PUBLIC NOTICE

One time exemption for grant of "Eligibility Certificate" for appearing in DCI Screening Test

It is informed to all the concerned that the Government of India, vide its letter No.V.12025/38/2020-DE dated 13.7.2020, on the recommendations of the DCI, has exempted or relaxed the candidates who could not obtained the 'Eligibility Certificate', prior to their admission on or before 15.5.2020 at Dental Institution outside the Country as a one time measure not to be quoted as precedent, to appear in the Screening Test but subject to fulfillment of the following conditions, amongst the others, as prescribed in the DCI Screening Test Regulations, 2009, as amended from time to time:-

- 1. The applicant who have got his/her admission at any foreign dental institution on or after 19.9.2018 must have qualified NEET.
- 2. The duration of the said foreign UG/PG dental qualification should be at par with the Indian Universities
- 3. The said course should be full time and regular.
- 4. The said UG/PG dental qualification should be recognised by the respective country for the purpose of practicing dentistry.
- 5. Minimum criteria of admission should be at par with Indian universities
- 6. Requirement of Dissertation/thesis (for PG students).
- 7. The exemption from the eligibility certificate prior to admission shall be applicable only to those Indian citizens who have been admitted on or before 15.5.2020.
- 8. Any other requirement as may be prescribed by DCI may consider necessary in the fact and circumstances of each case.

All the students who got their admissions on or before 15.5.2020 but could not apply for appearing in the Screening Test in the absence of "Eligibility Certificate" are now eligible to apply afresh to DCI. In case, the applications has already been rejected by DCI on this ground alone, shall also be eligible to apply afresh without remitting the application fee of Rs.3,000/, otherwise the candidate shall have to pay the application fee of Rs.3,000/-. The student seeking exemption from fee on this ground shall provide the complete details of their earlier application and DCI rejection letter.

Provided that the case for exemption/relaxation in respect of the students who have completed their BDS/MDS qualification **from Pakistan** shall be re-submitted by DCI to Ministry of Health and Family Welfare with opinion of Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, for their approval.

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No.V.12025/38/2020-DE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE

(Dental Education Section)

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi Dated the 13th July, 2020

To.

The Secretary, Dental Council of India, Aiwan-E-Galib Marg, Kotla Road, Temple Lane, New Delhi - 1 10002.

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Sir.

I am directed to refer to DCI letter's No. DE-147/Misc/2020/217 dated 20.05.2020 and letter No. DE-Academic-147/(Eligibility Certificate)/2020/579 dated 17.06.2020 on the subject cited above and to convey that as a one time measure not to be quoted as precedent, the proposal of DCI to grant exemption from obtaining eligibility certificate under regulation 5 of DCI's Screening Test Regulations, 2009 has been approved by the Central Government with conditions as stipulated in DCI's proposal.

The approval of the Central Government is subject to further direction to DCI that that in respect of cases pertaining to Pakistan, the Council is required to take MHA's opinion before re-submitting the proposal regarding such exemption to those students who have completed BDS/ MDS from Pakistan.

Yours faithfully,

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