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PUBLIC NOTICE

Kind attention is invited to the Temporary Registration Regulation published with "Registration of Medical Practitioners and Licence to Practice Medicine Regulations, 2023" in Gazette of India no. 320 dated May 12th 2023 especially with reference to Chapter-IV. In this regard, in order to facilitate and for ease of comprehension the enclosed **temporary registration guidelines** are being issued for various Stakeholders. These guidelines should be borne in mind while applying for Temporary Registration for prompt disposal of the requests made in this regard.

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GUIDELINES ON TEMPORARY REGISTRATION

- The Guidelines related to Temporary Registration may be read with the “**Registration of Medical Practitioners and Licence to Practice Medicine Regulations, 2023**” of the National Medical Commission [Notification No. No. R.15021/04/2022-EMRB-Reg dated 10th May 2023, published in The Gazette of India No.320 dated May 12th 2023] especially with reference to **Chapter IV [13. Temporary registration to the foreign medical practitioner]** therein
- These Guidelines are general information and additional advice and support for following due procedures as provided in the above regulations in relation to Temporary Regulations.
- The Guidelines are not exhaustive and in case of any doubts, the above Regulations shall prevail, unless otherwise clarified by the National Medical Commission

1. GENERAL GUIDELINES:

A. Categories of visit that need to apply for Temporary Registration

A foreign citizen and who is enrolled as a medical practitioner in accordance with the law regulating the registration of medical practitioners in that country on being sponsored to practice medicine in India may be permitted temporary registration for the following purposes:

- (i) For pursuing Postgraduate and Super-Specialty courses recognized under the National Medical Commission Act, 2019.
- (ii) Fellowship/Certificate Courses/Clinical Research/Clinical Training/Observership.
- (iii) Expert Visit- for providing the training in techniques/procedures required in various areas of the medical profession and not available in the country.
- (iv) Voluntary Clinical Service- Visiting as a doctor for performing community service.

B. General Conditions

Temporary registration is conditional and includes but not limited to the adherence to the following guidelines-

- (i) This temporary registration confers privileges of the purpose for which he/she has been given the registration, commensurate with the qualifications declared by the applicant.
- (ii) Registrant (i.e. Foreign Medical Practitioner) shall work only under the supervision of the sponsor.
- (iii) The sponsor shall permit the registrant to undertake responsibilities and perform procedures appropriate to the level of qualifications and competence of the registrant.
- (iv) During the performance of responsibilities by the registrant, should any issues or complaints arise related to ethical or professional conduct, including medicolegal; the sponsor shall be liable to vicarious responsibility.

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(v) Registrants pursuing an NMC approved academic course may be enlisted to assist the Medical College/ Institution / Hospital in case of dire national exigencies such as epidemics and pandemics.

(vi) Temporary registration *does not permit* the following -

- a. Entitlement to sign or authenticate a medical or fitness certificate or any other such certificate;
- b. Attending to medico legal procedures such as autopsy, unless otherwise required as a component of the training or academic programme for which the registration is granted;
- c. Acting as an expert medical witness in any court of law;
- d. Being available for emergency duties unless otherwise required as a component of the training or academic programme for which the registration is granted;
- e. Performing surgical / interventional procedures unless otherwise required as a component of the training or academic programme for which the registration is granted;
- f. Holding any Permanent or Adhoc Teaching Post in any medical institution in India as approved by the National Medical Commission unless otherwise required as a component of the training or academic programme for which the registration is granted. Such registrants shall however not be counted in the strength of the faculty of the institution in any manner whatsoever.
- g. Provide in any manner any advantage or eligibility for any other type of Registration including Provisional Registration and Permanent Registration by SMC/NMC.
- h. Permission to practice medicine as a qualified medical practitioner unless otherwise required as a component of the training or academic programme for which the registration is granted provided in such cases the practice shall be restricted to the institution or affiliated institution as may be appropriate and necessary for the training or academic programme.
- i. Any other as may be prescribed by the sponsor or other competent authority from time to time.

