# GOVERNMENT OF KERALAM

## Abstract

Health & Family Welfare Department- Academic- Admission to Post MBBS DNB and Post MBBS Diploma In-Service Quota for the academic year 2026-27 - Prospectus/Information Bulletin - Approved - Orders issued.

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## HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (S) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.336/2026/H&FWD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 19-10-2026

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Read Letter No.DHS/7780/2025-MCS Dated 12.10.26 from the Director of Health Services

## ORDER

Government are pleased to approve the Prospectus/Information Bulletin for admission to Post MBBS DNB and Post MBBS Diploma In-Service Quota for the academic year 2026-27 as appended to this Order.

2) The Director of Health Services shall arrange for online publication of the Prospectus /Information Bulletin and also forward the same to the Director of Medical Education, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India for information and record.

(By order of the Governor)
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ADDITIONAL SECRETARY

The Director of Health Services, Thiruvananthapuram
The Commissioner for Entrance Examinations, Thiruvananthapuram
The Director of Medical Education, Thiruvananthapuram
The Information Officer, Web & New Media, I&PRD., Govt. Secretariat.
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## DNB Post MBBS prospectus

## 1. PREFACE

The Government of India established the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS) in 1975 with the objective of improving the quality of the medical education by establishing high and uniform standards of postgraduate examinations in modern medicine on an all-India basis and utilizing existing infrastructure for capacity building. NBEMS at present conducts postgraduate and postdoctoral examinations in approved specialties leading to the award of Diplomate of National Board. The examinations conducted by NBE provide a common standard and mechanism of evaluation of minimum level of attainment of the knowledge and competencies in medical discipline.

Diplomate in National Board qualifications are well recognized and accepted as high standard specialist qualifications for practice of concerned medical discipline of super or sub specialties area.

Applications are invited for admission to the state inservice quota seats of DNB post MBBS DEGREE Course (3 year) which is equivalent to Postgraduate medical courses & DNB Post MBBS Diploma course (2 year) in various District/General Hospitals under the Health Services Department for the academic year 2026. SERVICE CANDIDATES qualified in NEET PG 2026 conducted by National Board of Examinations are eligible for the above course.

**The list of Institutions are given below:**

- General Hospital Thiruvananthapuram
- General Hospital Ernakulam
- General Hospital Kozhikode
- District Hospital Palakkad
- Mental Health Centre Thiruvananthapuram
- Government Mental Health Centre Kozhikode

## 2. ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION

### A. Academic:

Applicants should be a service candidate who has qualified NEET PG 2026 & in possession of MBBS degree. The merit list of Kerala (service quota) NEET- PG 2026 shall be utilized by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations (CEE),

Kerala, for admissions to the state inservice quota seats of the various DNB (Post MBBS) courses in the state.

Candidates already pursuing a DNB/MD/MS course are not eligible for admission in DNB Course till such time they have completed the entire duration of the prescribed course or have been discharged from the course. Candidates who have joined DNB Broad Specialty course in or after January 2025 admission session are not eligible for admission to 2026 session. This shall be irrespective of their resignation or discontinuation from the course due to any reason.

**B. Nativity**

Applicants should have satisfied any of the following conditions:

- Indian Citizens of Kerala Origin
- As per the judgment in WP(C) 24607/2023 dated 07.03.24, the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala has ordered that, the Nativity clause, to the extent it disqualifies the petitioner or other Medical Officers from applying under the service quota of the Act, is invalid and unconstitutional and, therefore, declared null and void. Hence, Non-Keralite service doctors are eligible for applying under service quota.

**C. Age**

• For Medical Education Service Quota Candidates, the upper age limit will be 49 years as on 31st December of the year of issue of notification of CEE by assuring the minimum of 10 years of service after completion of the course as stipulated in the Service Quota Rules (Including the candidates of IIMS, Palakkad).

• For Health Service Quota and Insurance Medical Service Quota Candidates, the upper age limit will be 47 years as on 31st December of the year of issue of notification of CEE by assuring the minimum of 10 years of service after completion of the course as stipulated in the Service Quota Rules.

