counseling authorities are requested to ensure that the college should display tuition fees, hostel fees, and other fees, if any, on the institute's website and the Institute profile while uploading to the Central/State/UT counseling Portal. The same is to be charged from the student at the time of admission. No other charges other than the displayed fees should be charged/collected.

II. Directives for State/UT counseling for admission in 15% of AIQ-UG seats under Private ASU&H colleges/institutes/State Universities (other than Deemed Universities established under the Central Act)

1. State/UT Counseling authorities shall conduct counseling for 15% of AIQ-UG seats under Private ASU&H colleges/institutes/State Universities (other than Deemed Universities established under Central Act).
2. State/UT Counseling Authorities have to conduct counseling for admission in 15% of AIQ-UG seats under Private ASU&H colleges/institutes/ State Universities (other than Deemed Universities established under Central Act) in adherence with guidelines/schedule provided by NCISM/NCH to avoid the overlapping of the schedule of AACCC counseling and State or UT counseling.
3. State/UT counseling authorities should give wider publicity among NEET(UG)- 2024 qualified ASU&H-UG aspirants regarding the registration process of counseling & provide sufficient time for registration before each round of counseling for admission in AIQ-UG seats of Private ASU&H Institutes.
4. State/UT may decide on an all-inclusive application Cost/Non-refundable Registration Fee for counseling for admission in ASU&H-UG seats for all category students. However, the maximum ceiling limit for this fee will be Rs **2000/-**.
5. State/UT may decide on refundable security money, which will be refunded to candidates after joining the allotted college or if the candidate does not get any seat during counseling. However, the maximum ceiling limit for this fee will be Rs. **50,000/-** for UG seats.
6. State/UT counseling authorities shall conduct 2 rounds of counseling for admission in 15% of All India Quota (AIQ) UG seats of Private ASU&H Institutes/Private State Universities (other than Deemed Universities established under the Central Act). The AIQ seats that remain vacant after the second round of State/UT counseling may be transferred and converted to the State/UT quota seats, and the same shall be filled up in further rounds as per State Government norms/ rules.
7. The Security money will be forfeited if a candidate does not join the Round-2 allotted seat or surrender/withdraw the seat Round-2 joined seat based on the candidate's request. Further, the Security money will also be forfeited if the Round-2 allotted seat is cancelled due to any unforeseen reason from the candidate's end. For example, 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 original documents at the time of admission (within the stipulated time).
8. Make a provision for candidates admitted in the All India Quota Private (UG) seats during Round 2 of State/UT-UG counseling to withdraw/surrender their admitted seats by forfeiting security money only during a specific time period specified by State/UT authority. Further, State/UT authorities can decide the time period to withdraw/surrender the admitted seat of Round-2 with forfeiture as per their counseling schedule. After the said period, candidates will not be allowed to withdraw/surrender their Round-2 admitted seats. If they do so, they will be ineligible for any further Ayush counseling conducted by Central/State/UT as decided by the State/UT counseling Authorities.
9. No domicile certificate is required for allotment of AIQ-UG seats of Private ASU & H Institutes.

10. Reservation for allotment of 15% AIQ-UG seats in Private ASU&H Institutes:- all AIQ-UG seats of Private ASU & H Institutes are open in nature (all category candidates are eligible). However, as mentioned in relevant regulations, the relaxation in qualifying criteria may be provided category-wise.

11. For PwD candidates, the PwD certificate should be as per the guidelines issued by the Central Government and notified by the NCISM/NCH. (available on counseling website (www.aacc.gov.in) under Counseling Scheme & FAQs.