(vii) Curtailment/Suspension/Withdrawal/Cancellation of Registration-

The duration of temporary registration may be curtailed/suspended or even withdrawn /cancelled at any time if such action/ actions are warranted according to the prevailing rules/ regulations of the National Medical Commission/ State Medical Council or on recommendation of the Government of India/ University/ Medical College/ Institution / Hospital / Court of law.



2. DURATION OF TEMPORARY REGISTRATION

- (i) For all purposes, the duration of temporary registration will be limited to that of the program/course/activity for which the application has been made and accepted subject to a maximum duration of 12 months except in case of formal Post graduate / Super specialty / Fellowship courses approved by the National Medical Commission and the National Board of Examinations.
- (ii) During exigencies such as war, natural disasters, pandemics, epidemics etc, an emergency temporary registration may be granted to experts and volunteers for a period of one month only.
- (iii) Duration will cease on the last date of the temporary registration or the date of expiry of valid Indian visa, whichever is earlier.
- (iv) The candidate shall not continue with any form of approved clinical work as soon as the validity of visa has expired even if the temporary registration period is valid.
- (v) If the candidate has left the country, the temporary registration shall be deemed to have been fully utilized and stands terminated.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The following Eligibility Requirements need to be fulfilled: [overall details are provided under each category subsequently under section]

I. General Requirements

- a. The applicant shall possess the necessary registration/licensure credentials from the appropriate authority/ authorities of their country that renders them eligible to practice modern system of medicine in their native country.
- b. The above registration/licence should be valid at the time of application and continue to be valid for the duration this temporary registration is required to fulfil the requirements for the purpose of the proposed visit.
- c. The applicant shall provide a Certificate of "Good Standing" or equivalent from the registration or appropriate authorities of their native country that clearly indicates that the registration/licence of the candidate to practice medicine is currently valid and has not been suspended/cancelled and the candidate is currently free from any professional misconduct or investigations thereof.
- d. In case any document is in a language other than English, the said original document should invariably be enclosed with the English translation.
- e. The candidate has been invited / selected / approved to visit India for professional / academic purposes as enlisted below :
 - For pursuing Postgraduate and Super-Specialty courses recognized under the National Medical Commission Act, 2019.
 - Fellowship/Certificate Courses/Clinical Research/Clinical Training/ Observership.
 - Expert Visit- for providing the training in techniques/procedures required in various areas of the medical profession and not available in the country.



- Voluntary Clinical Service- Visiting as a doctor for performing community service.
- f. The application for temporary registration is supported by an appropriate Sponsor as provided under Section 4 below.
- g. The visit of the applicant has been cleared by the appropriate authorities as necessary in India as well as their native country.

II. Requirements Specific to the Visit:

All applications shall be made online to the Ethics and Medical Registration Board through the website of the National Medical Commission or in a manner as notified by the National Medical Commission from time to time.

(a) Pursuance of a Postgraduate Degree and Superspecialty Courses

(i) The applicant should have qualified and be selected through the appropriate selection process for the Postgraduate / Superspecialty Course duly recognized by the National Medical Commission

(ii) The applicant shall submit the following

- Documents/ certificate of qualifying primary medical course.
- Certificate of enrolled in his country as a medical practitioner in that country.
- Score Card of the entrance examinations.
- Allotment Letter issued by the concerned Counselling Authority for admission.
- Admission Letter issued by the Medical Institution.
- A non-refundable processing fee (as prescribed by EMRB, NMC from time to time), in favour of the Secretary, NMC.

(b) Fellowship/Clinical Research/Clinical Training/Observership etc.

