

Chapter 1: Introduction

1.1 About National Testing Agency (NTA)

The National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET-UG) is being conducted by NTA since 2019 for admission to the undergraduate medical education, with the approval of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (vide O.M. no. V.11025/14/216-MEP dated 6th December 2017) and MHRD (vide Order No 35-5/2017-TS.I dated 24th September 2018).

The Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India (GoI) has established the National Testing Agency (NTA) as an independent, autonomous, and self-sustained premier testing organization under the Societies Registration Act (1860) for conducting efficient, transparent, and international standardized tests in order to assess the competency of candidates for admission to premier higher education institutions with a mission to improve equity and quality in education by developing and administering research-based valid, reliable, efficient, transparent, fair and international level assessments.

NTA strongly believes in the quality, efficiency, effectiveness, equity, and security of assessments.

The objectives of NTA, *inter alia*, include:

1. To conduct efficient, transparent, and international standardized tests in order to assess the competency of candidates for admission.
2. To undertake research on educational, professional, and testing systems to identify gaps in the knowledge systems and take steps for bridging them.
3. To produce and disseminate information and research on education and professional development standards.



Candidates at the NEET Examination Centre

Chapter 2: National Eligibility-Cum-Entrance Test NEET (UG) – 2025

2.1 About NEET (UG)

- 2.1.1 The NEET (UG) is being conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA) since 2019 with the approval of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Ministry of Human Resource Development (which is now known as the Ministry of Education), in pursuance of the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide Judgement dated 22.11. 2018 in C.A. No. 11230 of 2018 in the matter of CBSE Vs. T.K. Rangarajan & Ors. (Para 22).
- 2.1.2 As per Section 14 of the **National Medical Commission Act, 2019**, the NEET (UG) has to be conducted as a common and uniform National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test [(NEET (UG))] for admission to undergraduate medical education in all medical institutions. Similarly, as per Section 14 of the **National Commission for Indian System of Medicine Act, 2020**, there shall be a uniform NEET (UG) for admission to undergraduate courses in each of the disciplines **i.e. BAMS, BUMS, and BSMS courses** of the Indian System of Medicine in all Medical Institutions governed under this Act. NEET (UG) shall also be applicable to admission to **BHMS course under National Commission for Homeopathy**. Similar provisions for admission to the BDS course are contained under the Dentists Act, 1948 and Regulations made thereunder.
- 2.1.3 *The Constitutional validity of this Act has been upheld by the Hon'ble Apex Court vide its Judgement dated 29 April 2020 in the matter of Christian Medical College Vellore Association vs. UOI & Ors., while disposing of the transferred Case (Civil) No. 98 of 2021 & connected Transferred Cases, Writ Petitions & SLP.*
- 2.1.4 NEET (UG) has been a qualifying entrance exam since 2020 for admission to the MBBS/BDS courses in AIIMS and JIPMER (although such Medical Institutions are governed under separate Statutes), as per the provisions under Section 14 (1) of the NMC Act (2019).
- 2.1.5 The norms/procedure/timelines followed in conducting NEET (UG) are as provided under Section 10 D of the *Indian Medical Council Act* and the relevant Regulations on Graduate Medical Education as notified under Section 33 of the said Act from time to time and as per Section 14 of the NMC Act (2019) since 2020.

2.2 NEET (UG) – 2025 and Role of NTA

- 2.2.1 The NEET (UG) - 2025 is going to be conducted by NTA as per the Schedule given in the Information at a Glance for admission to MBBS, BDS, BAMS, BSMS, BUMS, and BHMS Courses as per the relevant norms/guidelines/regulations notified by the concerned Regulatory Bodies of the Indian System of Medicine in all Medical Institutions governed under this Act.
- 2.2.2 The official website of the NTA for **NEET (UG) - 2025** is <https://neet.nta.nic.in/>. All the test-related information, as amended from time to time (if any), will be available on this website only. Candidates must regularly visit this website for the latest updates.

