



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Health & Family Welfare Department – Medical Education – Fee structure for students currently pursuing /admission to MBBS course in Government Medical Colleges / Self Financing Medical Colleges in the State - revised- Orders issued.

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (S) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.2326/2026/H&FWD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 17-07-2026

- Read 1 The Kerala Medical Education (Regulation and Control of Admission to Private Medical Educational Institutions) Act, 2017
2. Public Notice No. CDN-13011/1/2026 dated 07.04.2026 issued by the National Medical Commission
 3. Letter No.DME/3857/2026-B1 Dated 13.05.26 from the Director of Medical Education
Letter No.U015(29)/31/2024/UGMEB-NMC(FTS-83000243)
 4. dated 06.06.2026 from the Deputy Secretary ,UGMEB,National Medical Commission.
 5. Interim Order dated 19.06.2026 of Hon'ble High Court in WP(C) No 16663 of 2026.

ORDER

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in T.M.A Pai Foundation v. State of Karnataka, Islamic Academy of Education v. State of Karnataka ,and P.A Inamdar v. State of Maharashtra has held that fee structures must be reasonable,transparent, non-exploitative and commensurate with the academic facilities and services actually rendered. As per Section 10 and Section 24 of the National Medical Commission Act 2019, read with the Competency Based Medical Education(CBME) Guidelines 2024 framed under the Graduate Medical Education Regulations (GMER) ,prescribed

that the duration of the MBBS Course comprises four and a half year (54 months) of academic study, followed by One Year of compulsory Rotating Internship (CRMI) . Accordingly, as per the Public Notice read as 2nd paper above, the Secretary , National Medical Commission has directed to all Medical Colleges/Institutions/Universities that the fee for the MBBS course shall be charged only for prescribed academic duration of four and a half years. The National Medical Commission also directed that any instance of non compliance shall be viewed seriously and appropriate action initiated by the Commission as per the extant statutory & regulatory provisions.

2) As per the letter read as 3rd paper above, the Deputy Secretary ,NMC has also directed the Director of Medical Education to take immediate action to refund the excess fees collected by the colleges in Kerala, in accordance with the NMC's Public Notice dated 07.04.2026 urgently. Subsequently, as per the interim Order dated 19.06.2026 in WP(C) No 16663 of 2026 filed by the Secretary , M.O.S.C Medical Hospital ,Kolancherry ,the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala has stayed the letter issued by the NMC for a period of three months . The Hon'ble Court also directed that the petitioner can collect the fee fixed by the Fee Regulatory Committee for the time being.

3) Government have examined the matter in detail . In compliance with the directions issued by the National Medical Commission ,Government are pleased to order that the fee structure for students currently pursuing /admission to MBBS course in Government Medical Colleges / Self Financing Medical Colleges in the State shall be four and a half years (54 months). All Government Medical Colleges / Self Financing Medical Colleges in the State shall collect the fee for MBBS course only for prescribed academic duration of four and a half years as mandated by the National Medical Commission (NMC).

4) The Fee Regulatory Committee for Medical Education in Kerala will take necessary steps to fix the fee structure for Self-Financing Medical Colleges in the State as per the directions issued by the National Medical Commission .

5) The refund of the excess fees charged by the Medical Colleges shall be with the outcome of the final judgement of Hon'ble High Court in WP(C) No 16663 of 2026.

(By order of the Governor)
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