The sponsor / sponsoring institution shall provide the following

- Name of the foreign citizen.
- Registration certificate of the foreign citizen.
- Information related to course content, duration, training facilities, teaching, and infrastructure facilities of the sponsor / sponsoring institution (details should be available on the website of the sponsoring Institution).
- Whether the foreign national has availed temporary registration for any such purpose in the past.
- Fees levied by the sponsor / sponsoring institution.
- A non-refundable processing fee as notified from time to time by the EMRB, NMC.

(c) Expert Visit

The sponsor / sponsoring institution shall provide the following

- Name of the foreign citizen.
- Registration certificate of the foreign citizen.

- *Information related to the purpose of visit of the Foreign national.*
- *Details of fees / remuneration provided by the sponsor / sponsoring institution to the Expert.*
- *A non-refundable processing fee as notified from time to time by the EMRB, NMC.*

(d) Voluntary Clinical Service

The sponsor / sponsoring institution shall provide the following

- *Name of the foreign citizen.*
- *Registration certificate of the foreign citizen.*
- *Information related to the community service by the Foreign national.*
- *Details of fees / remuneration, if any, provided by the sponsor / sponsoring institution to the visiting Doctor.*
- *An applicable processing fee as notified from time to time by the EMRB, NMC.*

NOTE: *Any further information sought in this regard shall be provided by the sponsor / registrant.*

4. SPONSORS

Sponsor is an Indian Citizen who is a registered medical practitioner or a medical college / institution / hospital / appropriate authority of the Government of India (*in case of emergencies such as war, pandemics, epidemics etc*) who invites and undertakes the responsibility of a Foreign national duly registered / licenced as a medical practitioner for any activity under above four categories within India for a specific period.

Sponsors may be of two broad categories:

- **Individual sponsor:** Any Indian citizen who is a practitioner of modern system of medicine, has a Permanent and valid registration with any State Medical Council / National Medical Commission and is currently practicing in India.
- **Institutional sponsor:** Any medical college / institution/ hospital recognized by the National Medical Commission / National Board of Examinations / Government of India (*in case of emergencies such as war, pandemics, epidemics etc.*) generally represented by an appropriate authority duly approved by the medical college / institution/ hospital.

(i) **Individual Sponsor**

If sponsored by an individual, the following requirements should be fulfilled:

- Individual sponsors should be practitioner of modern system of medicine in India with a permanent registration in Indian Medical Register (IMR) Or in National Medical Register (NMR) and an appropriate authority of an institution where the candidate is eligible to pursue any course in above four

categories. *These sponsors are not individual sponsors. They only represent the institution.*

- b. The sponsor shall have a registration that is valid at the time of application and throughout the period of temporary registration sought for the candidate.
- c. The sponsor should not be debarred in the preceding one year from practice of modern system of medicine or any of its specialties / super specialties in India.
- d. The sponsor shall have qualifications/ experience/ professional competence at least equivalent or commensurate with that of the candidate.
- e. If the candidate is a specialist, the sponsor should be a specialist in the same specialty.

(ii) Institutional Sponsor

If the sponsor is a Medical College/ Institution/ Hospital

- a. The sponsor should be represented/ authorized by its 'head' or an authority who is a medical doctor not below the rank of a 'head of the department' that is responsible for the course; and the represented/authorized medical doctor shall meet all requirement in (i) above mentioned except (d& e).
- b. The Medical College/ Institution/ Hospital is recognized by the Government of India / National Medical Commission/ National Board of Examination as a teaching centre with formal training to NMC or NBE approved courses in the subjects related to the candidate so invited for the academic programme.
- c. Exception will be made to this in the event there is no approved training program in the field related to that of the applicant, the authorized sponsor shall be in possession of commensurate requirement as in (i) above and that the centre should provide justification for the invitation to a department that itself is not a teaching department conducting a NBE or NMC approved course.

