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Dr. Ajit Gajanan Pathak

M.B.B.S., M.D. (Forensic Medicine) Controller of Examinations

Out No.: MUHS/XC/4426/2020

Date: 18/08/2020

To.

The Dean/Principal.

MUHS Affiliated Dental Colleges

Sub.: ADVISORY FOR CONDUCTION OF PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS OF UG/PG DENTAL OF SUMMER - 2020

- Ref.: 1. No.DE-14-ACADEMIC(MDS)-2020/344, Date: 02nd June, 2020.
 - 2. No.DE-14-ACADEMIC(MDS)-2020/435, Date: 10th June, 2020.
 - 3. Letter of GOI Ministry of Health & Family Welfare No. V.12025/52/2020-DE [FTS: 8061743] Dated: 29th June 2020.
 - No.DE-14-ACADEMIC(MDS)-2020/725, Date: 30th June, 2020.
 - 5. Board of Examinations meeting dated 30/062020
 - 6. Academic Council meeting dated 15/07/2020 Resolution No.26/2020.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the above mentioned subject, I am enclosing herewith the above referred no. 01 to 04 advisories of Dental Council of India about conduction of Practical examinations for Summer 2020, for circulation to all concerned as per decisions taken by University authorities as per reference no. 05 & 06. Please refer the rules / conditions mentioned in the said advisories regarding conduct of practical examinations and observe its strict adherence.

> (Dr. Ajit G. Pathak) Controller of Examinations

Encl.: As above



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BY EMAIL/DCI WEBSITE

No.DE-14-ACADEMIC(MDS)-2020 344

Dated the 2 June, 2020

ADVISORY

To.

- 1. The Principal/Dean of all the Dental Colleges in the Country.
- 2. The Registrar of all the universities affiliating dental institutions in the country.
- The Principal Secretary (Medical Education/Health & Family Welfare) of all State/UT Governments.
- 4. The Directors of Medical Education Departments of all State/UT's.

Subject: Advisory on holding UG and PG Examination-2020 by the Dental Colleges/Universities and to appoint External Examiner.

As we all are aware that the country, now a days is facing with COVID-19 pandemic situation and with an unprecedented public health crisis. The Dental Council of India is in receipt of various representations from different professional associations and universities expressing their difficulties in holding the examination at both UG and PG levels during this period and also in getting appointed their External Examiner for practical/viva-voce examination due to restriction in travel imposed due to current pandemic situation.

- 2. With regard to the Theory Examinations, the Council is of its considered vicw that without deviating from the existing provisions for the purpose and also maintaining the uniform standard of examination, the Colleges/Universities shall conduct their theory examinations both for UG and PG strictly in accordance with the norms prescribed by the DCI. But, these theory examinations shall be conducted by such institutions and universities with their due compliance of the advisories, guidelines, instructions, etc. issued by the Government of India, respective State Government and District Administration, from time to time so as to prevent from spreading COVID-19. Dental Colleges/Universities are advised to complete their PG exam process by July, 2020.
- 3. As per Scheme of clinical and practical BDS Examination, as contemplated/prescribed in the existing Revised BDS Course Regulation, 2007, the practical and clinical examinations should be evaluated by two examiners of which one shall be an external examiner appointed from other universities preferably outside the State. Each candidate should be evaluated by each examiner independently and marks computed at the end of the examination. Similarly, for MDS clinical and practical examination, Regulation 19 of the Dental Council of India, Master of Dental Surgery Course Regulations, 2017, inter-alia, provides for four examiners in each subject. Out of them, two (50%) shall be external examiners and two (50%) shall be internal examiners. Both external examiners shall be from a university other than the affiliating university and one examiner shall be from a university of different State.
- 4. Since, the Dentistry is clinical and skill oriented profession and involves the patient care, therefore, all the institutions/universities shall make its best efforts to make available the flow of patients to assess the skill and clinical expertise of a student. But, during the clinical and practical examination of the student, the Dental Institution/universities shall comply with all COVID-19 protocols on infection control and patient care. However, certain clinical procedures which lead to generate aerosol, can be substituted by using hand instruments, air-motor or micro-motor equipments, but, again with due compliance of the advisories, guidelines, instructions, etc. issued by the Government of India, respective State Government and District Administration, from time to time.
- 5. In so far as, the appointment of External Examiner for both UG and PG Examination are concerned, all the dental institution/universities shall, in the 1st instance to adhere to the existing norms in this regard. However, in case it is not feasible for the institution/university to comply with the regulation, the dental institutions/universities are advised to follow one of the following options with respect to External Examiners for both UG and PG examinations considering the risk stratification of the areas wherein in Dental Colleges /Institutions are located, if external examiner(s) from outside State are not available due to the pandemic.

