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CIRCULAR

Sub : KUHS – Academic – Medical – Grant of one additional attempt (Mercy Attempt) to eligible MBBS students admitted from Academic Year 2019–20 onwards – Instructions issued – Reg.

Ref : Public Notice issued by the National Medical Commission vide notice No. N-U013(21)/1/2026-UGMEB-NMC (E-8429927) dated 15.10.2026.

In accordance with the public notice issued by the National Medical Commission (NMC), vide reference cited above, a one-time exceptional transitional relaxation has been permitted for eligible MBBS students admitted from the Academic Year 2019–20 and onwards who have not passed the First Professional MBBS Examination. The details and conditions of the relaxation are furnished below

1. Grant of one additional attempt

MBBS students admitted from the Academic Year 2019–20 and onwards who have not passed the First Professional MBBS Examination shall be permitted **one additional attempt over and above the prescribed four attempts, thereby allowing a maximum of five attempts in total**, subject to the following conditions:

- The additional attempt shall be available even if the student has crossed the prescribed four-year period for completion of the First Professional MBBS Course.
- The student's admission shall continue to remain valid.
- The student's admission shall not have been cancelled by the University or College.

2. Students Who Have Already Availed a Mercy Attempt

- Students admitted to the MBBS Course from the Academic Year 2019–20 and onwards who have already availed one additional mercy attempt, thereby exhausting a total of five attempts, pursuant to an earlier decision of the Commission or any direction of a Court, as the case may be, shall not be entitled to any further mercy attempt under the present decision.
- No sixth attempt shall be permitted under this relaxation.

3. Maximum Overall Duration for Completion of the MBBS Course

The overall duration for completion of the MBBS Course, including the applicable period of Compulsory





Rotating Medical Internship (CRMI), shall not exceed ten years from the date of admission. The grant of the additional attempt shall not be construed as extending or relaxing the aforesaid maximum overall duration.

4. Limitations of the Relaxation

The relaxation shall not be deemed to have retrospective application to the amended regulations governing the permissible number of attempts and shall not constitute a precedent for subsequent academic batches.

All Principals of affiliated Medical Colleges are hereby directed to take note of the above conditions and bring the same to the notice of the eligible students concerned. Necessary action shall be taken strictly in accordance with the conditions stipulated in the NMC public notice cited above.

Registrar

(Digitally approved document; signature not required)

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Principals of all affiliated Medical Colleges
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Encl: As referred above

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