



Odisha Joint Entrance Examination 2026

**GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR COUNSELLING & ADMISSION TO
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- All State Domicile NEET-UG 2026 qualified candidates are eligible for State Quota Seats. Both State and Outside State NEET-UG 2026 qualified NRI candidates are eligible to all NRI quota seats of the State.
- The counselling will be done through the website: **www.ojee.nic.in**.
- **Mere possession of a rank does not guarantee a seat. A seat is allotted depending on the availability on the basis of the candidate's rank and options exercised.**
- **Please note: S (Odisha State); NRI (Non-Resident Indian); GE (General; Odisha State); Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC); SC (Scheduled Caste); ST (Scheduled Tribe); EWS (Economically Weaker Section); PC (Physically Challenged); ES (Ex-Serviceman); GC (Children of Green Card Holder) and SGS (State Govt School).**
- For claiming seats under any reserved category ST/ SC/SEBC/EWS and sub-category like ES/ PwBD/ GC/ SGS) candidate must be native of Odisha and must produce 'RESIDENT/ NATIVITY CERTIFICATE' issued through online from appropriate State authority. The category certificates (ST/SC/SEBC/EWS) must be issued through online from appropriate authority of Odisha Government. Further, a relevant original certificate justifying the category should also be produced at the time of document *verification* during counselling. Candidates claiming for EWS seats have to produce EWS Certificate (Income & Asset Certificate) from Tahsildar / Additional Tahsildar. (EWS Certificate must be of the last financial year, i.e 2025-26).
- For Ex-Serviceman (**ES**) category, a candidate has to be the domicile of Odisha and have to apply at Rajya Sainik Board office Bhubaneswar, mentioning the roll number and other details. After verification, Rajya Sainik Board shall furnish a list of qualified candidates to OJEE. Candidates mentioned in that list shall be valid ES candidates and shall be considered to get ES quota seats wherever applicable. Candidates who have

received any document from Rajya Sainik Board office, will produce it at the institute where they are taking admission under ES quota. Recommendation of the Rajya Sainik Board is final and binding.

- The NRI and OCI Applicants/Candidates have to upload a Certificate from the concerned Indian Diplomatic Mission in the country of their residence in support of their claim as an NRI/OCI Candidate. Referring to the MCC notice for NRI vide no: Ref.U-11011/07/2025-MEC, dated:27-05-2026.
- Candidates seeking admission under Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) category are required to report for the **medical assessment board at SCB MCH, Cuttack as per notice no:OJEE / 0383, dated:04-08-2026, which has been notified in the website: www.ojee.nic.in/ www.odishajee.com**. Decision of the Medical Assessment Board is final and binding.
- **The seat allocation process follows a strict timeline. The entire process is on-line and computer operated. No exceptions are possible and therefore, candidates are strongly advised to thoroughly acquaint themselves with these Processes, Rules, be vigilant, keep their documents handy and make arrangements for making the requisite payments and completing the requisite formalities, well in advance. It will not be possible to entertain requests for extension of time for completing any activity.**
- **Entire process will be through on-line and no communication will be directly sent to any of the Candidate(s). Therefore, it is advised to be in touch with the website on regular basis for any updates.**

A. INTRODUCTION

1. The state candidates who have qualified in the NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY CUM ENTRANCE TEST-2026 (NEET (UG)-2026) will be eligible for registration.

NB: Counseling shall be done for 85% of total seats in Government Medical/Dental Colleges and for all seats of Private Medical /Dental Colleges.

Counseling of Deemed Universities shall be done by DGHS.

Stipulations in this guideline are subject to change with prior notice as per the decision of Government / Counseling Committee.

2. Purpose of the registration is to prepare a State Merit List of the registered candidates base on their NEET UG 2026 NEET_ Rank (interested to take part in the counselling and admission to MBBS/BDS courses). This State Merit List will be used for subsequent process of counselling and admission in MBBS/BDS courses for the session 2026-27.

The State Merit list will be prepared based on the NEET UG 2026 NEET_ Rank and subjected to successful verification of the credentials of the candidates as per the information filled during registration process.

