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National Medical Commission
Under Graduate Medical Education Board

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Dated: - 19th Oct 2022

To,

1. All State Medical Councils
2. DMEs of all State Governments/UTs

Subject: - Clarification on the references received from State Medical Councils regarding CRMI of Foreign Medical Graduates.

Sir,

I am directed to say that National Medical Commission has received a number of representations/queries from various State Medical Councils seeking clarifications regarding conduct of CRMI of Foreign Medical Graduates after issuance of NMC's public notice dated 28.7.2022.

2. In this regard, it is informed that NMC's public notice dated 28.7.2022 specifically permits such Indian Medical Students, who were in the last year of their undergraduate medicine course and have subsequently completed their studies as also have been granted certificate of completion of course / degree by their respective institute, on or before 30th June 2022, to appear in Foreign Medical Graduate Examination. This relaxation is subject to the condition of undergoing Compulsory Rotating Medical Internship (CRMI) for a period of two years, after qualifying the FMG examination, to make up for the clinical training which could not be physically attended by them during the under-graduate medicine course in the foreign institute.

3. It is also intimated that prior to issuance of the notice dated 28.07.2022, online study of medical qualification has never been recognized/approved by the Commission. However, in view of the Pandemic COVID 19, online classes conducted by Medical colleges/institutions in India were made valid, to be supplemented by practical and clinical training as per current curriculum in all MBBS subjects in the colleges/institutions and affiliated hospitals as and when colleges reopen. Thus, it is clear that the Commission has not approved/validated the medical qualifications (both theoretical & practical) through online mode.

4. In view of the above, it is intimated that the foreign medical students who have completed their studies online and had already been granted provisional registration (prior to 28.07.2022) by the concerned State Medical Councils and/or currently pursuing OR completed their internship, must complete their CRMI in accordance with NMC's public notice dated 28.07.2022.

5. Further, vide circulars dated 04.03.2022 and 19.05.2022, NMC has also issued guidelines/instruction/advisory to all the concerned authorities regarding payment of stipend to all interns for their consideration and compliance. However, the amount of stipend to be paid to the interns is to be decided/fixed by the appropriate authority applicable to the institution/ University or State. The implementation of these guidelines/instruction/advisory is solely at the discretion of the concerned State authorities under which the medical college/institute is located.

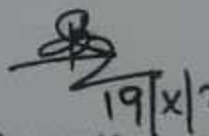
6. In addition, vide letter dated 14.07.2022, NMC has requested all State Medical Councils/DMEs to effectively implement the provisions contained in CRMI Regulations, 2021 and FMGL Regulations, 2021, dated 18.11.2021. State Medical Councils/ Directorate of Medical Education have also been requested to allot seats to FMGs who have qualified FMG Exam, in medical colleges only vide the above mentioned letter. For this purpose, a list of medical colleges indicating the number of MBBS seats and FMG quota (7.5% of annual intake) was also enclosed with the letter.

7. It is also pertinent to reiterate that NMC vide notice dated 21.9.2022 has specifically emphasized over the provisions contained in Foreign Medical Graduate Licentiate Regulations, 2021 and Compulsory Rotating Medical Internship Regulations 2021 regarding allocation of the medical colleges to complete internship by FMGs by the State Medical Councils and clarified the provisions of NMC's Regulations 2021 regarding allocation of internship to FMGs in medical colleges only and non-entitlement of standalone PG Institutes imparting DNB training under DNB-PDCET and non-teaching hospitals to conduct CRMI of FMGs.

8. State Medical Councils are therefore advised to follow the above provisions of Regulations, guidelines and advisories issued by the Commission from time to time and grant permanent registration to those FMGs who have completed their internship in medical colleges only. In case of any query, it is requested to seek the Commission's advice before taking decision.

9. This issues with the approval of President (UGMEB).

Yours faithfully,



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Director, UGMEB

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