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- (i) External Examiner(s) to be selected from a different University in the State with their compulsory physical presence at the venue of the examinations.
- (ii) In case option (i) above is not possible, one of the two External Examiners to be selected from a different University, who would be physically present at the venue of the examinations and the second External Examiner from another different University outside the State who would participate through video-conferencing.
- (iii) If option (ii) is also not possible, both the External Examiners may participate through video-conferencing.
- 6. Further, this advisory is a one-time measure for the current UG and PG Examinations to be held in 2020 only in view of the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic."
- 2. This issues with the prior approval of the Government of India vide its letter No. V.12025/52/2020-DE (FTS:8061743) dated 02.06.2020.

Yours faithfully

(Dr. Sabyasachi Saha) Secretary Dental Council of India

Copy for information to:

The Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, (Deptt. of Health – PMS Section), Nirman Bhawan, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi – 110 011

(Dr. Sabyasachi Saha) Secretary Dental Council of India

CC:

The President, DCI
 The Server Section, Dental Council of India, New Delhi – for email

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ADVISORY

No.DE-14-ACADEMIC(MDS)-2020/725

Dated the 30th June, 2020

To,

1. The Principal/Dean of all the Dental Colleges in the Country.

- 2. The Registrar of all the universities affiliating dental institutions in the country.
- 3. The Principal Secretary (Medical Education/Health & Family Welfare) of all State/UT Governments.
- 4. The Directors of Medical Education Departments of all State/UT's.

Subject:

Advisory on holding UG and PG Examination-2020 by the Dental Colleges/Universities and to appoint External Examiner.

In continuation of an advisory issued by the Dental Council of India vide its circular No. DE-14-ACADEMIC(MDS)-2020/344 dated 02.06.2020 on the subject cited above, the undersigned is directed to say that after issuance of advisory, DCI received certain representations from various quarters including Associations, Students, Colleges etc. in this regard. The Executive Committee of the DCI, in its meeting held on 10.06.2020, after considering the representations recommended to the Central Government for following modifications:-

"2. (i) The word July, 2020 occurred in last line of para – 2 of the Advisory may be omitted without prescribing any time limit.

The following new para - 2A bellow the existing para -2 may be added

- (a) The examination for final year BDS/MDS examination shall be conducted as per existing advisory at suitable time as and when the normalcy in the respective state/district is restored. No specific time frame may be prescribed.
- (b) The examination for first/second/third year BDS Course may be conducted by the respective colleges/universities as and when the normalcy in the respective state/district is restored. No specific time frame may be prescribed. But the colleges are free to allow the students to commence their studies for next higher classes. However, the students shall have to pass their examination as and when it is conducted by the respective colleges/universities for their previous year of professional BDS Course.
- (c) The other contents of the earlier advisory dated 02.06.2020 shall remain the same."
- 2. The Dental Council of India, vide its letter dated 10.06.2020 (copy attached) taken up the matter with the Government of India. The Government of India, vide its letter No. V.12025/52/2020-DE [FTS:8061743] dated 29.06.2020 (copy attached) has informed that conduct of exam is University's prerogative and rather than changing its earlier advisory, DCI may, if absolutely necessary, grant specific relaxation if any University asks for it on case to case basis.
- 3. Accordingly, all the Universities /State Governments, under their prerogative, after making comprehensive assessment of university location and diversity of the colleges, their level of preparedness, residential status of the students, status of COVID-19 pandemic spread in different regions / state and other factors, shall chart out a plan for the examinations.
- 4. However, as suggested by the Govt. of India, the respective University / State Govt. may take up the matter with the Dental Council of India only if it considers it absolutely necessary to grant specific relaxation on case to case basis. If any student, Association / Society, Colleges etc. desires to make a representation in this regard, they are hereby advise to make the same to the respective State / University.