A. ELIGIBILITY

1. The candidates must be of 17 years of age as on 31.12.2026 and there will be no upper age limit.
2. The candidates must be permanent natives of Odisha OR Children of All India Civil Service officers serving in state of Odisha cadre.
3. Must have passed the Qualifying Examination i.e. 10+2 or equivalent with subjects of **Physics, Chemistry, Biology/Biotechnology along with English** even as additional subjects after passing Class 12th from duly recognized boards by the concerned Govt.
4. The minimum qualifying mark for different category of candidates in NEET UG are as follows:(subject to relevant notification/modification by Govt. of India/NMC)
 - a. General (GE) – (50th percentile)

- b. Physically Challenged (PwBD-GE) – (45th percentile)
- c. Scheduled Tribe (ST)/Scheduled Caste (SC)- (40th percentile).
- d. Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC)- (50th percentile)
- e. For Person with Benchmark Disability candidate of SC/ST/SEBC category, (40th percentile).
- f. For GE-EWS (Economically Weaker Section) Category - (50th percentile).
- g. For GE-EWS & PwBD – (45th percentile).

OR as may be Notified by NMC/Govt. of India/Appropriate Authorities.

ELIGIBILITY FOR NRI*:

Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W.P No. 13393 of 2007 and others (2008) (Anshul Tomar vs. State of M.P) has set forth eligibility criteria for seats reserved under NRI quota.

The relevant excerpt from the order passed by the Hon'ble Court in W.P No. 13393 of 2007 is as under:

"1) If the mother or father of student is NRI and residing abroad ordinarily, then, either of the situations so held will be considered to be proper.

2) If the first-degree relation of the student is NRI and residing abroad ordinarily, then in such circumstances also, qua this year, should be considered eligible. It is natural that such definition would include the real brother and sister over and above the mother-father of the first-degree relation.

3) As per the definition revised by the Hon'ble Apex Court, interpretation of clause 3 thereof as not made limited but if made in a broad perspective, then, it is clear that the person who wanted to consider such student as ward (Palya), then, he be considered to be proper subject to compliance of the following conditions:

a) *He should be the nearest relation.*

b) *In the definition of the nearest relation, committee has considered following relative having blood relations.*

i) *Real brother and sister of father i.e. real uncle and real aunt.*

ii) *Real brother and sister of mother i.e. real maternal uncle and maternal aunt.*

iii) *Father and mother of father i.e. grandfather and grandmother.*

- iv) *Father and mother of mother i.e. maternal grandfather and maternal grandmother.*
- v) *First degree-paternal and maternal cousins.* vi) *Such person should be NRI.*
- c) *Such persons should ordinarily be residing abroad.*
- d) *Such person should have looked after such student as the guardian of the student and evidence to that effect must have been produced before the committee by such person.*
- e) *There should be affidavit with aforesaid fact."*

Hence, the candidates applying for NRI Quota seats will have to abide/adhere with the abovementioned eligibility criteria for participation in counselling as NRI candidate/candidature. It is further informed to NEET aspirants for the academic year 2026 have to submit evidential proof/ legal document from the candidates as in point 3 (d) & (e) of the order, during counselling, demonstrating that the sponsor is actually Bonafide legal guardian of the candidate as per Guardians and Wards Act, 1890.

B. RESERVATION

The reservation policy of State Government will be followed for selection, and shall be Scheduled Tribe (ST) – 22.5%, Scheduled Caste (SC) – 16.25%, Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC) – 11.25%, Person with Benchmark Disability (PwBD) - 5% of each category, Ex-Servicemen (ES) - 3%, Green Card Holders (GC) - 5%, State Government Schools (SG) – 15% (shall be horizontal covering all vertical reservations as well as unreserved Group) and EWS – 10% (when appropriate number of seats have been increased to accommodate such EWS quota). (Any other reservation category, if notified by Govt., shall also be applicable).

