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National Medical Commission
(Undergraduate Medical Education Board)

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CIRCULAR

Subject : Illegal charge of Internship Fee and non-payment of stipend to Interns.

It has been brought into the notice of the National Medical Commission through various sources that some medical colleges/institutes across the country are charging internship fee from the interns, Indian and Foreign Medical Graduates for doing their internship in their college/institutes and also not paying stipend to them.

2. In this regard, it is informed that the provisions contained in the NMC's Compulsory Rotatory Medical Internship Regulations 2021, which is applicable w.e.f. 18th November 2021, may kindly be read as under :


- ❖ *All Foreign Medical Graduates, as regulated by the National Medical Commission (Foreign Medical Graduate Licentiate) Regulations, 2021, are required to undergo internship at par with Indian Medical Graduates if they desire to seek Permanent Registration to practice Medicine in India.*
- ❖ *All Foreign Medical Graduates, unless otherwise notified shall be required to undergo CRMI at par with Indian Medical Graduates after the National Exit Test Step-1 after NExT becomes operational.*
- ❖ *Foreign Medical Graduates who require to complete a period of Internship shall do so only in medical colleges or institutions approved for providing CRMI to Indian Medical Graduates;*
 - ✓ *Foreign Medical Graduates may be posted first in colleges which have been newly opened and have yet to be recognized;*
 - ✓ *May be posted to different medical colleges or institutions through a counseling or seat allocation process based on the merit;*
 - ✓ *Medical colleges or institutions may allow up to 7.5 per cent of their permitted quota of interns to accommodate internship by Foreign Medical Graduates.*

3. National Medical Commission vide circular dated 4th March 2022 also clarified that *no amount/fee is charged by the medical college from FMGs for permitting them to do their internship. The stipend & other facilities to FMGs should be extended equivalent to India Medical Graduates being trained at Government Medical Colleges as fixed by the appropriate authority applicable to the institution / University or State.*

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4. As per the provisions of the NMC's CRMI Regulation 2021, interns (not more than 15 interns at any given time in one centre) are posted at Rural Health Centres for period of 12 weeks. However, it has been observed that due to paucity of Rural Centres adopted by college authorities, a large numbers of interns are posted in one Rural Centre. Therefore, the college authorities are advised to adopt more Rural Centres to accommodate internship training and also provide residential accommodation or transportation (to and from Rural Centres) to these interns at the cost of college authorities.

5. All State Medical Councils and Directorates of Medical Education are requested to kindly take immediate necessary action in this regard and ensure that no internship fee is charged by the medical colleges/institutes from these interns, Indian and Foreign Medical Graduates, and stipend including other facilities is being provided to FMGs as equivalent to Indian Medical Graduates in the States/UTs.


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- (i) All Directorates of Medical Education
- (ii) All Registrars of State Medical Councils/UTs
- (iii) All Registrars/Vice-chancellor of Health universities