



## Draft Guidelines For Medical Registration

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### Why in News?

Recently, the [National Medical Commission \(NMC\)](#) has released draft guidelines on how the doctors will be registered in order to practise medicine.

- It aims to bring **uniformity in the registration process** of medical practitioners in India.
- Earlier, the **Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP)**, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers has released an Approach Paper for the [Draft National Policy for the Medical Devices, 2022](#).

### What are the draft guidelines for medical registration proposed by the NMC?

- **Unique ID:** The guidelines provide a framework for creating a dynamic national medical register, with a unique ID assigned to each student who **qualifies NEET and other professional qualifications**.
- **Allowing Foreign Doctors:** It also throws open the registration to foreign doctors who want to come to India to study in **post-graduation courses, fellowships, clinical research, or voluntary clinical services**.
- **National Exit Test (NExT):** The draft states that Indian medical graduates would be eligible for registration in the **National Medical Register** after they complete their MBBS degree from a recognised college, complete their year-long mandatory internship, and pass the **National Exit Test (NExT)**.
  - NExT will not **only level the playing field for both**, it will also act as the qualifying test for post-graduate programmes instead of the NEET-PG the aspirants have to appear for currently.
  - Till the NExT is introduced, the current processes will continue, the draft guidelines state.
  - The government expects to conduct the **NExT from 2024**.
  - **National Medical Register contains the list of** Registered Doctors with the various State Medical Councils across India.

### What is the National Medical Commission?

- **Medical Council of India (MCI)** was established in 1934 under the **Indian Medical Council (IMC) Act, 1933** with the main function of establishing uniform standards of higher qualifications in medicine and recognition of medical qualifications in India and abroad.
- The government dissolved the MCI in 2018 and replaced it with a **Board of Governors (BoG)**, which was chaired by a member of [NITI Aayog](#).

- Now, the IMC Act, 1956 stands repealed after the gazette notification, and has been replaced by the **National Medical Commission Act** that came into existence on 8th August 2019.
- The change is aimed at bringing in reforms in the medical education sector and especially aimed at replacing the MCI, which was tainted by corruption and **other problems**.
- The NMC will function as the country's top regulator of medical education.
- It will have four separate autonomous boards for:
  - Undergraduate medical education.
  - Postgraduate medical education.
  - Medical assessment and rating.
  - Ethics and medical registration.

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