

By e-mail

No. Z-28011/68/2021-MEC/DE
Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
(Dental Education Section)

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 17th February, 2022

To

1. The Honorary Executive Director
National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences,
Ansari Nagar, Mahatma Gandhi Marg, New Delhi - 110029.

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2. The Secretary,

Dental Council of India,

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Subject: Extension of the date of examination for NEET-MDS 2022 and the date of completion of compulsory rotating internship for eligibility for admission to MDS courses - Regarding-

Sir,

I am directed to refer to letter no. NBEMS/EDO/2022/2346 dated 15.02.2022 of Honorary Executive Director, NBEMS on the subject above and the advisory issued by the DCI vide letter No.DE-NEET-Admission-MDS-2021/3571 dated 14.01.2022 to the Principals of all the Dental Colleges in the Country and to the Registrars of all the Universities affiliating Dental Institutions in the Country.

2. Simultaneously, this Ministry has received representation dated 04.02.2022 from United Doctors Front Association addressed to Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare and dated 10.02.2022 addressed to Director (DE) and other similar representations from MDS aspirants inter-alia praying to extend the date of examination for NEET-MDS 2022 by 4-6 weeks and to extend the date of completion of compulsory rotating internship for eligibility for admission to MDS courses beyond 31st March, 2022. Also, vide order dated 08/02/2022 in W.P.(C) no. 68 of 2022, Hon'ble Supreme Court had inter-alia directed that "*..... The representation shall be considered expeditiously, within a period of one week of the date of its submission,*

by the competent authority.”

3. It is informed that the matter has been examined in this Ministry and in order to bring parity between the NEET-MDS 2022 and NEET-PG 2022 examination, it has been decided by the Competent Authority that the date for conduct of NEET-MDS examination, 2022 may be postponed by 4-6 weeks and preferably around the same date as that for NEET-PG 2022.

4. It has further informed that it has also been decided by the Competent Authority that the date of completion of compulsory rotating internship for eligibility for admission to MDS courses may be fixed at 31st July, 2022 instead of 31st March, 2022.

5. The above decisions of the Competent Authority are being communicated to you for compliance and necessary action.

6. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare.

Yours faithfully,

(Rajeev Kumar)
Under Secretary to the Govt of India
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