Note:

- i. The ST/SC/SEBC candidates must produce caste/SEBC certificate from Odisha State only to get the privilege of reservation in the category in Odisha.
- ii. Candidates claiming seats under SGS (State Government Schools) reservation category must have passed their **10th Board Examination under the Board of Secondary Education, Odisha from Government/Govt. Aided High Schools** and also have passed the **12th Board Examination under the Council of Higher Secondary Education, Odisha from any Government/Govt. Aided Higher Secondary School/ Government Junior**

College (Ref: Government Notification No-HTE-I-12/2021/1769/SDTE, Dated:26-03-2021 Reservation for the students of Government High School in Medical/Engineering courses of the State)

- iii. Candidates claiming under PwBD category must undergo test by Medical Assessment Board constituted for the purpose. Candidates with benchmark disability as per Graduate Medical Education Regulations 1997 and subsequent amendments shall be followed.
- iv. Candidates, who are natives of state of Odisha and wish to claim reservation under Ex-Serviceman (ES) category, must submit their relevant documents to Rajya Sainik Board, Bhubaneswar only within schedule date and time. After proper verification, Rajya Sainik Board, Bhubaneswar of Odisha will send the list of valid candidates to OJEE for getting reservation under ES category. No claim/certificate shall be entertained by OJEE directly from candidates. Candidates, whose parents are continuing in defense service are not eligible for reservation under this category.
- v. Candidates claiming reservation under Green Card must be permanent natives of Odisha and shall have to produce original green cards of their parents issued by Government of Odisha only. They must not have taken the privilege of it before. **The date of birth & name in the card must match exactly with that in HSC certificate. In case of mismatch, the candidates will not be entitled to avail reservation under Green Card category rather the candidate will be considered in GE category only and no affidavit in this regard will be accepted. Tampered or mutilated green cards are not acceptable.**
- vi. Candidates who wish to claim seats under EWS categories have to mention the same during registration. Such candidates have to produce EWS Certificate (Income & Asset Certificate) from Tahsildar / Additional Tahsildar and the certificate must be issued for 2025-26 financial year.
- vii. If sufficient numbers of candidate are not available in any Reserve category, the vacant seats will be filled up by UR category.
SC-> Open, ST->Open, SCBC->Open, EWS-Open, NRI->Open
- viii. The ST/SC seats are not interchangeable.
- ix. If any subcategory seats remain unfilled due to non-availability of the corresponding subcategory candidates, the seat will be then filled from the corresponding category candidates.
 - (SC_ES, SC_GC, SC_PC, SC_SGS) --> (SC)
 - (ST_ES, ST_GC, ST_PC, ST_SGS) --> (ST)
 - (EWS_ES, EWS_GC, EWS_PC, EWS_SGS) --> (EWS)
 - (SEBC_ES, SEBC_GC, SEBC_PC, SEBC_SGS)--> (SEBC)
 - (OP_ES, OP_GC, OP_PC, OP_SGS)--> (OP)

- x. The NRI seats shall be filled up in the following order by OJEE / Institution:
 - a. By eligible NRI candidates of state domicile.
 - b. By eligible NRI candidates of outside states.
 - c. By eligible UR candidates of the state if seats still remain unfilled.

A. LIST OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

1. Class 10th Certificate (for Date of Birth verification)
2. Class 12th Marksheet
3. Class 12th Certificate
4. NEET-2026 Rank Card
5. Photograph
6. Nativity Certificate /Residence Certificate (proof of being Native of Odisha).
7. Certificate to Claim Reservation, if any (SC/ST/SEBC/GC/EWS)
Note that candidates interested for Reservation under Persons with Benchmark Disabilities PwBD and Ex-Serviceman (ES) categories are required to report at their respective Boards as mentioned in the guidelines and need not submit/upload any document in their support.
8. Bond, prepared and signed in proper manner

N.B.: *In case any candidate is found to have provided a false information or certificate etc. or is found to have withheld or concealed any information, his/her application shall be rejected and admission will be cancelled and disciplinary / legal action, as deemed proper, will be initiated against him/her. Besides, the same candidate will not be allowed to participate in the admission process for next three academic years.*

B. PROCEDURE OF ONLINE REGISTRATION

- a. NEET UG 2026 qualified State domicile candidates or NEET UG 2026 Candidates who wish to participate in counseling procedure for admission to State Quota /NRI seats of the State must **register** in due time in the website of OJEE i.e. www.ojee.nic.in in MBBS / BDS admission section. Registration means creating own username and password for logging in to the online counseling site. Without registration, the candidate cannot proceed to next step of online application. The username and password **must not be** shared with others.