2.3 Disclaimer

- 2.3.1 The responsibility of **NTA** is limited to inviting online applications, the conduct of the entrance test, declaration of the result, and providing **All India Rank (AIR)** to the **Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India**.
- 2.3.2 **The information contained in this Information Bulletin relating to the pattern of exam, syllabus, eligibility criteria for appearing in NEET (UG), the quota of seats, reservation, PwBD/PwD, admission norms /procedure pertaining to the concerned courses are as per the norms set out by the respective Regulatory Bodies.**
- 2.3.3 **The Result and All India Rank of NEET (UG) will be prepared/notified by NTA as per the norms/criteria fixed by the NMC/DGHS (for MBBS/BDS), by NCISM (for BAMS/BSMS/ BUMS) and by NCH (for BHMS).**
- 2.3.4 **Hence, in case of any doubt/ dispute, the Information in respect of the above-mentioned subject matters, as provided in the respective regulations/notifications of the concerned Regulatory Bodies, shall be considered authentic and final.**
- 2.3.5 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Information Bulletin, the decision of **NTA/MoE/MoH&FW/NMC/NCISM/DGHS/DCI/MoA/NCH/BoGCCH** shall be final and binding.
- 2.3.6 All disputes pertaining to the conduct of examination and allotment of seats shall fall within the jurisdiction of Delhi only.

Note:

- (i) Undergraduate Medical Courses refer to MBBS /BDS /Dental /BAMS/ BSMS /BUMS /BHMS Courses.
- (ii) Candidates are also advised to regularly visit the websites of the respective institutions/State Governments for the latest updates.

2.4 Related Ministries / Departments / Bodies / Regulations / Websites

S. No.	MINISTRY	BODIES	Regulations	WEBSITE	PURPOSE
1.	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare of Central Government (https://www.mohfw.gov.in/) & Department of Medical Education of State Governments / UTs	NMC	Graduate Medical Education Regulations (1997), as amended from time to time (https://www.nmc.org.in/rules-regulations/graduate-medical-education-regulations-1997) (https://www.nmc.org.in/e-gazette/e-gazette-nmc)	www.nmc.org.in	For information relating to the Regulations on Graduate Medical Education (MBBS and NEET).
		DCI	BDS COURSE REGULATIONS (2007), as amended from time to time.	www.dciindia.gov.in	For information relating to BDS Course and Regulations for admission to BDS.
		DGHS	Directorate General of Health Services	www.dghs.gov.in	For information relating to quota, admission, and counselling-related policy matters.
		MCC of DGHS	Counselling Scheme for NEET (UG)	https://mcc.nic.in/UGCounselling/	For information relating to counselling dates/

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					procedures etc. under 15% All India Quota of Seats for MBBS / BDS
		Counselling Authority of respective State Governments / UTs	Guidelines issued by the respective Directorate of Medical Education	Please see Appendix-II relating to the contact details of the Medical Counselling Committee of the Directorate of Medical Education of the respective State Government.	For information relating to counselling dates/procedures etc. for State Quota Seats for MBBS / BDS
2.	Ministry of AYUSH (www.ayush.gov.in)	National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM)	1. Minimum Standards of Undergraduate Ayurveda Education Regulations, 2022 2. Minimum Standards of Undergraduate Unani Regulations, 2022 3. Minimum Standards of Undergraduate Siddha Education Regulations, 2022	https://ncismindia.org ; chairman@ncismindia.org ; secretary@ncismindia.org ; helpdesk@ncismindia.org	For information relating to BAMS, BSMS & BUMS Courses and Regulations relating to them.
		Central Council of Homeopathy (CCH)	Homoeopathy (Degree Course) Amendment Regulations (2018)	www.cchindia.com anilnaman@rediffmail.com	For information relating to BHMS Course and Regulations relating to it.
		AYUSH Admissions Central Counseling Committee (AACCC)	Counselling Guidelines issued by NCISM/NC H	https://aacc.gov.in/aaccug/home/homepage	For information relating to counselling dates/procedures etc. under Central Quota of Seats for BAMS, BSMS, BUMS & BHMS.
		AYUSH Admissions	Counselling Guidelines	The website of the Directorate of	For information relating to

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		Counselling Committee of respective State Governments and UTs	issued by NCISM/NC H and respective State Governments / UTs.	AYUSH of respective State Governments and UTs may be referred to.	counselling dates/procedures etc. under State Quota of Seats for BAMS, BSMS, BUMS & BHMS.
3.	Ministry of Education (MoE), Department of Higher Education (TS-1) Section (https://www.education.gov.in/en/higher_education)	National Testing Agency (NTA)	Information Bulletins issued by NTA for the Exams conducted by it.	www.nta.ac.in	For information about NTA and the exams conducted by it.
			Information Bulletin of NEET (UG)	https://neet.nta.nic.in/	Information relating to NEET (UG)