5. DETAILED CATEGORIES UNDER TEMPORARY REGISTRATION

A. For pursuing postgraduate and super-specialty courses recognized under the National Medical Commission Act, 2019.

A1. NEET-PG/Sponsored foreign citizen candidates

- (i) For postgraduate or super specialty courses/ fellowship, and certificate courses that are approved by Government of India, National Medical Commission (NMC) and National Board of Examinations (NBE).
- (ii) The Post Graduate academic programmes include but are not limited to MD, MS, DM, MCh, DNB, Fellowship, Certificate Course, hereinafter each referred to as the "course".
- (iii) The registrant (i.e. Foreign Medical Practitioners) must fulfil the following requirements as appropriate-
 - a. Has fulfilled the eligibility requirements indicated under section 3;



- b. He has been duly selected for an academic programme in India according to applicable requirements and fulfilment of procedures prescribed by the Government of India, NMC/NBE;
 - c. The appropriate Ministry/ Authority of the Government of India should have permitted the candidature of the applicant;
 - d. The course including the duration should have been recognized by the NMC/NBE;
 - e. The registrant shall be sponsored by the head or any other responsible authority duly assigned for the purpose by the College/ Institution / Hospital approved for the course.
- (iv) The duration of temporary registration shall be for a period equivalent to the approved duration of the course.
 - (v) The temporary registration shall cease automatically at the end of the course.
 - (vi) On recommendation by the appropriate university/medical college/ institution/ hospital, the temporary registration may be extended if the registrant has not completed the course in the normally assigned duration for any reason including an unsuccessful attempt in the qualifying examination.
 - (vii) The duration of temporary registration may be curtailed / temporarily suspended or even withdrawn / cancelled at any time by the NMC if such action/ actions are warranted according to prevailing rules/ regulations of the State Medical Council or on recommendation of the Government of India/University/ Medical College/ Institution / Hospital.
 - (viii) The temporary registration is solely for the academic course and entitles the registrant to only those activities, clinical and otherwise that are necessary for pursuing the academic programme / course
 - (ix) The temporary registration shall not entitle the registrant for:
 - a. Indulge in independent practice outside the purview / curriculum / syllabus of the course for which this registration has been approved
 - b. Independent practice outside the college / institution / hospital where the course is held except if at any time the course demands practice in an affiliated community centre as in the case of courses related to community health/ epidemiology etc.
 - c. Issue of any medical certificate.
 - d. Independently perform medicolegal procedures such as autopsy, or complete such records except where the curriculum / syllabus of the course demands so as in the case of Pathology and Forensic Medicine.
 - e. Perform independent surgical/interventional procedures without supervision.
 - f. Hold a teaching position in a medical college / institution



- g. Any paid / honorary professional position outside the college / institution / hospital
- (x) The supervisor / college/ institution / hospital / appropriate authority shall be responsible for the professional actions including medico-legal or similar complaints arising out of the action of the temporary registrant.

A2 Fellowship/ Certificate Courses / Clinical Research/ Clinical training/ Observership for enhancing their skills and competence through training or academic courses conducted in any institute in India

(a) Fellowship/ Certificate Courses approved by the Government of India, National Medical Commission, National Board of Examination.

- The Fellowship and training programme should be aligned to the academic programmes such as MD, MS, DM, MCh, DNB, and should be recognized by the NMC or NBE and the applicant shall be duly selected for a fellowship/ Certificate course.
- The duration of temporary registration shall be for a period equivalent to the approved duration of the course.

(b) Fellowship/ Certificate Courses not approved by the Government of India, National Medical Commission, National Board of Examination.

The duration of temporary registration shall be for a period equivalent to the approved duration of the course varying from 01 month to 12 months or for a lesser period as applicable and decided by the appropriate authority and shall not exceed more than 12 months followed by a cooling off period of 12months.

(c) Clinical research / Clinical training for enhancing their skills and competence through training conducted in any institute in India

Clinical Research/ Clinical training courses in India that are for hands-on clinical training involving any patient or clinical material not covered under academic courses nor listed by the Government of India, National Medical Commission, National Board of Examination conducted by, hospitals, professional bodies etc.