**D. Qualifying criteria**

All candidates seeking admission to Post Graduate Medical Degree courses in the State of Kerala for the academic year 2026-2027shall have to qualify the NEET PG-2026 conducted by the National Board of Examination, New Delhi. In order to be eligible for admission in any PG Medical Courses 2026-2027, it shall be necessary for a candidate to obtain minimum of marks at 50th percentile in the NEET PG Medical 2026. However, in respect of candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Socially and Educationally

Backward Classes (SEBC), SC-PwD(PD), ST-PwD(PD) and SEBC-PwD(PD), and service quota candidates coming under the categories mentioned above, the minimum marks shall be at the 40th percentile. In respect of General (UR) – PwD(PD) and EWS(EW)–PwD(PD) candidates the minimum marks shall be at the 45th percentile.

| Sl No | Category | Qualifying Criteria |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | General / EWS | 50th percentile |
| 2 | SC / ST / SEBC / SC-PwD / ST-PwD / SEBC-PwD | 40th percentile |
| 3 | General – PwD | 45th percentile |
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**E. Reservation of Seats for service candidates**

All State Quota seats are earmarked for Service Quota candidates. Seats which are set apart for service quota candidates sponsored by each department under three categories is divided with a ratio of 45:45:10 -- MESQ : HSQ : IMSQ

**Medical Education Service Quota (MESQ):**

Lecturers on regular service in Government Medical Colleges under Medical Education Department, Government of Kerala. As per the judgment of Hon'ble Kerala High Court in **WA No. 764/22, WA no. 802/22, WA No. 855/22, WA No. 902/22, WA no. 929/22 the lectures of IIMS, Palakkad are also included in the MESQ. SLP(C) No.39766/2022 filed by Dr. Fincy. K.P, SLP(c) No.39838/2022** filed by Dr.Ciby Samji and another against the inclusion of lecturer's in IIMS, Palakkad under Service Quota for Medical P.G Admission for the academic year 2022-23 is under the consideration of Hon'ble Supreme Court. So, **the inclusion of candidates of IIMS, Palakkad under MESQ will be subject to the final verdict of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.**

**Health Service Quota (HSQ):**

Medical Officers on regular service in the Government institutions / Hospitals under Health Services, Government of Kerala.

**Insurance Medical Service Quota (IMSQ):**

Medical Officers on regular service in the Government institutions/ Hospitals under Insurance Medical Services, Government of Kerala.

**F. ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICE QUOTA:**

• The eligibility criteria for the service quota are the same as laid down in Clause 2. The applicants under Service Quota should have successfully completed their probation in the respective cadre at the time of CEE notification for inviting application. Other cases will not be entertained on any account. Provisional service (under MES/DHS/IMS) if any, before the regular appointment will not be considered.

• **The total service will be reckoned as on the date of notification for inviting application by CEE for admission to the courses.** Unauthorized absence or absence due to Leave without Allowance (including leave on medical ground) and the deputation periods of the candidates will not be counted for the purpose of calculating the minimum service and for the seniority. However, the period of deputation of service quota candidates to autonomous institutions /projects / societies /other agencies under the administrative control of their parent department will be counted as eligible service under State Service Quota. If there is a tie in their actual physical service, the PSC seniority will be the deciding criterion.

**i) Preparation of Seniority list:** The controlling officer/Head of Department (DME/DHS/DIMS) concerned shall prepare seniority list of the service candidates of the respective departments observing all the criteria in this regard. Weightage for Service, Rural and Difficult Rural Service will be given as follows, subject to a maximum of 30% of the marks obtained:

**Service weightage:** Service weightage in the marks will be given as an incentive at the rate of 1% of marks obtained, for each year in service.

**Rural Service:** Service weightage in the marks will be given as an incentive at the rate of 2% of marks obtained, for each year in service in rural areas upto a maximum of 30% of the marks obtained. **Doctors working in approved Casualty Units in the Government Hospitals are also eligible for claiming Rural Service Quota.**

**Difficult Rural Service:** In determining the merit in the Entrance test for PG admission, weightage in the marks will be given as an incentive at the rate of 5%

of marks obtained for each year in service in Difficult Rural area upto a maximum of 30% of the marks obtained.

It is clarified that the service weightage added up from all areas of service is capped at 30% of the marks obtained by the candidate in the qualifying examination.

The list of Government Allopathic Medical institutions designated as Rural stations in Kerala is as mentioned in the Standardized list of Government Allopathic Medical Institutions-2013 prepared by Health Information Cell (DHS) and approved vide GO(Ms)No.443/2013/H&FWD dated 16.11.2013.

The list of Government Allopathic Medical Institutions in Difficult Rural Areas in Kerala is as mentioned in G.O.(Ms)No.55/2014/H&FWD, dated:15.02.2014.

Lecturers who have Post Graduate Degree/Dip. N.B in the Specialty corresponding to the branch in which they are working will not be eligible for admission under Service quota. However a candidate who has obtained PG Diploma under Service Quota is eligible to apply for the DNB Course in the same specialty and is entitled to get the Service Quota benefit for that degree course in the same specialty alone.

