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DENTAL COUNCIL OF INDIA

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, dated 5th November, 2017.

No.DE-87-2017—In exercise of the powers conferred by clauses (g), (h) and (ha) of sub-section (2) of section 20 of the Dentists Act, 1948 (16 of 1948), the Dental Council of India, after consultation with the State Governments as required under clause (g) and (h) of the said Act, and in supersession of the Dental Council of India Revised MDS Course Regulations, 2007 except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Dental Council of India with the approval of the Central Government hereby makes the following regulations, namely:—

PART- I

PRELIMINARY

1. **Short title and commencement.**— (1) These regulations may be called the Dental Council of India, Master of Dental Surgery Course Regulations, 2017.
(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
2. **Definitions** – In these regulations unless the context otherwise requires:-
 - (a) “Act” means the Dentists Act, 1948 (16 of 1948)
 - (b) “the Council” means the Dental Council of India constituted under section 3 of the Act;
 - (c) “dentistry” includes._
 - (i) the performance of any operation on, and the treatment on any disease, deficiency or lesion of, human teeth or jaws, and the performance of radiographic work in connection with human teeth or jaws or the oral cavity;
 - (ii) the giving of any anesthetic in connection with any such operation or treatment;
 - (iii) the mechanical construction or the renewal of artificial dentures or restorative dental appliances;
 - (iv) the performance of any operation on, or the giving of any treatment, advice or attendance to, any person preparatory to, or for the purpose of, or in connection with, the fitting, inserting, fixing, constructing, repairing or renewing of artificial dentures or restorative dental appliances, and the performance of any such operation and the giving of any such treatment, advice or attendance, as is usually performed or given by dentists;
 - (d) “NEET” means the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test conducted by the National Board of Examination for admission to post-graduate courses;
 - (e) “University” means a university established or incorporated by or under a Central Act, a Provincial Act or a State Act, and includes any such institution as may, in consultation with the university concerned, be recognised by the University Grant Commission in accordance with the regulations made in this behalf under this Act.

PART - II

GENERAL CONDITIONS TO BE OBSERVED BY POST GRADUATE TEACHING INSTITUTIONS

- 3. GENERAL CONDITIONS._** (1) The institutions recognised by the Central Government and after consultation with the Council shall be eligible for conducting the post-graduate degree or diploma course(s).
- (2) The maximum number of students for a post-graduate course, for training for the award of post-graduate degree or diploma by the affiliating university, shall be determined by the facilities available in the department in terms of infrastructure, teaching staff and clinical teaching material. However, to start with, a maximum of three post-graduate students, (one Unit) shall be permitted in a speciality department. The annual intake capacity recommended by the Council and approved by the Central Government for the academic year shall be final. No institution shall be permitted to increase more than three seats at a time in its annual intake capacity in a particular speciality in a given academic year. Not more than two units consisting of six seats (including increase of seats) shall be granted to any dental institutions for each speciality.
- (3) The students undergoing post-graduate courses shall be exposed to the following:-
- (i) basics of bio-statistics and research methodology;
 - (ii) basics of human behaviour studies;
 - (iii) basics of pharmaco-economics;
 - (iv) introduction to the non-linear mathematics.

4. ETHICS IN DENTISTRY._

There is a definite shift from the traditional patient and doctor relationship and delivery of dental care. With the advances in science and technology and the increasing needs of the patient, their families and community, there is a concern for the health of the community as a whole. There is a shift to greater accountability to the society. Dental specialists like the other health professionals are confronted with many ethical problems. It is therefore absolutely necessary for each and every one in the health care delivery to prepare themselves to deal with these problems. To accomplish this and develop human values, it is desired that all the trainees undergo ethical sensitization by lectures or discussion on ethical issues, discussion of cases with an important ethical component.

5. ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION._

A candidate for admission to the Master in Dental Surgery course, must possess a recognised degree of Bachelor in Dental Surgery awarded by a university or institute in India and registered with the State Dental Council and has obtained provisional or permanent registration and has undergone compulsory rotatory internship of a year in an approved/recognised dental college:

Provided that in the case of a foreign national, the following procedure shall be followed:-

The Council may, on payment of the prescribed fee for registration, grant temporary registration for the duration of the post-graduate training restricted to the dental college/institution to which he or she is admitted for the time being exclusively for post-graduate studies:

Provided further that temporary registration to such foreign national shall be subject to the condition that such person is duly registered as medical practitioner in his/her own country from which he/she has obtained his/her basics dental qualification and that his/her degree is recognized by the corresponding state dental council or concerned authority.

6. SELECTION OF CANDIDATE FOR POST-GRADUATE COURSES._

There shall be a uniform NEET for admission to the post-graduate dental courses in each academic year conducted in the manner, as prescribed by the National Board of Examination or any other authority appointed by the Central Government in this behalf. The overall superintendence, direction and control of the NEET shall vest with the Council.