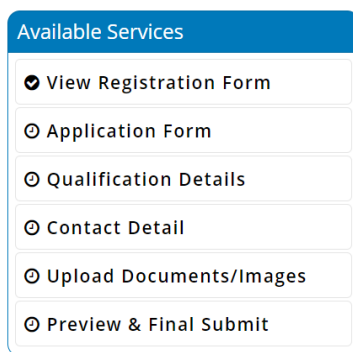
Steps for Registration:

- a) Login to <https://ojee.nic.in>

- b) Click on “Counselling for MBBS and BDS Courses”

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- c) Go to “New Candidate Registration”
- d) After reading the steps carefully select ‘I Agree’
- e) Enter your personal details as per your NEET rank card
- i) NEET-UG Application no
 - ii) Candidate Name
 - iii) DOB
 - iv) Gender
 - v) Security Pin available on the screen
 - vi) Click on Submit
- f) After submitting all the details entered will be authenticated and if found correct, details candidate profile page will be displayed with prefilled information like Candidates Name, DOB, Gender etc.
- g) Fill the Mobile number, email id and chose your password after entering the security pin make final submit for Registration.
- h) After successful submission of the registration process, relog-in using application no as user-id and password.
- i) Then follow the steps given at Available Service on left side of the screen

A screenshot of a mobile application interface showing a list of available services. The list is titled "Available Services" and contains six items, each with a radio button. The first item, "View Registration Form", is selected, indicated by a filled radio button. The other items are "Application Form", "Qualification Details", "Contact Detail", "Upload Documents/Images", and "Preview & Final Submit", all of which have empty radio buttons.

Available Services
☒ View Registration Form
☐ Application Form
☐ Qualification Details
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☐ Upload Documents/Images
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- j) Follow the steps as per the available service and after completing the final submission payment option will be available. Rs.1000/- payment towards registration fees have to be paid through the online get ways available. (This is non-refundable)
- k) Once payment is successful the registration process will complete.
- b. In the available service steps under ‘Upload Documents/images’ all required documents scan copy to be uploaded for online verification. All the documents will be uploaded in pdf format only and must clearly scanned from the original one. The size of pdf files will be mentioned

against each document and the file name must not contain any special characters. (The documents to be uploaded must be clearly readable and the file name should not contain any special character).

- c. During document verification, query may be raised by the Verifying Officers depending on the observations. **Therefore, candidates must check their portal, email ID regularly during counselling for any message. The query raised must be complied within 24 hours of raising of the query.** Otherwise, the document verification will be cancelled and the candidate will not be placed as a registered candidate in the State Merit List.
- d. A candidate may fail to get registration in the case of any irregularity in furnishing required data and their supporting documents as per guidelines.
- e. Only on successful verification of documents, the candidate becomes eligible and his/her name will appear in the merit list. The names of candidates whose document verification could not be done due to not uploading proper document/not complying to the query of the verifying officer in due time will not appear in the merit list and they cannot participate in subsequent process of counseling and admission.
- f. The registration fee is not refundable.
- g. State merit list will be drawn based on NEET UG 2026 NEET_Rank.

N.B.: *In case any candidate is found to have provided a false information or certificate etc. or is found to have withheld or concealed any information, his/ her application shall be rejected.*

Before Start the registration process keep all the necessary soft copy documents with you for uploading.

Candidates are advised to be in touch with www.ojee.nic.in/ www.odishajee.com for relevant updates.