**ii) Application & Selection under Service Quota:**

In the online facility for application for Service quota a drop down menu will be included to select the type of service quota. The candidates who apply for Post MBBS DNB Courses shall submit their documents along with the printout of the application acknowledgement page to the Controlling officers of their respective departments.

After the closing date of application, the office of the CEE will forward the list of applicants under Service quota to DHS. The controlling officer/Head of Department (DME/DHS/DIMS/IIMS) concerned shall scrutinize the application and documents and prepare a provisional rank list according to the merit and service of the candidates and publish it providing sufficient time. **The appeals/complaints, if any, against the provisional rank list should reach the Head of the Department within the time limit prescribed. Objections through e-mail will also be considered.** After the complaints if any in the rank lists are considered and rectified the final rank list will be forwarded to DHS by the respective Department Heads. The DHS will then place the rank list before the DNB Selection Committee for scrutiny and selection of candidates. The DNB

selection committee with DHS as Convener will finalize the rank list and forward to CEE for the Centralized Allotment Process. CEE will publish the Service quota rank list as and when obtained from the DHS and allotments to Service quota seats will be done based on this rank list.

- **The DNB selection committee has power to deny admission in respect of the service candidates who are facing disciplinary action. Service candidates who are facing disciplinary action involving major penalty shall not be recommended by the HOD concerned. The declaration relating to this may also be attached along with the application. However, this will be subject to review and approval of the Government. Service quota for DNB courses can be claimed only once during the period of whole service in one department viz. MES/DHS/DIMS/IIMS.**

**iii) Declaration for Service Quota Candidates:**

Service candidates who have been selected/undergone PG Degree/DNB course under Service quota, earlier, will not be eligible for selection under service quota for a second time**. However, a candidate who has obtained PG Diploma under Service Quota is eligible to apply for the DNB Course in the same specialty and is entitled to get the Service Quota benefit for that degree course in the same specialty alone.** A declaration to the effect that he/she has not been selected/ undergone PG Degree course under the service quota should be furnished by the candidate along with the printout of the application. Application devoid of such declaration will be rejected.

• It is mandatory for the service quota candidates to join the course to which they are selected and if they do not join the course or discontinue the course after the third allotment, they will not be considered for selection to P.G. Course under Service Quota in future.

**iv) Medical Education Service Quota (MESQ):**

**The seats as specified in below are reserved for regular Lecturers without Post Graduation in Medical Education Service in the State in the corresponding specialty only and also for the lectures of IIMS, Palakkad as per the judgment of Hon'ble Kerala High Court in WA No. 764/22, WA no. 802/22, WA No. 855/22, WA No. 902/22, WA no. 929/22. The inclusion of candidates of IIMS, Palakkad under MESQ will be subject to the final verdict**

**of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP(C) No.39766/2022 & SLP(c) No.39838/2022.**

Teachers who have undergone P.G. Course under Tutor/Lecturer trainee scheme once will not be eligible for selection under Service quota for a second time. Lecturers who already have a Postgraduate Degree [MD/MS/Dip.N.B] necessary for career advancement in the concerned specialty will not be eligible for admission under service quota. Lecturers in a particular subject/specialty shall be eligible to be considered for the P.G. Course in the same subject only, except the Lecturers in the following subjects who will be considered for the Post MBBS DNB as detailed below:

| Sl.No. | Category | Degree course for which eligible to apply |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Lecturer in Neurology | DNB General Medicine |
| 2 | Lecturer in Gastroenterology | DNB General Medicine |
| 3 | Lecturer in Cardiology | DNB General Medicine |
| 4 | Lecturer in Nephrology | DNB General Medicine |
| 5 | Lecturer in Infectious Diseases | DNB General Medicine |
| 6 | Lecturer in Endocrinology | DNB General Medicine |
| 7 | Lecturer in Hematology | DNB General Medicine |
| 8 | Lecturer in Neurosurgery | DNB General Surgery |
| 9 | Lecturer in Pediatric Surgery | DNB General Surgery |
| 10 | Lecturer in Plastic Surgery | DNB General Surgery |
| 11 | Lecturer in Genito Urinary Surgery | DNB General Surgery |
| 12 | Lecturer in Thoracic Surgery | DNB General Surgery |
| 13 | Lecturer in Traumatic Surgery | DNB General Surgery |
| 14 | Lecturer in Surgical Gastroenterology | DNB General Surgery |

• The selected candidates under Medical Education Services Quota including the candidates of IIMS, Palakkad shall submit a declaration to the effect that they will render their service in the Health (Medical Education) Department of the state of Kerala for the number of years as prescribed by Government.