7. **QUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO POST-GRADUATE COURSES.** (1) The candidate has to secure the following category-wise minimum percentile in NEET for admission to post-graduate courses held in a particular academic year.

General	50 th Percentile
Person with locomotory disability of lower limbs	45 th Percentile
Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes	40 th Percentile

Provided that the percentile shall be determined on the basis of highest marks secured in the All-India common merit list in NEET for post-graduate courses:

~~Provided further, that when sufficient number of candidates in the respective categories fail to secure minimum marks as prescribed in NEET held for any academic year for admission to post-graduate courses, the Central Government in consultation with the Council may, at its discretion lower the minimum marks required for admission to post-graduate courses for candidates belonging to respective categories and marks so lowered by the Central Government shall be applicable for the said academic year only.~~

The above proviso has been substituted in terms of (1st Amendment) notification published on 15.03.2018 in the Gazette of India and the same is as under:-

Provided further that when the number of qualifying candidates in the respective categories on the basis of the above mentioned percentile are less than three times the number of vacancies, the cut-off percentile will be automatically lowered in such a manner that the number of eligible candidates shall be minimum three times the number of seats in each respective category.

- (2) The reservation of seats in dental college/institutions for respective categories shall be as per applicable laws prevailing in States/Union territories. An all India merit list as well as State-wise merit list of the eligible candidates shall be prepared on the basis of the marks obtained in NEET Test and candidates shall be admitted to post-graduate courses from the said merit list only:

The following words has been substituted in terms of (2nd Amendment) notification published on 18.09.2018 in the Gazette of India

Provided that in determining the merit of candidates who are in service of Government/public authority, weightage in the marks may be given by the Government/competent authority as an incentive upto 10% of the marks obtained for each year of service in ~~remote and/or difficult areas~~ **remote and/or difficult or rural areas** upto the maximum of 30% of the marks obtained in NEET. The ~~remote and difficult areas~~ **remote, difficult and rural areas** shall be as defined by State Government / competent authority from time to time.

- (3) A candidate who has failed to secure the minimum percentile as prescribed in these regulations, shall not be admitted to any post-graduate courses in any academic year.
- (4) Minimum 5% seats of the annual sanctioned intake capacity shall be filled up by candidates with locomotory disability of lower limbs between 50% to 70%:

Provided that in case any seat in this quota remains unfilled on account of unavailability of candidates with locomotory disability of lower limbs between 50% to 70% then any such unfilled seat shall be filled up by persons with locomotory disability of lower limbs between 40% to 50% - before they are included in the annual sanctioned seats for general category candidates:

Provided further that this entire exercise shall be completed by each dental college/institution as per the statutory time schedule for admissions.

8. COMMENCEMENT OF ACADEMIC SESSION AND CUT-OFF DATE FOR ADMISSION._

- (1) The academic session shall be commenced from 1st of May and the cut-off date for admission, even for stray vacancies, in the Master of Dental Surgery course shall be 31st of May, every year. The universities and other institutions shall start the admission process in such a way that teaching in post-graduate courses starts by 1st May each year for which they shall strictly adhere to the time schedule specified in the Dental Council of India (Establishment of new dental colleges, opening of higher courses of study and increase of admission capacity in existing dental colleges) Regulations, 2006.
- (2) There shall be no admission of students in respect of any academic session beyond the 31st May for post-graduate courses under any circumstances. The universities or institute shall not register any student beyond the said date; in case, any institution which grants admission to any student after the last date specified for the same shall also be liable to face such action including surrender of seats equivalent to the extent of such admission made from its sanctioned intake capacity for the succeeding academic year.
- (3) The Council may direct, that any student identified as having obtained his/her admission after the last date for closure of admission be discharged from the course of study, or any dental qualification granted to such a student shall not be a recognised qualification for the purpose of the Act.

9. COMMON COUNSELING. – (1) There shall be a common counseling for admission to all post-graduate courses (Diploma/MDS) in all dental educational institutions on the basis of merit list of the NEET.

- (2) The designated authority for counseling for the 50% All India Quota seats of the contributing States, as per the existing scheme for post graduate (Diploma/MDS) courses shall be the Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. Further Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India shall conduct counseling for all post-graduate (Diploma/MDS) Courses in Dental Educational Institutions of the Central Government, Universities established by an Act of Parliament and the Deemed Universities.
- (3) The counseling for admission to post-graduate (Diploma/MDS) courses in all dental Educational Institutions in a State/Union Territory, including dental educational institutions established by the State Government, University established by an Act of State/Union Territory Legislature, Trust, Society, Minority Institutions shall be conducted by the State/Union Territory Government.
- (4) In case, any dispute arises on such common counseling, the matter to the Central Government and its decisions shall be final, in this regard.