C. PROCEDURE OF ONLINE COUNSELLING

1. The candidate, who has completed the registration process and has been placed in the State Merit List, has to submit his/her choice of the Course (MBBS / BDS) and College in order of preference as per schedule, in the online site and **lock the choice**. If the choice is not locked due to some reason, it will be locked automatically when the time schedule is over. Candidate have to

use same credential like User ID and Password created during registration process to fill the choices by visiting <https://ojee.nic.in> and clicking to “Counselling for MBBS and BDS Courses”

2. College and course will be allotted on merit basis and the candidate can download the **Allotment Letter**.
3. Then, the candidate has to **personally report** at the office of Odisha Joint Entrance Examination (OJEE), at Gandamunda, Bhubaneswar on the notified date and time with all certificates, mark sheets, other required documents, in original and the bond duly prepared, for **provisional admission**. The candidate must pay the **Admission Fees** (depending upon the type of allotted College) either online or by demand draft. He/ She shall also exercise the option of **Freeze / Float** as per his/her choice. The candidate has to **deposit the original College Leaving Certificate / School Leaving Certificate**, as the case may be, and will be issued a **Provisional Admission Letter**.
4. Candidates not completing the process as mentioned above at **point 3** will be out of the system and the allotted seat will be treated as vacant seat for the next round. Such candidate can participate in 2nd round by doing fresh choice filling only.
5. The same process shall be repeated for the 2nd and 3rd round of counselling, however already reported candidate after 1st round allotment need not required to come again. Detail reporting instruction will be notified after each round allotment.
6. At the end of 3rd round of counselling, the candidate must **report before the authority of the institution allotted**, within the stipulated date as notified and submit a copy of the provisional admission letter for completion of admission process at institutional level.
7. In case the candidate resigns after admission on or before the designated date for withdrawal / resignation, he/she shall get back 90% of admission fees deposited and 10% of the admission fees will be deducted as processing fees. No candidates will be allowed resign after such date is over. Any

candidate resigns after due date for which a seat lapses, no fees will be refunded and the candidate shall be liable for a financial penalty as per the decision of the State Government.

8. If at the end of 3rd round of counseling, vacancy still exists due to any reason, upgradation / sliding among all reported candidates will be done, who have given willingness as to be in float option, will be processed.
9. If there is still some vacancy, the Chairman may notify a Stray vacancy round counseling. If required spot counselling may be conducted subjected to vacancy and available time for completion of the counselling process. In such case physical presence of the candidate is a must for participating in the spot counseling and no authorization will be entertained. The candidates who have taken admission at the end of 3rd round counseling (All India / State) are not eligible to participate in stray vacancy round counseling. Details about the schedule and guidelines of the spot round will be published in due time.
10. Any change / additional information about the procedure and schedules of different rounds of counseling, choice locking, schedule of provisional admission & reporting etc. will be notified by the Chairman as and when required. Candidates are requested to be in constant touch with the website www.ojee.nic.in.

D. ALLOTMENT OF SEATS

1. Allotment will be made strictly on the basis of State Merit List prepared by OJEE and as per the choice of subject & college locked by the candidate.
2. The Sequence of allotment is as follows:

GENERAL	CATEGORY (EWS/SEBC/SC/ST)	SUB_CATEGORY (PwBD,GC,ES,SGS)	SEQUENCE OF ALLOTMENT
Y		Y	OP→ OP-SGS→ OP-GC→ OP-PwBD→ OP-ES
	Y	Y	OP→ OP-SGS→ OP-GC→ OP-PwBD→ OP-ES → Category→ Category-SGS→ Category-GC→ Category-PwBD→ Category-ES

3. If a candidate is allotted a seat in any round of counselling as per his / her 1st choice and takes admission for that seat, then he/she cannot participate in subsequent rounds of counseling. If allotment is not as per 1st choice, then he/she can decide whether or not to participate in subsequent round for improvement only. (Candidates can opt for Freeze or Float).

