

स्नातक और स्नातकोत्तर  
दंत चिकित्सा शिक्षा बोर्ड

Under-Graduate & Post-Graduate  
Dental Education Board



राष्ट्रीय दंत चिकित्सा आयोग  
स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय  
भारत सरकार  
**National Dental Commission**  
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare  
Government of India

**CIRCULAR**

F. No. UGPGDEB/NDC/26/2026/ **DEB-96**

Date: 01-07-2026

1. All Dental Colleges in the country
2. All Universities/Deemed-to-be Universities conducting Dental Courses.

**Subject: Prohibition of Conduct of Unauthorised Dental Courses/Programmes without Approval of the National Dental Commission under the National Dental Commission Act, 2023.**

Sir/Madam,

The Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate Dental Education Board (UGPG-DEB), National Dental Commission (NDC), has observed that certain institutions, universities, hospitals, trusts, societies, private organizations and other entities are conducting and/or advertising various dental educational programmes such as B.Sc., M.Sc., Certificate Courses, Diploma Courses, Fellowship Programmes in the field of dentistry without approval, recognition or authorization under the provisions of the National Dental Commission Act, 2023.


2. The attention of all Dental Colleges, Universities, Deemed-to-be Universities, State Governments, State Dental Councils and other stakeholders is invited to the provisions of the National Dental Commission Act, 2023, particularly Sections 10, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28 to 39, 45, 54 and 59 thereof, which collectively establish a comprehensive statutory framework for regulation of dental education and recognition of dental qualifications in India.
3. In terms of Section 24 of the National Dental Commission Act, 2023, the UGPG-DEB is entrusted with the responsibility of regulating undergraduate and postgraduate dental education and maintaining standards of dental education throughout the country. Further, Section 27 mandates prior approval under the Act for commencement of any new dental course or programme within the regulatory framework prescribed by the National Dental Commission.
4. It is hereby clarified that no institution, university, dental college, hospital, trust, society, private organization or individual shall commence, conduct, sponsor, advertise, affiliate, certify or otherwise facilitate any dental educational programme, diploma course, fellowship programme, degree or similar academic/professional course in the field of dentistry unless such programme is specifically permitted, recognized or approved under the provisions of the National Dental Commission Act, 2023 and the regulations framed thereunder.
5. All stakeholders are further informed that qualifications, diplomas, fellowships awarded through any programme conducted without statutory approval of the National Dental Commission shall not be treated as recognized qualifications under the National Dental Commission Act, 2023 and shall not confer any right, privilege, eligibility, registration or entitlement under the said Act.
6. Universities and Dental Institutions are advised not to grant affiliation, academic endorsement, certification, equivalence or recognition to any dental programme which has not been approved by the competent authority under the National Dental Commission Act, 2023.

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7. It is also reiterated that the Public Notices issued earlier by the Dental Council of India dated 12.04.2018 and 17.11.2022 regarding unauthorised and unrecognized dental courses continue to remain operative and relevant by virtue of the saving provisions contained in Section 59 of the National Dental Commission Act, 2023, to the extent they are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Act.
8. In the event that any institution or organization is found conducting or promoting any unauthorized dental course/programme, the matter shall attract appropriate regulatory action under the National Dental Commission Act, 2023, including but not limited to:
  - (i) issuance of directions for immediate discontinuance of such programme(s);
  - (ii) inspection, inquiry and assessment by the competent authorities;
  - (iii) declaration that the programme and qualification are unrecognized;
  - (iv) communication of violations to the concerned University, State Government, State Dental Council and other authorities;
  - (v) publication of the details of defaulting institutions/entities;
  - (vi) initiation of such further action as may be permissible under applicable laws and regulations.
9. All Dental Colleges and Universities are directed to ensure strict compliance with the provisions of the National Dental Commission Act, 2023 and to immediately discontinue any course or programme, if being conducted, which does not possess the requisite statutory approval under the Act.
10. This Circular is issued in the interest of maintaining uniform standards of dental education, safeguarding the interests of students, preserving the integrity of recognized dental qualifications and ensuring patient safety and public health.

The receipt of this Circular may be acknowledged and its contents brought to the notice of all concerned for strict compliance.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Arindam Modak)  
Secretary

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- 1.PS to President, National Dental Commission
- 2.PS to President and Members of DARB, EDRB and Members of NDC
- 3.IT section to upload the same on Website
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