- 10. INFORMATION ON ADMISSION AND SCHEDULE OF EXAMINATION.** Every dental institution and its affiliating university shall furnish information on admissions in the courses of study, schedule of examinations to the Council, in such form as the Council may specify, within stipulated period from time to time.
- 11. PERIOD OF TRAINING.** (1) The period of training for the award of the MDS course shall be of three years duration for three academic years as full time candidates in an institution including the period of examination:

Provided that the time period required for passing out of the MDS course shall be a maximum of six years from the date of admission in said course:

Provided further that the duration of the post-graduate course for the post-graduate Diploma holders shall be of two years in the respective speciality. The syllabus and curriculum shall be the same as MDS Course in the concerned speciality except that they are not required (i) to undergo study and training in Basic Sciences and (ii) pass the PART-I Examination of MDS Course. However, they have to submit the dissertation work, as part of the post-graduate programme.

(2) During the period, each student shall take part actively in learning and teaching activities design of training, by the institution or the university. The teaching and learning activities in each speciality, shall be as under:-

(a) LECTURES:

There shall be some didactic lectures in the speciality and in the allied fields. The departments shall encourage guest lectures in the required areas and integrated lectures by multi-disciplinary teams on selected topics, to strengthen the training programmes.

(b) JOURNAL REVIEW:

The journal review meetings shall be held at least once a week. All trainees, associate and staff associated with the post-graduate programme are expected to participate actively and enter relevant details in the logbook. The trainee shall make presentations from the allotted journals of selected articles. A model check list for the evaluation of journal review presentation is annexed at Schedule-I of these regulations.

(c) SEMINARS:

The seminars shall be held at least twice a week in each department. All trainees are expected to participate actively and enter relevant details in logbook. A model check list for the evaluation of seminar presentation is annexed at Schedule-II of these regulations.

(d) SYMPOSIUM:

It is recommended to hold symposium on topics covering multiple disciplines.

(e) CLINICAL POSTINGS:

Each trainee shall work in the clinics on regular basis to acquire adequate professional skills and competency in managing various cases, A model check list for evaluation of clinical postings is annexed at Schedule-III of these regulations.

(f) CLINICO- PATHOLOGICAL CONFERENCE:

The clinico pathological conference shall be held once a month involving the faculties of Oral Medicine and Radiology, Oral Pathology and allied clinical departments. The trainees shall be encouraged to present the clinical details, radiological and histo-pathological interpretations and participation in the discussions.

(g) INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS:

To encourage integration among various specialities, there shall be inter-departmental meeting chaired by the Dean with all heads of post-graduate departments at least once a month.

(h) TEACHING SKILLS:

All the trainees shall be encouraged to take part in undergraduate teaching programmes either in the form of lectures or group discussions. A model check list for evaluation of teaching skills is annexed at Schedule-IV of these regulations.

(i) DENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMMES:

Each department shall organise dental education programmes on regular basis involving other institutions. The trainees shall also be encouraged to attend such programmes conducted outside their university or institute.

(j) CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS / ADVANCED COURSES:

The trainees shall be encouraged to attend conference/workshops/advanced courses and also to present at least two scientific papers and two posters at State / national level speciality and allied conferences / conventions during the training period.

(k) ROTATION AND POSTING IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS:

To bring in more integration among the specialities and allied fields, each department shall workout a programme to rotate the trainees in related disciplines.

(l) DISSERTATION / THESIS:

The trainees shall prepare a dissertation based on the clinical or experimental work or any other study conducted by them under the supervision of the guide. A model check list for evaluation of dissertation presentation and continuous evaluation of dissertation work by guide / co-guide is annexed at Schedule-V of these regulations. A model overall assessment sheet to be filled by all the trainees undergoing post-graduate course is annexed at Schedule-VI of these regulations.

(3) All the students of the speciality departments shall complete the minimum quota for the teaching and learning activities, as follows:-

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| (a) | Journal Clubs | : 5 in a year |
| (b) | Seminars | : 5 in a year |
| (c) | Clinical Case Presentations | : 4 in a year |

- (d) Lectures taken for undergraduates : 1 in a year
- (e) Scientific Paper / Poster Presentations : 4 papers/posters during
In State / National Level Conferences / three years of training
workshop period

- (f) Clinico Pathological Conferences : 2 presentations during
three years of
training period

- (g) Scientific Publications (optional) : one publication
in any indexed scientific
journal

- (h) Submission of Synopsis : one synopsis within six
months from the date of
commencement of the course

- (i) Submission of Dissertation : one dissertation within six
months before appearing for the
university examination

- (j) Submission of Library Dissertation : one dissertation within
eighteen months from
the date of commencement of
the course