PUBLIC NOTICE

Draft Amendment Regulations have been placed in the Public Domain through NCISM website in accordance to the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine, hereby invites comments from public in general/ experts/stakeholders/ institutes/organisation for the following proposed Amendment Regulations namely:

2. Draft of National Commission for Indian System of Medicine - (Minimum Standard of Undergraduate Siddha Education) Amendment Regulation, 2023

The comments with justification should be sent to the email at president.boa@ncismindia.org (for Ayurveda) and president.buss@ncismindia.org (for Unani, Siddha and Sowa-Rigpa) within one month from the date of public notice i.e on or before 18.10.2023.

Enclosures: - As above

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F. No. 18-12/2021-BUSS(SID-UG-MSE).- In exercise of the powers conferred by the clause (d), (i), (j), (r), (s), (l), sub-section (2) of section 55 of the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine Act, 2020 (14 of 2020), the Commission hereby makes the following regulations to amend the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (Minimum Standards of Undergraduate Siddha Education) Regulations, 2022 namely:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) These regulations may be called the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (Minimum Standards of Undergraduate Siddha Education) Amendment Regulations, 2023;

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (Minimum Standards of Undergraduate Siddha Education) Regulations, 2022.-

(1) The clause (a) of sub-regulation (1) of regulation 4 shall be substituted, namely:-

“The candidate shall have passed 10+2 or its equivalent examination from any recognised Board with Physics, Chemistry and Biology or Biotechnology”;

(2) The clause (d) of sub-regulation (1) of regulation 4 shall be substituted, namely:-

“No candidate shall be admitted to B.S.M.S. degree programme unless he or she has attained the age of seventeen years on or before the 31st of December of the year of admission in the first year of the programme; there shall not be any upper age limit for admission in B.S.M.S programme.”

(3) In the sub-clause (ii) of clause (ii) of sub-regulation (2) of regulation 4, the words “Provided further that where sufficient number of candidates in the respective category fail to secure minimum marks in the National Eligibility - cum - Entrance Test held for any academic year for admission to undergraduate programme, the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine in consultation with the Central Government may at its discretion lower the minimum marks required for admission to undergraduate programme for candidates belonging to respective category and marks so lowered by the Central Government shall be applicable for that academic year only.” shall be omitted.

(4) In the Explanation of clause (iii) of sub-regulation (4) of regulation 4, the words after Appendix “B” shall be substituted as under:-

“and in case of non-availability of eligible candidates in any category, the unfilled seats shall be converted into the general category of All-India Quota seats or State Quota or Union Territory Quota seats, as the case may be.”

(5) After clause (iii) of sub-regulation (7) of regulation 4, clause (iv) shall be inserted as under:-

“(iv) the Central or State or Union Territory counseling authorities shall submit the complete data of allotted students to the National Commission for Indian System of medicine in the format, procedure, mode of submission and timeline as specified by the National Commission for Indian System of medicine from time to time for verification.”

(6) In serial no (c) of Table-1of regulation 5, the word “(Final)” shall be omitted.

(7) In regulation 8, the word “(Final)” wherever it occurs shall be omitted.

(8) In regulation 8, the sub-regulation number “1” alone shall be omitted by retaining the words “The B.S.M.S Programme shall……..in the following manner, namely:-”
(9) The clause (iii) of sub-regulation (G) of regulation 8 shall be substituted as under by retaining the Explanation:-

"Each elective subject shall be of forty-five hours duration and divided into five modules, and each module shall have nine hours, i.e., five hours of teaching, three hours of guided learning, and one hour of assessment; in total, each elective shall have twenty-five hours of teaching, fifteen hours of guided learning, and five hours of assessment."

(10) After sub-regulation (H) of regulation 8, sub-regulations (I) and (J) shall be inserted as under:-

“(I) Competency Based Course Curriculum: The Board of Unani, Siddha and Sowa-Rigpa shall publish the Competency Based Course Curriculum and Syllabus for each subject and the outcome objectives of the same from time to time on the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine Website; the Curriculum Standards are subject to modification from time to time with the changing health care scenario and the requirements of the time.”

“(J) The college or institute shall organise educational tours during the respective professional sessions as per the requirements of the respective subjects; the educational tour may comprise visiting:

(i) Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP)-certified Siddha drug manufacturing unit having a Research and Development section;
(ii) National Accreditation Board for Laboratory (NABL)-accredited Quality Control or Quality Assurance Laboratory, preferably at Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy (PCIM&H), Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, India;
(iii) A well-established herbal garden;
(iv) National Accreditation Board for Hospitals (NABH)-accredited Siddha Hospitals;
(v) Forensic Laboratory;
(vi) Centre of Excellence in Siddha and other Indian System of Medicine.”

