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MBBS Professional Examinations Regulations 2020

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Introduction

These regulations will be applicable from the batch of students who join MBBS in Puducherry and Karaikal campuses from the year 2020.

The MBBS course is divided into 4 phases:

- **Phase I:** 1 year duration comprising of Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry
- **Phase II:** 1.5 year duration comprising Pharmacology, Pathology, Microbiology and Forensic Medicine.
- **Phase III:** 1 year duration comprising PSM, Ophthalmology and ENT.
- **Phase IV:** 1 year duration comprising Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics & Gynaecology and Paediatrics.

Course and Examination Regulations:

1. Attendance:

- 1.1. Students are required to attend 75% or more of all theory classes held, and 75% or more of practical in each subject to be eligible to appear in the final examination. Under no condition will a student with less than the prescribed attendance in any subject shall be allowed to appear in the Professional examination of that subject.
- 1.2. Students with less than 75% attendance in theory and/or practical at the end of any phase must start afresh in those subjects by joining the junior batch of students. No extra classes will be arranged to make such students eligible for the final professional examinations. The attendance accrued in the previous phase in those subject(s) will not be transferred. The student will need to secure 75% attendance afresh in theory and practical/clinical in subjects detained, after joining the junior batch to become eligible to appear in the final Professional examination.
- 1.3. The 25% leverage in attendance includes all types of leaves (including leave on medical grounds). For absence because of illness or any medical condition, a duly approved medical leave from Dean (Academic) with medical and fitness certificate issued/verified by authorized JIPMER clinical faculty member is

mandatory. Certificate must be submitted before or within 10 days after availing medical leave.

- 1.4. Attendance cannot be improved upon by attending classes during the gap between the annual regular Professional examination and supplementary examination held within 6 weeks of the former.
- 1.5. Students who are detained in all the subjects of a phase due to lack of attendance should join the classes with the junior batch within 7 days of declaration of the eligibility/detention list or when classes commence, whichever is earlier.
- 1.6. Students who are detained in one or more subject(s) because of lack of attendance but are eligible to appear for final Professional examination in at least one subject of the phase should join classes with the junior batch within 7 days of completion of the last final theory/practical examination or when classes start, whichever is earlier. Attendance will be calculated afresh from the date of joining.
- 1.7. A show-cause notice will be issued to students on continuous unauthorized absence without prior permission for two weeks or more. If such absence extends to a period more than one month for any reason, the student is liable for termination for the course. The decision of the competent authority is final.
- 1.8. There is **no condonation permissible** for shortage of attendance.

2. Internal Assessment (IA):

- 2.1. A minimum of three notified internal assessment tests will be held periodically in phases I, III, and IV and 5 notified internal assessment tests in phase II and one model examination before the final annual regular professional examination.
- 2.2. Each of the notified IA tests will carry 20% weightage and the model examination will carry 40% weightage. The sum of notified IA tests and model examination will decide the eligibility to appear in the examination and for contribution to aggregate marks. Attendance in model examination is mandatory.
- 2.3. A student must secure at least 30% of the maximum marks fixed for internal assessment in theory and practical / clinical separately in a particular subject to be eligible to appear for the final professional examination in that subject.
- 2.4. Of the final total aggregate marks in each subject, internal assessment marks will contribute 40% and final Professional examination marks will contribute the remaining 60%. This will apply to both theory and practical/clinical papers separately.

- 2.5. If a student misses up to one notified test because of illness, marks of the remaining notified tests can be considered for calculating the internal assessment, ignoring the absence on medical grounds. To avail this concession, the student should submit a valid medical certificate signed by the treating clinical faculty member of JIPMER before or within 10 days after the missed test. This exemption will not apply to model examination. This is applicable only up to one missed notified internal assessment test.
- 2.6. No repeat/additional notified internal assessment or model examination will be conducted any time during the phase or in the time gap between annual regular Professional examination and supplementary Professional examination.
- 2.7. Students who secure internal assessment marks less than 30% of maximum marks of internal assessments (calculation as described in point 2.2), in theory and/or practical at the end of any phase must start afresh in those subjects by joining the junior batch of students. No extra tests will be arranged to make such students eligible for the final professional examination. The internal assessment accrued in the previous phase in those subject(s) will not be transferred. The student will need to secure the required internal assessment score afresh in theory and practical/clinical in subjects detained, after joining the junior batch to become eligible to appear in the final professional examination.
- 2.8. Students who are detained in all the subjects of a phase because of lack of sufficient internal assessment marks should join the classes with the junior batch within 7 days of declaration of the eligibility/detention list or when classes of the phase commence, whichever is earlier.
- 2.9. Students who are detained in one or more subject(s) due to lack of sufficient internal assessment marks but are eligible to appear in the final Professional examination in at least one subject of the phase should join classes with junior batch within 7 days of completion of the last final theory/practical examination or when classes of the phase commence, whichever is earlier.
- 2.10. The internal assessment marks accrued in the previous phase will not be transferred to the next year (of same phase).

