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## भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान परिषद के अधिक्रमण में शासी बोर्ड

### BOARD OF GOVERNORS IN SUPERSESSION OF MEDICAL COUNCIL OF INDIA

No. MCI(34)(41)(Gen)-Med/2020 /13080

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#### ADVISORY

**Subject: Relaxation in the Provision of Appointment of External Examiners, schedule and conduct of Examination in Regulations on Graduate Medical Education, 1997 (GMER) in view of the COVID 19 pandemic.**

#### Schedule and conduct of UG Examination

The Board of Governors in supersession of MCI after considering various representations received from Students/Colleges/Universities raising various queries about re-opening of Medical Colleges and conduct of University examination and the opinions of Vice-Chancellors provided during the meeting through video conference held on 16.07.2020 decided as under:-

1. It is advised that no batch should be permitted to move to the next level of the MBBS course without an examination.
2. The colleges should aim to complete the First MBBS course (including practicals/lab/demonstrations etc.) within two months of re-opening of the colleges (as and when permitted by the Central/State/UT Govt.) and thereafter the First MBBS University exams should be completed as soon as possible, preferably within a month.
3. The pending supplementary examinations for Final year MBBS students which were scheduled during the first half of 2020 should be conducted as soon as possible, as the students are waiting to appear for the examinations having completed the course once already and need not have to wait for the formal re-opening of the colleges. Such students will be joining the medical colleges/hospitals for doing internship just after passing final exams.
4. Regarding the conduct of 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> (Part I) and Final year MBBS examination for 2020, the time required for completion of the course would depend on the timing of the re-opening of the medical colleges. It is anticipated that as for the 1<sup>st</sup> MBBS students, these students would also need about two months to complete the remaining course curriculum and training. Consequently, the University exams for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> (Part I) MBBS students may have to be delayed by two to three months beyond their scheduled dates.
5. It is further advised that relaxations provided for the conduct of final year postgraduate examination in terms of the appointment of examiners and the exam patterns, would also be applicable for the conduct of MBBS University examinations. These relaxations are reiterated as follows :-

#### Appointment of Examiners:

- A. Universities must in the first instance try to adhere to the existing norms regarding external examiners as provided for in Regulations for Graduate Medical Education, 1997 (Part I, Clause 13 and Part II, Clause 11.2.9 – for batches admitted from 2019-20 onwards).

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- B. The University is advised to follow one of the following options with respect to external examiners for the MBBS examinations considering the risk stratification of the areas where the Medical colleges/institutions are located, if External examiners are not available from outside the state due to the pandemic:
- External examiners to be selected from a different University in the State. These external examiners have to be physically present at the venue of the examination
  - In case option (i) above is not possible, half the external examiners to be selected from a different University, who would be physically present at the venue of the examination and the other half from a different university who would participate through video conferencing.
  - In case option (ii) is also not possible, both the external examiners from two different universities who would participate through video-conferencing.
  - In case of States having all the medical colleges under the same University i.e. State Health University, Medical Colleges may engage External examiners from any other College under that State Health University. Both of such External Examiners should be physically present during the examination.

**Conduct of Practical/Clinical Examinations**

- A. In this regard it is noted that Regulation 12(3) and regulation 11.2 (Part II-for batches admitted from 2019-20 onwards) of GMER, 1997 provides for the conduct of University examinations.
- B. It is stated that due to COVID 19 Pandemic, most medical colleges have expressed their difficulty in adhering to the existing regulations to examine the students, especially in clinical subjects. Since the objective of the Practical Examination is to ascertain skills relevant to the subject as outlined in the respective course curricula, alternative methods of skill evaluation which may include OSCE/OSPE, simulations, case scenarios, etc. may be used in lieu of clinical cases, wherever the latter is not feasible as provided for in the Regulations referred above.

**Further this Advisory is a one –time measure for the UG Exams only in view of the prevailing COVID 19 Pandemic.**

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