



National Testing Agency

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Why in News?

Recently, the [National Testing Agency \(NTA\)](#) released the [NEET UG results](#), drawing attention to the unusually **high number of candidates** scoring a perfect 720/720 and the controversial near-perfect scores of 718 or 719.

- The [National Medical Commission \(NMC\)](#) is responsible for laying down policies for maintaining **high quality and high standards** in medical education and making necessary regulations on this behalf.

What is the National Testing Agency?

- **About:**
 - The **National Testing Agency (NTA)** was established as a Society registered under the [Indian Societies Registration Act, of 1860](#).
 - It is an **autonomous** and self-sustained testing organisation to conduct entrance examinations for admission in higher educational institutions.
- **Governance:**
 - NTA is chaired by an eminent educationist appointed by the **Ministry of Human Resource Development**.
 - The **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** will be the Director-General to be appointed by the Government.
 - There will be a **Board of Governors** comprising members from user institutions.
- **Functions:**
 - To identify **partner institutions** with adequate **infrastructure** from the existing schools and higher education institutions that would facilitate the conduct of **online examinations** without adversely impacting their academic routine.
 - To create a **question bank** for all subjects using modern techniques.
 - To establish a **strong R&D culture** as well as a pool of experts in different aspects of testing.
 - To collaborate with international organisations like **ETS (Educational Testing Services)**.
 - To undertake any other examination that is entrusted to it by the Ministries/Departments of Government of India/State Governments.

National Medical Commission (NMC)

- NMC is the **apex regulatory body** for medical education and practice in India.
- NMC was **established in 2020** by the **National Medical Commission Act, 2019**, replacing the **Medical Council of India (MCI)**.
- NMC consists of **four autonomous boards**: the Undergraduate Medical Education Board, the Post-Graduate Medical Education Board, the Medical Assessment and Rating Board, and the Ethics and Medical Registration Board.
- NMC also has a **Medical Advisory Council**, which advises the commission on matters related to medical education and practice.

- NMC also **regulates the standards and quality of medical education** and training, the registration and ethics of medical practitioners, and the assessment and rating of medical institutions.
- NMC has also achieved the prestigious **World Federation for Medical Education (WFME)** recognition, which means that the **medical degrees awarded by the NMC are recognized globally**.

Read more: [State of Medical Education in India](#)

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