(11) In regulation 10, the word “(Final)” wherever it occurs shall be omitted.

(12) In regulation 10, under sub-regulation (g), the explanation shall be inserted as under:-

“Explanation:- If the student fails in theory or practical or both, it shall be treated as failed in the subject and in such a case, the student shall appear for both theory and practical examinations.”

(13) In Table-6 of regulation 10.

(i) At serial number 2, in columns 3 and 4, the digits 2 under the column-Module and 10 under the column-Elective, shall be substituted with 3 and 15 respectively;
(ii) Serial number 3, the entire row shall be omitted;
(iii) Serial number “4” shall be substituted with the digit “3”.

(14) In clause (iv) of sub-regulation (h) of regulation 10, the sub-clause (a) shall be substituted as under:-

"Students have to qualify a minimum of three elective courses for each professional session and shall have to qualify a minimum of nine elective courses before appearing in the third professional university examination. Qualifying a minimum of three elective courses per professional session shall not be the pre-requisite for appearing in the first and second professional university examinations. In case a student does not qualify the minimum three elective courses during the respective professional session but qualifies during later professional sessions, the marks of those electives shall not be added to the viva marks of respective subjects;"

(15) In regulation 10, after sub-regulation “(l)”, the following sub-regulation “(m)” shall be inserted:-

“(m) Universities shall schedule and conduct University theory and practical examination and declare result before the commencement of next academic session as specified in the academic calendar, issued by National Commission for Indian System of Medicine from time to time.”

(16) In serial no (3) of Table-8 of regulation 11, the word “(Final)” shall be omitted.
(17) In clause (i) of sub-regulation (b) of regulation 11, after the words “shall be Summative Assessment,” the following words shall be inserted:

“which shall include the complete syllabus for that respective professional session.”

(18) In the heading of Table-14 and the heading and footnote of Table-15 of regulation 12, the word “(Final)” shall be omitted.

(19) In clause (i) of sub-regulation (a) of regulation 14, the words “including Internship Orientation Programme” shall be omitted.

(20) the clause (ii) of sub-regulation (a) of regulation 14 shall be substituted as under:-

“The student shall be eligible to join the Compulsory Internship programme after passing all the subjects of all professional examinations, including qualifying nine electives, and possessing a Provisional Registration Certificate from the respective State Board or Council.”

(21) In clause (xi) of sub-regulation (e) of regulation 14, the word “(Final)” shall be omitted.

(22) After the clause (xi) of sub-regulation (e) of regulation 14, the clause (xii) shall be inserted as under:

“(xii) Regulation 14 of these regulations shall be applicable from the batch admitted in 2021-2022 onwards.”

(23) In clause (ii) of sub-regulation (a) of regulation 16, for the words “Post-graduate qualification”, the words “Post-graduate degree (M.D or M.S)” shall be substituted.

(24) Clauses (iv) and (v) of regulation 16 shall be substituted as under:-

“(iv) Qualification of the teachers for the subjects of Tamil or Communicative English, Medicinal Botany and Pharmacognosy, Biochemistry and Microbiology:- A candidate with a regular post-graduate degree from a recognised university in the concerned subject, shall be eligible for appointment as teacher after qualifying the National Teachers Eligibility Test (NTET);

(v) A candidate having a Bachelor Degree in Siddha and a Post-graduate Degree in modern science disciplines such as Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Botany or Medicinal Botany or Pharmacognosy, Pharmacology or Medical Pharmacology and Public Health (as shown in Table-17) as referred to in sub-section (h) of section 2 of the Act and regulation 9 of this regulation, shall be eligible for appointment as teacher after qualifying the National Teachers Eligibility Test (NTET);”

(25) The proviso under the clause (iv) of sub-regulation (b) of regulation 16, shall be substituted as under:-

“Provided that, the post-graduate degree holders of Siddha, having an additional qualification in Research Methodology and/or Medical Statistics awarded by a recognised university or an institute or any Government organisations may also be appointed on a part-time basis and shall work under the Department of Noi Anugavidhi including Research Methodology and Medical Statistics and such part-time teachers shall not be provided the teachers code by the Medical Assessment and rating Board for Indian System of Medicine.”

Secretary I/C

National Commission for Indian System of Medicine