B. DIRECTIVES FOR UNIVERSITIES

1. In case of admission in Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani, and Homoeopathy courses, the University shall approve the admissions made by any college/institute with proper permission from the MARBISM/MARBH/NCISM/NCH for the academic session 2024-2025.
2. The University shall not approve the admissions made by the colleges/institutes under the following conditions:
 - offline admissions
 - admissions without counseling (Central/State/UT);
 - admissions after the cut-off-date,
 - Admissions beyond sanctioned intake capacity.
 - Admissions without original mandatory documents
3. There shall not be any institute-level counseling through any mode. Any admissions made at the institute level shall not be approved by the NCISM/NCH/Concerned University and the institute shall be penalised as per the provision laid down under sub-section (1)(a)(f) of section 28 of the NCISM Act 2020/NCH Act 2020.

C. DIRECTIVES FOR COLLEGES/INSTITUTES

1. No candidate who has failed to obtain the minimum eligibility marks in NEET (UG)-2024 shall be admitted to ASU&H Undergraduate courses for the academic year 2024-25.
2. There shall not be any institute-level counseling through any mode. Any admissions made at the institute level shall not be approved by the NCISM/NCH/Concerned University. Any such admissions made in contravention to the directives/guidelines issued by the NCISM/NCH, the institute shall be penalised as per the provision laid down under the sub-section (1)(a)(f) of section 28 of NCISM Act 2020/NCH Act 2020.
3. There shall not be any offline admission or admission without counseling (Central/State/UT), or admission beyond sanctioned intake capacity, and any admissions in contravention of this shall not be approved.
4. Admission made in violation of the NCISM / NCH directives will be treated as invalid, and action will be initiated under the NCISM Act,2020/NCH Act, 2020.
5. Institutes will be held responsible in case students face hardship due to admission irregularities such as offline admissions, admission without counseling, and admission beyond sanctioned intake capacity etc. In such cases, students shall be discharged from the course and institution. The institute will be subjected to face consequences as per the provision laid down under sub-section (1)(a)(f) of section 28 of NCISM Act 2020/NCH Act 2020. The persons responsible will be prosecuted as per the section of IPC/BNS concerned, whichever is applicable.
6. ASU&H colleges/institutes should ensure the candidate's eligibility as laid down in respective regulations as mentioned in these guidelines and proper scrutiny of the relevant original certificates and documents at the time of admission.
7. It is requested that all participating institutes must visit Central (AACCC-UG portal:www.aaccc.gov.in), and the concerned State/UT counselling portal from time to time for counseling scheme & FAQs, Schedule and any updates/notices regarding UG counseling 2024-25.
8. ASU&H colleges/institutes should ensure the authenticity and correctness of the details of admitted students before completing admission procedures. No modifications/ corrections after the cut-off date and time of admission as specified by NCISM/NCH shall be entertained.
9. The colleges should follow the Central/State/UT counseling schedule and upload the details of admitted students and non-reported/vacant seats, if any, for each round on the concerned counseling authority portal, even on holidays.
10. The list of all admitted students with all details shall be uploaded and submitted to NCISM/NCH in the format prescribed by NCISM/NCH **on or before 06:00 PM on the cut-off date (25-11-2024)** for admission as specified by NCISM/NCH.
11. The college shall display tuition fees, hostel fees, and other fees, if any, on the institute's website and on the Institute profile while uploading on the Central/State/UT counseling portal as applicable. The same is to be charged from the student at the time of admission. No other charges other than the displayed fees should be collected from the candidates.

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Abbreviations:-

1. ASU&H - Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani & Homoeopathy.
2. AIQ - All India Quota
3. AACCC - Ayush Admission Central Counselling Committee
4. FAQ - Frequently Asked Question
5. G.O.I - Government of India
6. MARBISM - Medical Assessment and Rating Board for Indian System of Medicine
7. MARBH - Medical Assessment and Rating Board for Homoeopathy
8. NCISM - National Commission for Indian System of Medicine
9. NCH - National Commission for Homoeopathy
10. NRI - Non Resident Indian
11. NEET - National Eligibility cum Entrance Test
12. UT - Union Territory
13. UG - Undergraduate
14. SVR - Stray Vacancy Round
15. IPC - Indian Penal Code
16. BNS - Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita