ADMISSION - POSTGRADUATE

ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION

A candidate for admission to the Master in Dental Surgery course, must possess a recognized degree of Bachelor in Dental Surgery awarded by a university 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/recognized dental college:

SELECTION OF CANDIDATE

There shall be a uniform NEET qualifying examination 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.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION

- (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.
 - a. General- 50th Percentile
 - b. Person with locomotory disability of lower limbs 45th Percentile
 - c. Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes- 40th 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.

(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. 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 upto the maximum of 30% of the marks obtained in NEET. The remote and difficult 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.

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.