4. **In the 2nd round, all the newly registered candidates who successfully get their documents verified and listed in the revised State merit list, unallotted candidates of 1st round and candidates who were allotted seats in first round but not reported for admission, have to fill and lock fresh sets of choices within due date and time.**
5. Candidates, who after taking admission in the first round, have exercised the option of freeze or float, are not required to do any additional choice filling for the second round and thus shall not be given a fresh option for filling choices. Candidates who have given 'freeze' as option, will retain their first-round allotments, while the allotments of the candidates who have given 'float' as their option may be upgraded or retained depending on their rank and the availability of seat as per choice.
6. If a candidate opts for 'float' after 1st round and is upgraded, then he/she has to accept the newly allotted seat and the seat allotted in the 1st round will be automatically cancelled and will be allotted to other candidates as per merit and choice. Similar procedure will also be followed after 2nd round. Candidates opted for 'float' option and if upgraded then the candidate shall have to accept the upgraded seat and shall not have claim on over the previous round allotted seat.
7. In Round 3, If a candidate allotted a seat for 1st time, the candidate cannot upgrade or resign. If any candidate does not join Round 3 seat, he may exit with withdraw elimination (cannot participate in any further rounds of counselling)
8. If a candidate, after being allotted a seat in a round, does not take provisional admission, then his/her allotment will stand cancelled and the seat will be treated as vacant for subsequent round. However, he/ she can participate in subsequent rounds by filling fresh choice with a consent.
9. Candidates are not allotted a seat in any of the rounds, are eligible to participate in stay vacancy round.

E. ADMISSION OF STUDENTS

1. **Candidates who have taken admission in All India Counselling and retained the seat after 3rd round All India counselling shall not be allowed to**

surrender the seat and cannot take any admission in state counselling. Legal action shall be initiated against any candidate doing so.

2. After final counseling is over, OJEE will send the list of students admitted along with the admission fees and original CLC/TC along with other documents to the concerned Institutes.
3. If any amount is to be refunded to the candidates as per rule, it will be done after final admission is over. Candidates have to apply to the Chairman, OJEE in plain paper along with the copy of provisional admission letter for such refund.
4. **Institute level activity:** After receiving the list of provisionally admitted candidates, the documents and fees, the authority of the institutions shall complete the final admission process. The admission is subject to medical fitness of candidate, who is to produce a Medical Fitness Certificate and submission of signed bond in proper format (for Govt. institutions) at the time of joining his / her allotted Institute.
5. If a candidate after taking final admission in the allotted seat, resigns due to any reason after the last date scheduled for withdrawal (resignation) and before the completion of the course, he/she has to pay as per the concerned Government order as a penalty. The original documents / CLC will not be returned to the candidate until the penalty is realized. In such case, the entire admission fees deposited will also not be refunded. (However, in this regard, the decision of the Authority, Govt. of Odisha shall be final and binding). For private institutions the rules and regulations prevailing in the institutions in this regard at the time of admission shall be applicable.

F. FEE STRUCTURE

Candidates are to follow the fee structure available for respective colleges as approved by Government from time to time. The details will be available from respective institutions.

The Fees to be deposited shall be as under:

1. For Government Medical/ Dental Colleges - Rs. 37,950/- per annum.

NB: Hostel and Additional fees as prescribed by concerned University / College may be collected at institutional level which may vary from institution to institution.

2. The Fees to be deposited for MBBS course in Private Medical Colleges:
 - *Hi-Tech MCH Bhubaneswar - Rs. 11,56,000/- per annum,
 - *Hi-Tech MCH Rourkela - Rs. 8,54,000/- per annum
 - *DRIEMS Institute of Health Sciences & Hospital - Rs.9,08,000/- per annum
3. *The Fees to be deposited for Private (Hi-Tech) Dental Colleges is Rs. 3,00,000/- per annum.
4. *NRI candidates have to pay four times of the above fees in private colleges.
5. University Registration fee of Rs.3500/- will be applicable to all the admitted candidates.

***NB: IN CASE OF ANY REVISION OF THE FEE STRUCTURE AS PER GOVERNMENT ORDER, THE SAME SHALL AUTOMATICALLY BE APPLICABLE.**