(M.L.Meena)

Joint Secretary (L&A)

Dental Council of India

Copy for information to:

The Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, (Deptt. of Health – DE Section), Nirman Bhawan, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi – 110 011, w.r.t. GOI letter No. V.12025/52/2020-DE [FTS:8061743] dated 29.06.2020. The input received from the State / University in the office of the DCI has already been informed to Govt. of India, and in case any other input is received the same will be informed to them.

(M.L.Meena)
Joint Secretary (L&A)
Dental Council of India

CC:

1.The President, DCI

2. The Server Section, Dental Council of India, New Delhi – for email / Website



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The Secretary
Govt. of India,
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare,
(Deptt. of Health – PMS Section),
Nirman Bhawan, Maulana Azad Road,
New Delhi – 110 011

Subject: Advisory on holding UG and PG Examination-2020 by the Dental Colleges/Universities and to appoint External Examiner.

I am directed to refer to GOI letter No. V.12025/52/2020-DE (FTS:8061743) dated 02.06.2020 on the subject cite above and to say that after having accorded the approval of the Central Government, the DCI vide its letter No. DE-14-ACADEMIC(MDS)-2020/344 dated 02.06.2020 (copy enclosed) issued its advisory to all the stake holders and uploaded on its website for the information and necessary action. This Council has received various representations from Students, Colleges, Universities, and Associations/Societies of the Specalities of the Dentistry indicating different type of difficulties in practically implementing the advisories during spread of Covid-19, particularly with regard to para – 2 of the Advisory issued by DCI.

- 2. The Executive Committee after considering the said various representations received in the office of DCI, in its meeting held on 10.06.2020 and decided to request the Central Government to accord its approval for suitably modification of para -2 of the advisory issued on 02.06.2020 as under:-
 - 2. (i) The word July, 2020 occurred in last line of para 2 of the Advisory may be omitted without prescribing any time limit.

The following new para - 2A bellow the existing para -2 may be added

- (a) The examination for final year BDS/MDS examination shall be conducted as per existing advisory at suitable time as and when the normalcy in the respective state/district is restored. No specific time frame may be prescribed.
- (b) The examination for first/second/third year BDS Course may be conducted by the respective colleges/universities as and when the normalcy in the respective state/district is restored. No specific time frame may be prescribed. But the colleges are free to allow the students to commence their studies for next higher classes. However, the students shall have to pass their examination as and when it is conducted by the respective colleges/universities for their previous year of professional BDS Course.
- (c) The other contents of the earlier advisory dated 02.06.2020 shall remain the same.

Accordingly, I am directed to enclose herewith the revised draft advisory after incorporating the recommendations of the Executive Committee and request the Government of India to kindly accord its administrative approval to the same.

(Dr. Sabyasachi Saha) Secretary

Yours∕#aithfullv.

Dental Council of India

CC:

1. The President, DCI

The Server Section, Dental Council of India, New Delhi - for email

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No. V.12025/52/2020-DE [FTS: 8061743] GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi Dated the 29th June, 2020

To

The Secretary
Dental Council of India
Aiwan-E-Ghalib Marg, Kotla Road,
New Delhi-110002.

Sub: Advisory on holding UG and PG examinations, 2020 by Dental Colleges/Universities and appointment of External Examiners.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to DCI's letter No. DE-14-Academic (MDS) 2020/586 dated 17.06.2020 on the subject mentioned above and to say that conduct of exam is University's prerogative and rather than changing its earlier advisory, DCI may, if absolutely necessary, grant specific relaxation if any University asks for it on case to case basis.

2. DCI may also inform this Ministry whether they have received any specific inputs from any States/Universities in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Digitally signed by VIDYADHAR JHA Date:Mon Jun 29 17:33-47 IGT 2020 Resson: Approved

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