



National Exit Test

For Prelims: National Medical Commission, National Medical Commission Act, 2019, NExT,

For Mains: Significance of replacing the Indian Medical Council with National Medical Commission.

Why in News?

Recently, the [National Medical Commission \(NMC\)](#) issued the proposed draft regulations related to the [National Exit Test \(NExT\)](#).

What is the Objective of the Regulation?

- To provide **consistency across the nation in the summative evaluation** with regard to the minimum common standards of education and training for a medical graduate.
- The objective of the NExT is to **improve the quality of healthcare in India** by ensuring that **all doctors have a minimum level of competency and knowledge** before they begin practicing medicine.

What is National Exit Test?

- The **NExT** is a medical licensing exam that is designed to assess the competency of medical graduates.
- **Students who received their medical degrees from NMC** approved medical institutions and overseas students also **will have to qualify the National Exit Test**.
- To register for medical practice in India, they must pass **the NExT** test.
- This centralized common exam will be conducted by a body formed by the commission for this purpose.
 - **National Medical Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2022**, proposes an autonomous board, '**Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences**', which, when comes to effect, will be responsible for holding the NExT exam.
 - Currently, the **National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS)** is responsible for holding exams like **NEET PG** (National Eligibility cum Entrance Test Postgraduate), **Foreign Medical Graduate Examination (FMGE)**.
- NExT will take the place of tests like **FMGE** and **NEET PG**.
- The NExT will comprise two separate exams called 'Steps'.

Who is Eligible to Appear in the NExT?

- All the students who have completed the **final MBBS course** from a **Commission-recognised medical college** would be eligible to appear in the exam.
- There is **no restriction in the number of attempts** provided that the candidate passes both the steps within **10 years** of joining **MBBS**.
- Just by clearing the **NExT** exam the foreign medical graduates will get licentiate to become practicing doctors.

What is the National Medical Commission?

▪ About:

- The **National Medical Commission (NMC)** is a **statutory body** in India that was established in **2019** by the Indian government to replace the **Medical Council of India (MCI)**.
- The **NMC** has been constituted by an act of Parliament known as **National Medical Commission Act, 2019**
- The **NMC** is a regulatory body for the medical education sector in India.

▪ Mission and Vision:

- The Aim of the **National Medical Commission** are to
 - Improve access to quality and affordable medical education.
 - Ensure availability of adequate and high quality medical professionals in all parts of the country.
 - Promote equitable and universal healthcare that encourages community health perspective and makes services of medical professionals accessible to all the citizens.
 - Encourages medical professionals to adopt the latest medical research in their work and to contribute to research.
 - Objectively assess medical institutions periodically in a transparent manner.
 - Maintain a medical register for India.
 - Enforce high ethical standards in all aspects of medical services.
 - Have an effective grievance redressal mechanism.
 - It also has the authority to **regulate fees** for **medical courses** and to conduct inspections of medical colleges to ensure that they meet the necessary standards.

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