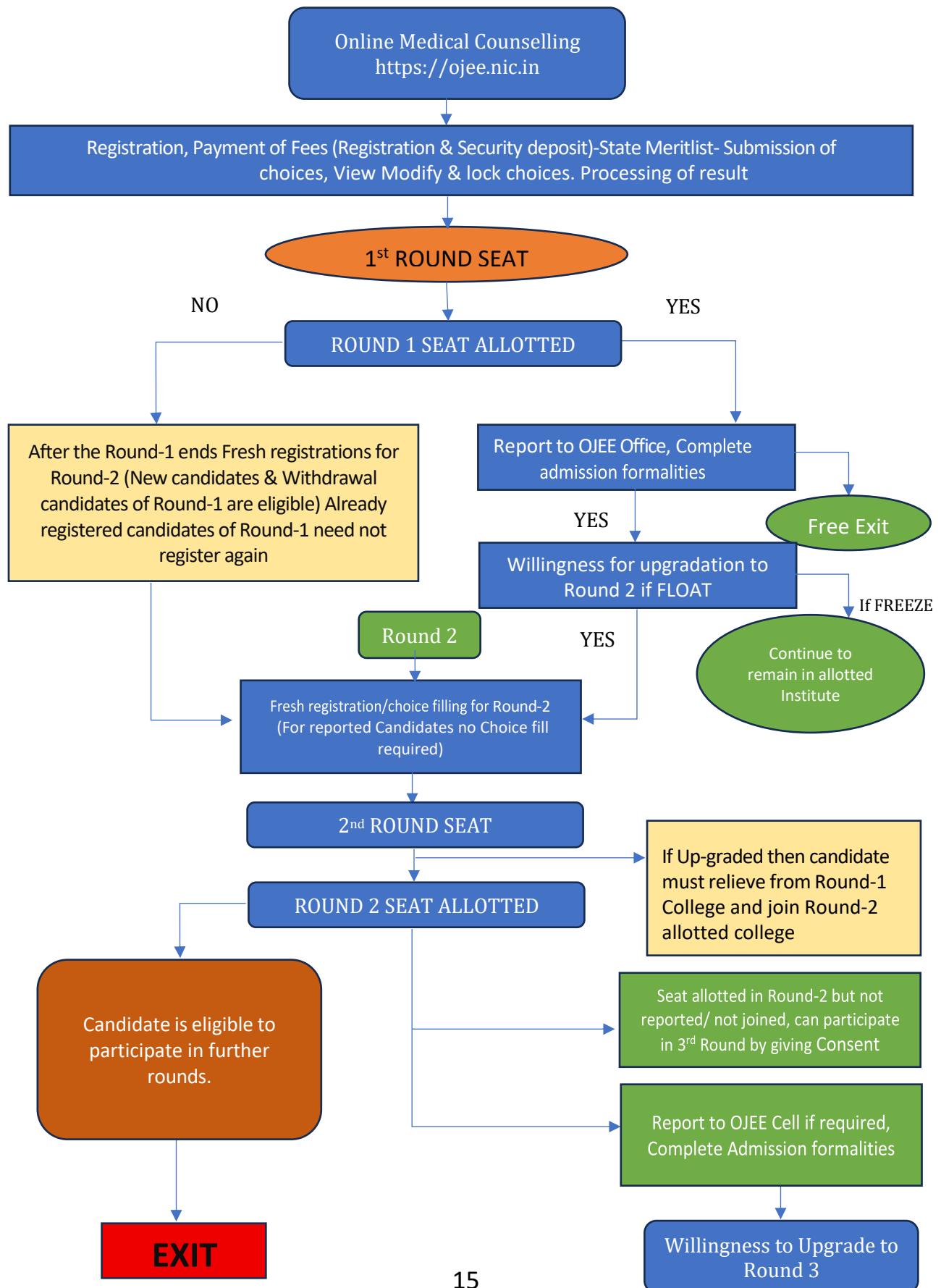
G. EXECUTION OF BOND

As per the Government Odisha Health and Family Welfare Department Order vide no. HFW-MEII-MISC-0128-2019-19046/ H & F.W. Dated:21-08-2020/ or any latest Order regarding re-implement the execution of Bond by the candidates pursuing Medical, Dental and Paramedical courses, all the candidates reporting after allotment must deposit the bond, duly prepared on non-judicial stamp paper of Rs. 21/- as per the format in Annexure – A of the said Govt. order (copy of the order with details will be available in OJEE website).