- (i) The course can be related to a specific procedure such as an organ transplantation, joint replacement surgery, tropical medicine etc.
- (ii) The host medical college/ institution/ hospital should be an approved centre for and should be running a postgraduate academic programme in the concerned or related field for which the said training / programme is being held.
- (iii) Appropriate ministry/ authority of the Government of India should have permitted the candidature of the applicant.
- (iv) The duration of temporary registration shall be for a period equivalent to the approved duration of the course varying from 01 month to 12 months or for a lesser period as applicable and as decided by the appropriate authority.



- (v) The temporary registration shall cease automatically at the end of the course / training programme or 12 months whichever is earlier.
- (vi) The duration shall not be extended beyond the indicated duration of the course / training programme or completion of the course / training programme, whichever is earlier
- (vii) Registrant shall be sponsored by the head of institute or any other assigned responsible authority of the college/ institution / hospital / or the individual responsible for conducting the course/ training programme.
- (viii) The candidate must fulfill the eligibility requirement as section 3.
- (ix) The temporary registration is solely for the training programme and entitles the registrant to privileges limited only to those activities, clinical and otherwise that are necessary for pursuing the said program/ training.
- (x) The temporary registration shall not entitle the registrant for
- Independent practice outside the purview / curriculum / syllabus of the course for which this registration has been approved.
 - Independent practice outside the college / institution / hospital where the course is held except if at any time the course demands training in an affiliated community centre as in the case of courses related to community health/ epidemiology etc.
 - Issue of any medical certificate.
 - Independently perform medico-legal procedures such as autopsy, or complete such records except where the curriculum / syllabus of the course demands so as in the case of Pathology and Forensic Medicine.
 - Perform independent surgical/interventional procedures without supervision.
 - Hold a teaching position in a medical college / institution.
 - Any paid / honorary professional position outside the college / institution / hospital
- (xi) The sponsor / college/ institution / hospital / appropriate authority shall be responsible for the professional actions including medico-legal or similar complaints arising out of the action of the temporary registrant.
- (xii) If the temporary registration is misused in any form, the National Medical Commission shall take appropriate action including but not limited to cancellation of registration of both the temporary registrant and the sponsor.

(d) For Clinical Research:

Research scholars who possess a medical qualification in modern medicine & registered and wish to pursue research involving any patient or clinical



material in any institution in India as a part of research projects not leading to the award of a PhD Degree of any University can apply for such registration.

(i) The registrant has fulfilled the eligibility requirements indicated under section 3.

(ii) They shall be required to fulfil the following requirements as appropriate-

a. The research project has been duly approved by the appropriate body such as the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Department of Science & Technology (DST), Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Council for Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) etc. and following all necessary guidelines for national / international collaborative research, including but not limited to clinical trials as may be applicable

b. The research project requires the registrant to handle clinical material for this purpose, clinical material encompasses all material associated with human life. This includes direct interaction with healthy or diseased individuals, such as in epidemiological surveys, administration of drugs/ placebo by the applicant and any procedure, performed on patients, performing autopsies

(iii) The host Medical College/ Institution, including research institution such as ICMR Institutes / Hospital, should be an approved centre for the research by the concerned Indian funding / approval agency.

(iv) The Sponsor shall be one of the Investigators of the project registrant.

(v) The appropriate ministry/ authority of the Government of India should have permitted the visit of the registrant.

(vi) The duration of registration shall be for a period as approved/required for the research project (but not exceeding 12 months).

(vii) The funding agency and institution should have given approval for the need for appointment of a medical doctor (MBBS or equivalent) as a staff of the project who has no Indian nationality and not registered in India.

(viii) The temporary registration shall cease automatically at the end of the duration approval/termination of the project/programme whichever is earliest.