3. Hostel accommodation:

- 3.1. Hostel accommodation will be provided, if available, for the basic duration of the course and one year compulsory internship period (4.5 years + 1 year).

4. Professional Examinations:

4.1. Number and timing of examinations

4.1.1. Professional examinations will be held at the end of each phase. The Institute shall conduct not more than two professional examinations in an academic year, a regular annual Professional and a supplementary Professional examination in each subject. The supplementary Professional examinations will be held within 6 weeks after publication of the result of the regular examination.

4.1.2. Practical Examinations shall be jointly conducted by a panel of two internal and two external examiners duly appointed by the Professor of Examinations.

4.1.3. Students should obtain 40% in the final Professional examination and 50% in the final total aggregate (internal assessment plus final professional examination marks) in a subject (theory and practical separately) to be declared as pass in that subject.

4.2. Question pattern of theory Professional Examinations:

4.2.1. Each theory paper will have two sections: Sections A and B. Each section will carry one 10-marks question, six 5-marks questions, and five 2-marks questions.

4.2.2. There will be no choice of questions.

4.2.3. Maximum marks of each paper will be 100.

4.2.4. The marks scored in Professional examination will be proportionately included in the calculation of final aggregate (as described in the point 2.4).

4.3. Number of attempts and Training Period:

4.3.1. The academic program of the MBBS course must be completed within 9 years from the date of joining (excluding the compulsory internship period). Maximum permissible duration for each phase shall be four years and a maximum four attempts (including the annual regular and supplementary Professional examinations) in any subject will be permitted.

4.3.2. If a student does not appear in both theory and practical final examination, it will NOT be considered as an attempt for the purpose of calculation of maximum number of attempts in a subject.

4.3.3. If a student appears for theory examinations in the Professional Examination but does not appear for Practical Examination or vice-versa, his/her theory or practical appearance shall be counted as an attempt. In the next attempt, the student will have

to appear for both Theory and Practical Examinations. Mere submission of application form for examination will not be considered as an attempt.

- 4.3.4.** Passing in the exams of all the previous phase subjects is compulsory before proceeding to the classes of next phase.
- 4.3.5.** A student who fails in theory and/or practical papers of one or more subjects in the regular final Professional examinations at the end of each phase can appear in the supplementary Professional examination (to be held within 6 weeks of announcement of the regular annual Professional examination results) in those subjects.
- 4.3.6.** If he/she passes these subjects in the supplementary Professional examination, he/she should join the regular batch within 7 days of declaration of supplementary Professional examination results or when classes commence, whichever is earlier. Attendance calculation for students who join after passing supplementary Professional examination will begin from their date of joining of that phase.
- 4.3.7.** Students who fail in theory and/or practical in one or more subjects in the supplementary Professional examination and those who do not appear in the supplementary Professional examination should join classes with the junior batch within 7 days of declaration of supplementary Professional examination results or when classes, whichever is earlier. These students should secure 75% attendance and 30% internal assessment afresh to be eligible to appear in the final regular professional examination of that phase along with the junior batch. Attendance calculation for students who join after failing in supplementary Professional examination will begin from their date of joining the phase with the junior batch.
- 4.3.8.** A total of four attempts in any subject is allowed. If a student fails even in the 4th attempt, no further chances will be given, and his/her name will be struck off the rolls of JIPMER.
- 4.3.9.** No grace marks will be awarded for either theory or practical examinations under any circumstances.

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