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Dear Sir,

Greetings from the Association of the National Board Accredited Institutions (ANBAI).

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We would like to bring to your kind notice, certain observations regarding the recent notification from National Medical Commission dated 18.11.21 concerning the “Draft teachers’ eligibility and minimum qualifications in medical institutions regulations – 2021” (NMC/MCI-23(1)/2021- Med, dated 14.8.21).

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We request that, Section 4 of the draft which details the “Determination of equivalence of the qualification of DNB (Broad Specialties) with MD/MS and DNB (Super Specialties) with DM/M.Ch.”, needs reconsideration. Section 4 states:

" 4.2 Those candidates who have undergone DNB training in a multi-specialty teaching hospital with at least 500 beds, involved in various postgraduate/super-specialty teaching programmes, such a qualification shall be considered at par with NMC recognized qualification.

4.3 Those candidates who have undergone DNB training in both Broad Specialty and Super-Specialty courses in other locations/Institutions (100 to 500 bedded hospitals) shall work for one additional year as a senior resident in a NMC recognized/permitted institution for equivalence with MD/MS/DM/M.Ch.

4.4 Those candidates who have undergone DNB training in both Broad Specialty and Super-Specialty courses from an Institution not covered in sub-clauses 4.1 to 4.3 shall work for two additional years as Senior Resident in a NMC recognized/permitted Medical College/Institution for equivalence with MD/MS/DM/M.Ch."

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We would like to point out that clause 4.4 is contradictory and violates the DNB equivalence proposed in NMC ACT 2019 passed by the Parliament. NMC ACT 2019, clause 37(2) clearly mentions that for teaching purposes, all DNB candidates from hospitals less than 500 bedded are equivalent to MD/MS/DM/MCh after one year of additional senior residency. In this bill, there is NO MENTION of institutions with less than 100 beds. The TEQ draft by NMC completely overlooks this, and imposes an additional 2 years of senior residency (over and above the 3 years of post-graduation) which is unfair and brings a disparity between the two streams just based on an arbitrary criterion of number of beds.

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Many of NBE accredited hospitals with less than 100 beds are single specialty hospitals and provide excellent training in the concerned specialty, and cannot be considered by no means inferior to the medical colleges approved by NMC by number of beds alone. We strongly hope and believe that the NMC would focus on the quality of training, adequacy of study material and the student's performance, and not on the total number of beds in the institute.

ANBAI continues in its endeavour to bolster the standards of teaching faculty of NBE accredited institutions so that in the longer run, questions regarding equivalence of DNB and PG students would be redundant in the future.

A suggestion submitted previously is that, the setting up of the Teachers Accreditation Cell [letter attached], which will standardize quality of all medical teachers [NBE&NMC] and also ensure periodic reviews and assessment be done to ensure quality in medical education.

Hence, on behalf of the thousands of aspirational DNB medical students, ANBAI requests NMC to reconsider and remove sub-clause 4.4.

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