(ix) The duration of temporary registration may be curtailed / temporarily suspended or even withdrawn / cancelled at any time by NMC if such action/ actions are warranted according to prevailing rules/ regulations of the State Medical Council or on recommendation of the Government of India/ University/ Medical College/ Institution / Hospital.

(x) Temporary registration shall be sponsored by the Investigator responsible for the project work of the applicant in the respective institution.

(xi) If the Investigator from India does not possess a medical degree the visit of the registrant should be sponsored by any other responsible medical



authority of the institution, not below the rank of a Professor or equivalent.

- (xii) The registration of the sponsor in IMR/NMR should be valid at the time of application and throughout the duration of the registrant's registration in India.
- (xiii) This registration is solely for the research project and entitles the registrant to privileges limited only to those activities, clinical and otherwise that are necessary for pursuing research activity as approved in the project.
- (xiv) The registration shall not entitle the registrant for:
 - a. Independent practice outside the purview of the research project for which this registration has been approved;
 - b. Independent medical practice of any form.
 - c. Issue of any medical certificate.
 - d. Hold a teaching position in a medical college / institution.
 - e. Any paid / honorary professional position outside the college / institution / hospital.
- (xv) The sponsor / college/ institution / hospital / appropriate authority shall be responsible for the professional actions including medico-legal or similar complaints arising out of the action of the registrant.
- (xvi) If the registration is misused in any form, the NMC shall take appropriate action including but not limited to cancellation of registration of both the registrant and the Sponsor.

(e) For Observership:

- (i) The duration of temporary registration for clinical Observership are for maximum of **6 months**, non-extendable.
- (ii) **They are not allowed** to be involved in direct patient care; Consultation & handling of any clinical sample.
- (iii) **They are not allowed** to make entries in patients' case notes or write prescriptions for patients.

B. For Expert Visit:

For registrants who are invited as resource persons for clinical academic work in India, including demonstration of clinical skills as a part of an academic programme or conference or setting up a new facility are eligible if they fulfil the following;

- (i) Has fulfilled the eligibility requirements indicated under section 3
- (ii) Has proven clinical skills / expertise for which he / she has been invited as a resource person
- (iii) The invitation is specifically for demonstrating special clinical skill (specialty or super-specialty) either in an academic course, conference or equivalent professional activity



- (iv) Such registration can be availed for a total period of three months in a calendar year;
- a. The registration of two consecutive three month (90 days) periods are not permitted even if these periods fall at the end of one year and beginning of next.
- b. A minimum period of one month (30 days) should lapse between any two periods of registration for this purpose.
- (v) The host should sponsor the application:
The host can be the Government of India or its entities including Ministries/ Universities/ Medical Colleges/ Institutions/ Hospitals / Individuals
- (vi) Where an individual is the host / sponsoring authority, the individual shall be in possession of a permanent registration of an IMR/NMR.
- (vii) The registration should be valid at the time of application and throughout the duration of the course/ training
- (viii) Possess qualification / training and proven expertise / competence in the field that the candidate is being invited (specialty or super-specialty).
- (ix) The duration for this registration shall not be longer than three months and can be availed again if invited after 12 months.
- (x) The sponsor / college/ institution / hospital / appropriate authority shall be responsible for the professional actions including medico-legal or any complaints arising out of the action of the registrant.
- (xi) If the registration is misused in any form, the National Medical Commission shall take appropriate action including but not limited to cancellation of registration of both the registrant and the sponsor.

C. For Emergency Requirements:

- (a) For Resource Persons who are invited for clinical work in India, during an exigency/ emergency situation;
- (b) The State Medical Council on recommendation of the Government of India or National Medical Commission permit Emergency temporary registration to those who fulfil the eligibility as in section 3 above, under the following circumstances:
- (i) Disasters or similar exigencies including war and epidemics/ pandemics.
- (ii) Specific instances where expertise from outside India may be required for any reason.
- (iii) The period of temporary registration shall be for one month only.
- (iv) The validity of the temporary registration will end earlier if the visa validity ends.

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