

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Health & Family Welfare Department – De-linking of admissions to B.Sc. (Nursing), B.Pharm. B.Sc. (MLT) and BPT Courses from the common entrance examinations – Implementation of the scheme for admission based on the marks of the qualifying examination – Orders issued.

HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (C) DEPARTMENT

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ORDER

Admission to various professional courses in Engineering, M.B.B.S, B.A.M.S, B.H.M.S, B.Sc.(Nursing), B.Pharm, B.Sc. (MLT), BPT, B.Sc. (Agriculture), B.V.Sc. (AH), Forestry, Fisheries etc. are being made through the common entrance examinations introduced about 25 years back. Pre-Degree was the qualifying examination at the time of introduction of the system. Later Higher Secondary (Plus 2) and equivalent are taken as qualifying examination in place of Pre-Degree, which has been discontinued. Since admissions to the professional courses are made through the common entrance examinations, the interest and importance of the qualifying examination are loosing and there are complaints that only those having financial capacity to avail entrance coaching are getting higher ranks in common entrance examinations. In view of these aspects, the Higher Education Department has already constituted an Expert Committee to study on the revision of the system of common entrance examinations. The report of the Committee is under consideration of the Government.

2. Approval has been issued to start self-financing institutions to conduct various professional courses, since 2001. Even though Government have framed Professional College Bill in 2006 to regulate admission and fees in self-financing colleges, the major portion of the bill has been quashed by the Hon'ble High Court. The appeal filed by the Government before the Supreme Court is pending decision.

3. A number of self-financing colleges conducting professional courses have entered into agreement with Government during 2006-07 to 2008-09 on allotment of 50% seats on merit from the common entrance examinations. But due to the delay in allotment of students for M.B.B.S. from the All India quota and due to intervention of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, admissions for M.B.B.S Course have been delayed till the beginning of 2008. Only after the admissions to the M.B.B.S. Course are completed, allotment for B.Sc. (Nursing), B.Pharm. etc. can be made. Due to the inordinate delay in the process, a number of seats of B.Sc.(Nursing), B.Pharm etc. are lying vacant in various self-financing colleges and even in Government Colleges. The admissions to B.Sc. (Nursing), B.Pharm etc. for the colleges run by the Universities in the State are being made based on the marks obtained in qualifying examinations (Plus Two). Due to the delay in admission and uncertainty in getting an admission, a number of students from the State have obtained admissions in the self-financing institutions in neighbouring states. Another matter related to the subject is that a number of students having higher marks in the qualifying examinations are not getting admission through the entrance examinations, due to the fact that they are not in a position to undergo coaching classes in view of their financial stringiness.

4. Government have examined the matter in detail with reference to the various aspects involved in the matter and are pleased to order the following:-

- i) Admission to B.Sc. (Nursing), B.Pharm., B.Sc. (MLT) and BPT are excluded from the common entrance examinations conducted for admission to the professional courses in the State by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations.

- ii) Admissions to the above courses will be made from the academic year 2009-10 onwards based on the grade/marks obtained in the final examination of the qualifying examination of Higher Secondary (Plus Two) or equivalent.
- iii) A Committee consisting of the Secretary (Health), Principal Secretary (Higher Education), Director of Medical Education and two expert officials will be constituted to submit recommendations to formulate criteria for admission and also to equate qualifying examinations conducted by various Boards like CBSE, ICSE etc.
- iv) The Health & Family Welfare Department is entrusted to formulate the criteria and guidelines for admission to the above courses after considering the recommendations of the above Committee.
- v) The Director of Medical Education will be the authority for preparation of the Prospectus and application form and allotment of students from the rank lists based on merit to the above mentioned four courses for the academic year 2009-10 to all seats in Government Colleges, seats as fixed by Government in the colleges under the control of Government and also to the 50% seats of self-financing colleges.
- vi) L.B.S. Centre is authorised to receive applications for common admissions and for preparation of rank list as per the prescribed eligibility.

(By Order of the Governor),
 Dr. VISHWAS MEHTA
 SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

The Director of Medical Education, Thiruvananthapuram.
 The Director, L.B.S. Centre, Thiruvananthapuram.
 The Registrar, University of Kerala, M.G. University, Calicut University, Kannur University.

The Principals of all Government Medical Colleges.
 The Principals of all Government Nursing Colleges.
 The Commissioner for Entrance Examinations, Thiruvananthapuram.
 The Registrar, Kerala Nurses & Midwives Council, Thiruvananthapuram.
 The Deputy Director of Nursing Education, O/o. the DME, Thiruvananthapuram.
 The Higher Education Department.
 The Advocate General, Ernakulam (with C/L).
 The General Administration (SC) Department (vide.....)
 The Management of all self-financing/Co-operative Nursing Colleges (Thro' the Registrar, KNMC)
 The Management of all self-financing/co-operative colleges conducting B.Pharm. B.Sc.(MLT) and BPT (Thro' the Registrar, Pharmacy/Paramedical Council).
 The General Education Department.
 The Health & Family Welfare (K) & (S) Departments.
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 The P.S. to Minister (Education).
 The Private Secretary to Minister (Health & Social Welfare).
 The P.A. to Secretary (Health).

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