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**Subject: Guideline for conducting National Exit Test (NExT) by NCISM.**

Sir/Madam,

Further to our communication dated 30.04.2024 regarding Clarification on Eligibility for National Exit Test 2024-25, the commission is forwarding "Guideline for NExT" which is attached herewith. The Guideline contains eligibility, number of attempts, syllabus, qualifying percentage, structure of pattern of examination and language of question paper etc.

This may be brought to the knowledge of all the concerned authorities.

This is issued with the prior approval of the Competent Authority.

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## GUIDELINES FOR NATIONAL EXIT TEST

The National Commission for Indian System of Medicine is the statutory body constituted under NCISM Act, 2020 (14 of 2020) vide gazette notification extraordinary part (ii) section 3(iii) dated 21.09.2020.

As per the **Regulation 6 of National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (National Examinations for Indian System of Medicine) Regulations, 2023:**

1. A **National Exit Test** of each discipline such as **Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Sowa-Rigpa** of Indian System of Medicine shall be conducted by the Commission through Designated Agency.
2. The National Exit Test shall be held for granting license to practice as medical practitioner of respective discipline of Indian system of medicine and for enrolment in the State Register or National Register as a registered medical practitioner of Indian system of medicine after completing one-year internship.
3. The examination shall be problem based to test the clinical competency, understanding of medical ethics and the ability to deal with medico-legal cases as a medical practitioner in the discipline Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Sowa-Rigpa, as the case may be.
4. **CONDUCT OF NATIONAL EXIT TEST (NExT):** The National Exit Test shall be conducted ordinarily in the month of February and August, every year. However, in 2024, the NExT exam will be conducted tentatively in the month of October'2024.
5. **ELIGIBILITY FOR APPEARING IN NATIONAL EXIT TEST SHALL BE AS UNDER:**
  - a) an intern who has completed minimum **two hundred and seventy days of internship as on closing date of the submission of the application for National Exit Test;** or
  - b) graduates of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Sowa-Rigpa who have completed **one-year compulsory internship;** or
  - c) Foreign nationals whose medical qualification has been recognized under schedule-III of IMCC Act,1970 or section 36 of the NCISM Act, 2020.

**Explanation:** National Exit Test is mandatory for all those who have commenced their internship on or after 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 (irrespective of year of admission/batch) i.e. the date of notification of National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (National Examinations for Indian System of Medicine) Regulation, 2023.

6. **NO. OF ATTEMPTS:** There shall not be any limit for attempts to appear in the National Exit Test.

7. Those interns who have not completed their internship, but qualified in the National Exit Test shall be eligible to register in State or National Registration boards only after completion of one year internship.
8. The graduation degree of the candidate who could not qualify the National Exit Test, shall be considered for all other job opportunities and other educational programs or courses where medical registration is not mandatory.
9. Qualifying in National Exit Test and getting enrolled in a State Register and National Register, as the case may be, shall be the essential requirement for practicing as a registered medical practitioner or for any job where clinical work is involved or for any job where medical registration is mandatory or to pursue post graduate course in Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Sowa-Rigpa.
10. **QUALIFYING PERCENTAGE:** Securing fifty per cent and above shall be declared as qualified in the National Exit Test.
11. **STRUCTURE/PATTERN OF EXAMINATION:** The examination shall be problem based to test the Clinical Competency, Understanding of Medical Ethics and the Ability to Deal with Medico-Legal Cases. The questions may include Images, Videos, Clinical case scenario etc. The structure of NExT as given below:

Name	No. of Questions	Total Marks	Test Duration	Type of Questions	Negative Marking
NExT	120	480	180 Minutes	MCQ	1 Mark

**12. LANGUAGE OF QUESTION PAPER:**

- Ayurveda – English & Hindi
- Unani – English & Urdu
- Siddha – English & Tamil
- Sowa-Rigpa – English & Bhoti

**13. SYLLABUS:** The syllabus as prescribed by NCISM for UG (BAMS/BSMS/BUMS/BSRMS) courses.

**14. NExT Certificate**

NExT Certificate will be issued to the qualified candidates, by NCISM; the certificate may be electronically generated with adequate security features.