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राष्ट्रीय आयुर्विज्ञान आयोग / National Medical Commission  
(O/o Secretary)  
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**Sector-8, Dwarka  
New Delhi-110077  
Dated: 15-10-2026**

To,

**1. Directors/Principals/Deans, All Medical Colleges/Institutions under NMC**

**2. Students admitted to MBBS course from AY 2019-20 and onwards.**

**Subject: Grant of One Additional Attempt (Mercy Attempt) to eligible MBBS students admitted from Academic Years 2019–20 and onwards for passing the First Professional MBBS Examination – one-time transitional relaxation in pending cases – Reg.**

Madam/Sir,

Kind reference is invited to Public Notice dated 15-10-2026 as issued by Under Graduate Medical Education Board (UGMEB) of National Medical Commission (NMC) on the above subject matter being self-explanatory. National Medical Commission, in its 18th NMC meeting held on 23.09.2026, inter-alia considered granting an additional mercy attempt to MBBS students for passing the First Professional MBBS Examination, subject to conditions as specified in the annexed Public Notice. The matter was examined in view of the representations received from students, universities and other stakeholders seeking an additional attempt on account of exceptional circumstances, including disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, health-related issues and other personal difficulties, as well as the Commission's earlier decisions granting a one-time mercy attempt to students admitted in Academic Years (AY) 2019–20 and 2020-21.

2. Accordingly, all concerned Students, Universities and other stakeholders are advised to take note of the conditions/instructions as stipulated in the above said public notice.

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**Public Notice**

**Subject: Grant of One Additional Attempt (Mercy Attempt) to eligible MBBS students admitted from Academic Years 2019–20 and onwards for passing the First Professional MBBS Examination – one-time transitional relaxation in pending cases – Reg.**

The National Medical Commission (NMC), in its 18th meeting held on 23.09.2026, considered the issue of granting an additional mercy attempt to MBBS students for passing the First Professional MBBS Examination. The matter was examined in view of the representations received from students, universities and other stakeholders seeking an additional attempt on account of exceptional circumstances, including disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, health-related issues and other personal difficulties, as well as the Commission's earlier decisions granting a one-time mercy attempt to students admitted in Academic Years (AY) 2019–20 and 2020–21.

2. Upon consideration of the matter, the Commission approved a one-time exceptional transitional relaxation for eligible students, subject to the following conditions:

**A. Grant of one additional attempt**

Students admitted to the MBBS course from **AY 2019–20 AND ONWARDS**, shall be permitted **one additional attempt over and above the prescribed 4 attempts (i.e., total 5 attempts)** for passing the First Professional MBBS Examination thereby allowing a maximum of five attempts (including the prescribed 4 attempts), subject to the conditions specified herein.

- a. The additional attempt shall be available even where the student has crossed the prescribed four-year period for completion of the First Professional MBBS Course.
- b. provided that the student's admission continues to remain valid; and
- c. has not been cancelled by the concerned University/College.

**B. Students who have already availed a Mercy Attempt**

Students admitted in MBBS Course from AY 2019–20 and onwards **who have already availed one additional mercy attempt**, thereby exhausting a total of five attempts, pursuant to an earlier decision of the Commission or any directions of a Court, as the case may be, **shall not be entitled to any further mercy attempt** under the present decision.

Accordingly, the present relaxation shall not entitle any such student to a sixth attempt.

**C. Maximum overall duration for completion of the MBBS course**

The overall duration for completion of the MBBS course, including the applicable period of Compulsory Rotating Medical Internship (CRMI), **shall not exceed ten years from the date of admission.**

Grant of the additional attempt shall not be construed as extending or relaxing the aforesaid maximum overall duration.

**D. Nature and scope of the relaxation**

The aforesaid relaxation is a one-time exceptional transitional measure intended to provide relief in eligible pending cases before the Commission.

The relaxation shall not be construed as retrospective application of the amended regulatory provision concerning the permissible number of attempts, nor shall it be treated as a precedent for subsequent academic batches.

3. All concerned Universities, Medical Colleges and other stakeholders are advised to take note of the above decision and deal with eligible cases accordingly.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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M K Ramesh

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(Dr. M. K. Ramesh)

President

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National Medical Commission