**v) Health Service Quota (HSQ)**

Selection to different categories of seats under Health Service Quota will be based on the single list provided by the Director of Health Services. The selected

candidates for DNB Degree/Diploma courses under Health Services Quota shall submit a declaration to the effect that they will render their service in Kerala State Health Services Department for the number of years as prescribed by Government.

**vi) Insurance Medical Service Quota (IMSQ)**

Selection to the seats under IMSQ will be based on the list provided by the Director of Insurance Medical Services. The selected candidates shall submit a declaration to the effect that they will serve Insurance Medical Services Department in the specialist post immediately or as and when required by the Government, on successfully completing the course and on posting orders against the posts given by the Director of Insurance Medical Services for the number of years as prescribed by Government.

**NOTE: Seats earmarked for Service Quota (MES/DHS/IMS) will not be subjected to further changes and no transfers will be allowed under any circumstances for those who have occupied the respective seats after finalizing their options. Transfers will be considered only through the scheduled allotment process done by CEE before the closing date of admission. No transfers are allowed between General Merit candidate and Service Quota candidate even through the scheduled allotment process.**

## 3. ALLOTMENT OF SEATS

The allotment of State quota seats shall be done by the Commissioner of Examinations Thiruvananthapuram based on the State Merit List prepared based on the NEET(PG) – 2026 scores of the candidates who submit online applications with supporting documents to the CEE and are eligible for the Kerala state quota as per the eligibility criteria stated in this Information Bulletin. The rules and regulations of the Centralized Allotment Process (CAP) through which the allotments are to be accomplished, shall be detailed in a separate notification to be issued by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations. Detailed step-by-step procedure for online application submission as well as participating in the online allotment process shall be published in the official website of the CEE, cee.kerala.gov.in.

## 4. APPLICATION FEE

Candidates are required to pay the Application fee of Rs. 1000/- (excluding payment gateway charges).

**5. LIST OF PRESCRIBED DOCUMENTS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO BE UPLOADED ALONG WITH THE ONLINE APPLICATION, SUBMITTED BEFORE THE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT AND SUBMITTED BEFORE THE ADMITTING AUTHORITY.**

a) Nativity Proof

b) Valid Community Certificate issued by the Tahsildar or Non Creamy Layer Certificate issued for state education purpose by the Village Officer, as applicable, for those candidates who qualify only through category-based eligibility as prescribed in clause 2 D.

**Also the printout of the application (including print out of uploaded documents) along with the following documents should be forwarded to the Head of the concerned Department:**

• Declaration (in original) to the effect that she/he has not undergone PG Degree Course/DNB course under Service Quota.

• Service details, in Original from the Accountant General, Kerala. Details of Service from the Head of the Department in Original in the format prescribed.

• Date of Birth Proof.

• Service documents including Probation declaration order.

**Documents to be furnished before the admitting authority:**

Candidates should produce all the Original Documents at the time of admission:

• Data sheet of PG Medical 2026 issued by CEE.

• Date of Birth Proof: Secondary School Leaving Certificate/Senior Secondary Certificate/Indian Passport/Birth certificate.

• MBBS Degree / Pass Certificate.

• House Surgency (CRRI) Certificate.

• NEET (PG)-2026 Score Sheet.

• Original 'Transfer Certificate' from the institution last studied.

• Relieving order from the institution last worked for those in Government service.

• Originals of all the uploaded documents / certificates.

• Declaration to the effect that he/she has not undergone PG Degree/ DNB course under Service Quota.

• Service Details from the Accountant General, Kerala.

• Details of Service from the Head of the Department in the format prescribed.

• Permanent provisional registration certificate issued by KSMC for registration of MBBS qualification.

• Internship Completion Certificate.

• Valid Identity proof i.e. PAN card, Indian Passport, Voter ID card, Driving License or Identity Card (with photograph).

Head of the Institution will be personally responsible for verification of eligibility conditions as prescribed in the Prospectus, when the candidate reports for admission. Only those candidates who are found to be qualified as prescribed shall be admitted to the college/institution irrespective of the fact that he / she has an allotment.

**6. Liquidated Damages and Execution of Bond of service candidates:**

*(The deputation rules for DNB Courses are same as that of Post graduate medical courses.)*

6-1: In the case of Service Candidates, he /she shall serve the Government for a period of 10 years or up to superannuation out of which 2 years should be in difficult and Remote/rural areas as defined by the State Government to be served immediately after the completion of the course. The Superintendent of the hospital in which the candidate is posted will retain the Original Certificates of all the service candidates till completion of the bond. If a Service candidate discontinues the P.G. course or violate the conditions in the bond of service after the final Centralized Allotment Process he/she is liable to pay as liquidated damages an amount equal to the total salary admissible to the officer during the entire period of obligatory service. The salary/stipend drawn during the course along with interest @8% will also be recovered towards liquidated damages in order to arrive at the future salary, a hike of 25% on the existing salary will be affected in the pay revisions during the obligatory period.

