



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Health & Family Welfare Department - Revised guidelines issued by the Medical Counseling Committee (MCC) for admission of candidates under the Persons with Disabilities (PwD) category in PG Medical courses - PG Prospectus for the academic year 2025 -26 - amended - Orders issued

HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (S) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.13/2026/H&FWD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 13-01-2026

Read 1. Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016

2. GO.(Ms) No. 35/2020/H&FWD dated 07.02.2020

3. Judgment dated 25.10.2024 of Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP(C) No.21942 /2024.

4. GO.(Ms) No. 81/2025/H&FWD dated 06.03.2025.

5. GO.(Ms) No.274/2025/H&FWD Dated 21.08.2025

6. Notice No. U-12021/11/2025/MEC dated 17.10.2025 from the National Medical Commission.

7. Letter No.CEE/907/2024-TA5, dated,23/10/2025 from the Commissioner of Entrance Examinations.

8 Letter No.DME/7393/2025/B2, dated 03-11-2025 from the Director of Medical Education.

ORDER

The Prospectus for admission to Post Graduate Medical Courses in Government Medical Colleges in the State and Regional Cancer Centre for the academic year 2025-26 was approved as per the GO read as 5th paper above. Subsequently, the Medical Counseling Committee (MCC) has issued revised Guidelines for PwD candidates for the 2025-26 for admissions to PG Courses , in view of the judgment dated 25.10.202 of Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP(C) No.21942 /2024 and the directives from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MSJE) dated 12.03.2024. As per the Notice read as 6th paper above ,the National Medical

Commission (NMC) has clarified that all candidates with benchmark disabilities who possess a valid Unique Disability Identity (UDID) card issued by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) and have qualified NEET PG shall be considered for Post Graduate medical admission. The Central Government has further directed that these guidelines be followed by State Quota Counseling Committees as well.

2) Government have examined the matter in detail. In view of the Revised guidelines issued by the Medical Counseling Committee (MCC), Government are pleased to amend Clause 6.2 of the PG Medical Prospectus for the academic year 2025-26 as follows.

"6.2: Reservation of seats for Persons with Disabilities (PwD) - Leaving the seats set apart under All India quota and Service quota, five percent (horizontal reservation) of the seats available to the State for allotment from the State rank lists are reserved for candidates with benchmark disabilities for all courses in Government/Aided Colleges as stipulated in Section 32, Chapter VI of the Persons with Disabilities Act 2016. As per Clause 2 (r), Chapter I of the Act, 'Person with benchmark disability' means a person with not less than 40% of a specified disability where specified disability has not been defined in measurable terms and includes a person with disability where specified disability has been defined in measurable terms, as certified by the certifying authority.

Generally, candidates who have a minimum of 40% disability alone will be eligible to apply for this quota. Candidates seeking admission to PG Medical Courses will have to satisfy the eligibility criteria prescribed by the NMC (MCI) for persons with Disabilities.

The candidates claiming PwD status can indicate that at the entry for the same in the online application. No document/certificate is to be uploaded in support of this to the online application.

A State Level Committee constituted by the Government as per G.O. (Ms) No.35/2020/H&FWD dated: 17.02.2020 under the Chairmanship of the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations and the Professors of General Medicine, ENT, Neurology, Orthopaedics, Ophthalmology, Psychiatry and Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation as its member, will take a final decision on the eligibility of a candidate for PwD quota as per the

criteria and the suitability of the candidate to study a particular course applied by him / her as per the Interim Guidelines on Assessment Method for Granting Admission in Post Graduate Courses to PwD Candidates for AY 2025-26 issued by NMC vide Notice No. U- 12021/ 11 / 2025- MEC Dated: 17.10.2025.

The guidelines of the Medical Counselling Committee (MCC) state that those who have UDID Card issued by the Department of Empowerment of Person with Disabilities, if they are otherwise eligible, shall be considered for admission in PwD category in PG medical courses and the applicants shall submit a valid UDID card and a self- attested affidavit as per Schedule 1.

Further, the Medical Board shall verify the authenticity of the information recorded in the affidavit and the applicant shall prove before the Medical Board that the information about his/her disability stated in the affidavit is correct. If the Medical Board is not satisfied, the Board may recommend a suitable branch for such applicants. Only those candidates who submit certificate issued by a certifying authority under Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016, verifying a minimum 40% of any disability and are found to be physically suitable by the State Level Committee for the courses opted by the candidates will be chosen for a course as only the physically fit can undergo the rigors of a professional course and will be able to carry out Professional practice.

The selection of candidates under this category will be based on the merit in the Entrance Examination and physical suitability, and not on the basis of the degree of disability alone. The Commissioner for Entrance Examination will prepare and publish the list of candidates eligible under PwD Quota based on the recommendations of the State Level Committee."

3) The GO read as 5th paper above stands modified to the above extent.

(By order of the Governor)
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