

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING MEDICAL QUALIFICATIONS AWARDED BY SINGHANIA UNIVERSITY**

One of the most corrupt bodies viz. Medical Council of India has been completely dissolved and the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 (“**IMC Act**”) has been repealed/replaced by the National Medical Commission Act, 2019 (“**NMC Act**”) which came into effect from September 25, 2020.

Its main objective is as under:

*“An Act to provide for a medical education system that improves access to quality and affordable medical education, ensures availability of adequate and high-quality medical professionals in all parts of the country.”*

Achievement of the above-mentioned objective, elimination of the misinformation being spread by MCI and putting an end to the license/ permit/ quota/ inspector raj system of the corrupt MCI has been achieved to a greater extent by the provisions of the NMC Act.

So far as Singhania University is concerned, it is eligible and recognized under various provisions of the NMC Act 2019 as under:

### **Who can impart medical education in various medical courses like MBBS/MS/MD etc. ?**

Section 2(i) of the NMC Act

*“medical institution” means any institution within or outside India which grants degrees, diplomas and licences in medicine and include affiliated colleges and deemed to be Universities.*

Section 2 (x) of the NMC Act

*“University” shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (f) of section 2 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 and includes a health University.*

In view of the above, Singhania University is established by an Act of State Legislature and duly recognized under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956 and under Section 2(x) of the NMC Act and as such, being constitutionally recognized as a class by itself, university is different and distinct from any medical institution/medical college.

### **Requirement of National Eligibility cum-Entrance Test Qualification**

Section 14(1) of the NMC Act

*There shall be a uniform National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test for admission to the undergraduate and postgraduate super-speciality medical education in all medical institutions which are governed by the provisions of this Act:*

*Provided that the uniform National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test for admission to the undergraduate medical education shall also be applicable to all medical institutions governed under any other law for the time being in force.*

In view of the above, National Eligibility cum-Entrance Test (**NEET**) does not apply to the University, it only applies to the medical institutions.

### **Who can appear in National Exit Test?**

Section 15 (1) of the NMC Act

*A common final year undergraduate medical examination, to be known as the National Exit Test shall be held for granting licence to practice medicine as medical practitioners and for enrolment in the State Register or the National Register, as the case may be.*

In view of the above, all the students pursuing medical qualification from Singhania University shall be eligible for appearing in National Exit Test.

### **Recognition of Medical Qualifications**

Section 35 (1) of the NMC Act

*The medical qualification granted by any University or medical institution in India shall be listed and maintained by the Under-Graduate Medical Education Board or the Post-Graduate Medical Education Board, as the case may be, in such manner as may be specified by the regulations and such medical qualification shall be a recognised medical qualification for the purposes of this Act.*

In view of the above, MBBS/MD/MS and other medical qualifications granted by the University are recognized medical qualifications and as such the medical degree holders are entitled for all the facilities/privileges/recognition/registration under the NMC Act.

### **Completion of courses of studies in medical institutions**

Section 49(1) of the NMC Act

*Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, any student who was studying for a degree, diploma or certificate in any medical institution immediately before the commencement of this Act shall continue to so study and complete his course for such degree, diploma or certificate, and such institution shall continue to provide instructions and examination for such student in accordance with the syllabus and studies as existed before such commencement, and such student shall be deemed to have completed his course of study under this Act and shall be awarded degree, diploma or certificate under this Act.*

In view of the above mentioned provisions all medical qualifications such as diploma/degree including MBBS/MD/MS/Diploma/PG Diploma etc. imparted by university are recognized qualifications and do not require any further recognition from any other authority.

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The medical students of Singhania University and their parents need not to worry about their studies being duly completed in accordance with the provisions of NMC Act and we sincerely hope and believe that there should not be any difficulty in their appearance and qualifying for the Exit examination.

It is also important to know that in some states, university degree holders can get registration for medical practice on the basis of university degree alone without the requirement of any Exit test also.

For any further query, kindly do not feel hesitation to write to us and above legal position can be verified any legal advisor of your choice.

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