6-2: If Service quota candidates violate the terms mentioned in the Clause 6-1 above, it will be construed as Professional Misconduct and the fact reported to the T.C. Medical Council for suitable action including cancellation of Registration by the Council. The Service Quota candidates will not be eligible for Leave With-out Allowance for taking employment/Training Programmes (Non-Governmental) elsewhere during the period of bonded obligation. No Admission shall be valid without getting the bond as detailed above executed at the time of joining or within 7 days from the date of admission at the discretion of the Principal. Any lapse in this regard will be treated as the liability of the Principal concerned. After 7 days the admission is liable to be cancelled. The original certificates after due verification will be kept in the safe custody of the Principal/ DHS/Director of Insurance Medical Service (DIMS) concerned. The candidates will not be eligible for stipend/salary until the execution of bonds. There shall be bonds for the Service Candidates. (Format is same as bond for PG medical 2026)

## 7. FEE GUIDELINES FOR DNB TRAINING

Academic fee: Rs. 1,25,000/- per annum

## 8. GENERAL GUIDELINES:

• The fee shall be collected annually and has to be paid by the trainee at the start of each academic year.

• In the 1st year the fee has to be paid online to confirm the allotment, while the fee for subsequent years has to be paid within 4 weeks of the start of each academic year to the training institute.

• In any circumstances the tuition fee paid is not refundable.

• The 1st year fee has to be paid online during the counseling through the payment gateway and the subsequent years fee shall be paid by the candidate only through Demand Draft/ Cheque / electronic transfer to the training institute and under no circumstances by cash.

## 9. STIPEND GUIDELINES

Paying stipend to the DNB candidates is compulsory. According to the NBE stipend policy, the hospital shall have to pay the DNB Candidate a basic stipend according to state government policy. (ALL THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE COURSE ARE SAME AS THAT IS PUT BY NBE)

For any queries candidates seeking admission can refer the CEE website (cee.kerala.gov.in) for notifications and other important/useful information/instruction, email-id: ceekinfo.cee@kerala.gov.in and the CEE's call center phone numbers: 0471-2332120, 0471-2338487.

## ANNEXURE I - FOR POST MBBS DNB SEATS 2026

| Sl. No | Hospital Name with Complete Address | Specialty | No. of Seat(s) & Reservation |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Government General Hospital, Kunnukuzhi PO, Thycaud, Thiruvanathapuram, Kerala-35 | Anesthesiology | 2 (DHS) |
| 2 | District Hospital, Court Road, Palakkad, Kerala-678001 | General Medicine | 1 (IMS) |
| 3 | Government General Hospital, Beach (PO), Kozhikode, Kerala-673032 | General Medicine | 1 (DME) |
| 4 | Government General Hospital, Ernakulam Road, Cochin, Kerala-682011 | General Medicine | 1 (IMS) |
| 5 | Government General Hospital, Kunnukuzhi PO, Thycaud, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, Kerala-35 | General Medicine | 2 (DME-1, DHS-1) |
| 6 | Government General Hospital, Ernakulam Road, Cochin, Kerala-682011 | General Surgery | 2 (DHS-1, DME-1) |
| 7 | Government General Hospital, Kunnukuzhi PO, Thycaud, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, Kerala-35 | General Surgery | 2 (DHS-1, DME-1) |
| 8 | District Hospital, Court Road, | Orthopaedics | 1 (DME) |

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| | Palakkad, Kerala-678001 | | |
| 9 | Government Mental Health Centre, Kuthiravattom, Kozhikode, Kerala-673016 | Psychiatry | 1 (DME) |
| 10 | Mental Health Centre, Peroorkada P.O., Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala-695005 | Psychiatry | 2 (DHS) |

## ANNEXURE II- FOR POST MBBS DIPLOMA SEATS

| S. No | Hospital Name with Complete Address | Specialty | No. of Seat(s) & Reservation |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Government General Hospital, Beach (PO), Kozhikode, Kerala-673032 | Ophthalmology | 2 (DME-1, DHS-1) |

If no eligible candidates are available in the DME service quota, 20percent (20%) of the vacant seats will go to the IMS Service quota and the remaining 80% will go to DHS Service quota. In case, four or less vacancies aroused in the DME service quota while following this method, one seat must be reserved for IMS Service quota and the remaining seats for DHS Service quota.

*As the seats are for service candidates only, seats can be filled only from service quota list. If no candidate opts for the seat, seat will remain vacant.*