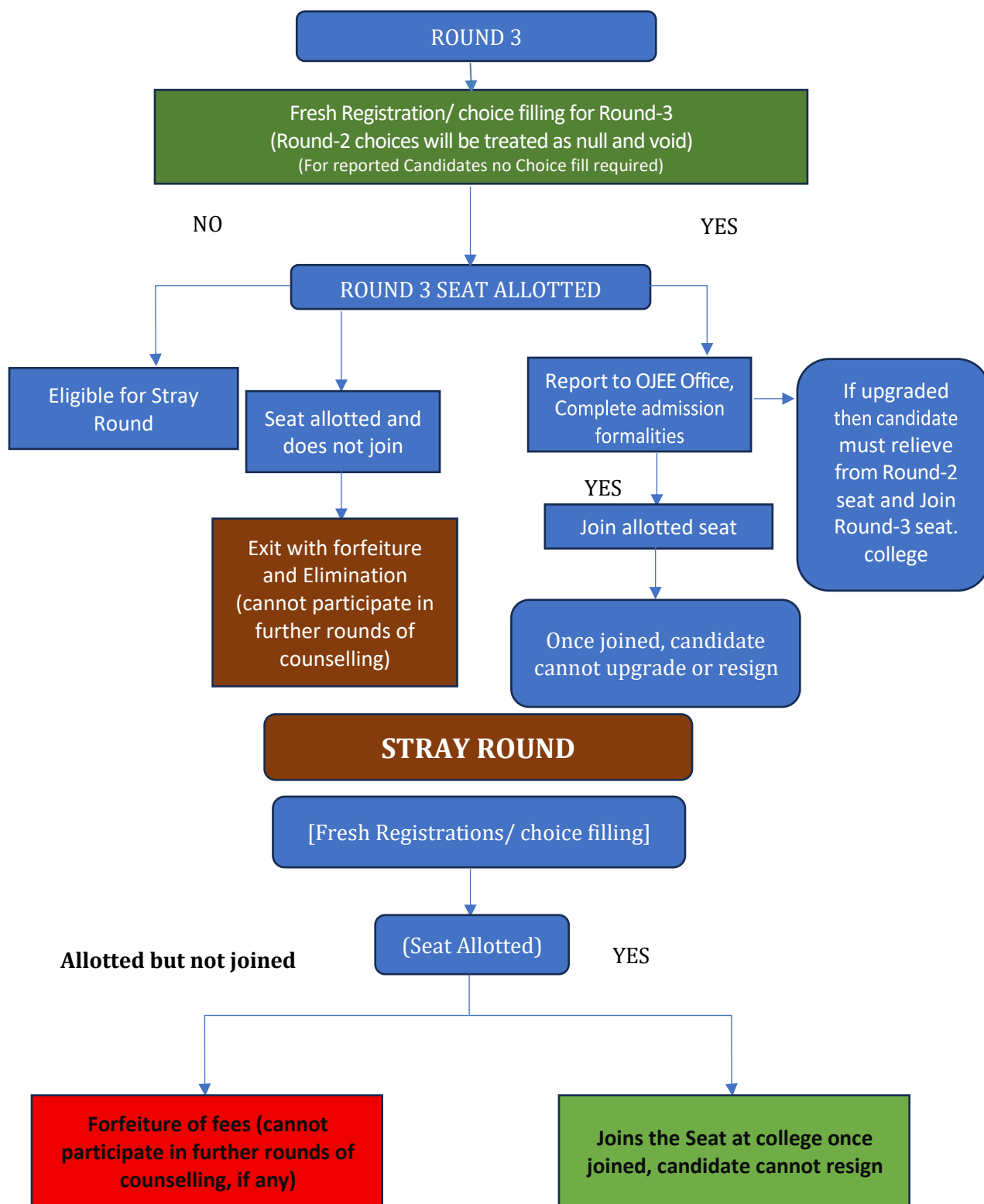
H. WEEDING OUT RULE

The documents related to counseling & allotment will be kept preserved by the Committee till **31st December 2026 only**.

On-Line Flow of the MBBS/BDS Counselling



Flow Chart for Process of Counselling ... continued from previous page



Flow Chart is for representation purpose only. For details, refer detail guideline