



Nepal Medical Council
Bansbari, Kathmandu
Progress Report – 2078/79 (2022 AD)

Introduction

Nepal Medical Council (NMC) is a regulatory organization established by an Act of Parliament (NMC Act 2020) that comprises 19 members. NMC is empowered to protect and promote the health and safety of the public by ensuring proper standards in the training and practice of modern medicine, registering doctors and regulate their practice and ensuring that individual professionals have a fair and unbiased hearing at any disciplinary inquiry. The community and patients occupy a supreme position in the conduct of its multiple duties.

The dedication, honesty and integrity of the executive members and employees, the council's service and regulation work has progressed effectively. In the coming days, these actions will continue as expected.

Nepal Medical Council being an authorized government body, the decisions and actions taken is done in accordance with the law and legal procedure at the same time the decision of medical council can be challenged in the court. In addition to this, it is necessary to present the activities and the decisions of the council to the public and stakeholders through its official channels.

In this report, the work done by Nepal Medical Council in the past year have been mentioned.

Functions, Duties and Rights

According to the Nepal Medical Council Act 2020 (amended in 2044, 2047, 2056 and 2058), Functions, duties and powers of the council shall be as follows:

- (a) To give recognition as prescribed to the medical college which provides or cause to provide study, teaching and training in medical science.
- (b) To make recommendation for cancellation of registration and approval in cases where it has been found not compliance at the time of evaluation and review of prescribed policy of the curriculum, terms of admission and examination system and other infrastructures and other matters of standards of the Medical College which provides or cause to provide study, teaching and training in medical science.
- (c) To determine policy as required for smooth operation of the medical profession.
- (d) To issue registration license by determining qualification of the medical practitioner and conducting prescribed licensing examination for the qualified medical practitioner.
- (e) To prepare code of conduct of the medical practitioner as prescribed and remove the name of a medical practitioner from the registration book after taking actions as prescribed against the medical practitioner who has breached such a code of conduct.

Out of this, the rights of (a) and (b) have come under the jurisdiction of the Medical Education Commission.

Structure

Established according to section 3 of the Nepal Medical Council Act 2020, the council currently has a total of 16 executives including one president, one vice president and 14 members. Among the deans, one nominated member, one consumer representative, one nominated expert member and one elected member are yet to be filled. The term of office of nominated or elected members of the council is four years.

The formation of specific committees and the appointment of spokespersons is fixed by the council. Currently the following committees are active in the council.

1. Education and CPD. Committee
2. Professional Conduct and Health Committee
3. Practitioner Registration Committee
4. Foreign Practitioner Registration Committee
5. Dental Committee
6. Examination Committee

Representation

1. Medical Education Commission – Member
2. National Board of Medical Specialties (Medical Education Commission) – Member
3. Nepal Health Research Council – Member
4. Nepal Health Professional Council – Member
5. Academies of Health Sciences – Senator
6. Committee according to Section 189(2) of Civil Criminal Procedure Code 2074 – Coordinator
7. Quality Committee (Nepal Standards Department) – Member
8. Organ Transplant Coordinating Committee – Member
9. Health Coordination Division, Ministry of Health and Population (Foreign Health Professionals) – Member
10. Rapid Response Team of Ministry of Health and Population) – Member
11. Inter-Council Information Technology Committee – Coordinator
12. Integrated Umbrella Act Drafting Committee (Integrated Councils Act, Food and Drug Act, Integrated Health Sciences Academies Act, National Health Accreditation Authority Act, Integrated Health Research Act, Integrated Hospital Development Committee Act and other necessary Acts) – Member

Progress and achievements (All figures are updated as of December 31, 2022) 2079.09.16 BS.

Eligibility certificate

Eligibility certificate is required for bachelor levels of medical and dental disciplines, postgraduate study, fellowship, and higher-level training in foreign country. As per the new regulation eligibility certificate is issued by Medical Education Commission effective from 2020 September.

Year	UG	PG
2015	1379	544
2016	478	390
2017	495	399
2018	586	333
2019	557	240
2020	111	201

Directive and application form is available in the webpage mentioned below.

<https://eligibility.mec.gov.np/user/register>

https://www.mec.gov.np/public/uploads/shares/eligibility_guideline-2077_final.pdf

Good standing certificate

Good standing certificate is required for registration of Nepali medical practitioner in the specified country's medical practice regulating authority. The certificate is requested for promotion, residency training, fellowship training and employment.

SN	Country	2020	2021	2022
1	UK	162	319	592
2	USA	276	273	496
3	Maldives	216	403	453
4	Nepal	218	175	235
5	UAE	35	53	116
6	Australia	62	66	109
7	India	62	159	106
8	Canada	10	17	30
9	Germany	7	23	20
10	Qatar	7	6	9
11	Singapore	3	1	7
12	Brunei	4	1	8
13	Denmark	2	0	3
14	Hong Kong	5	0	2
15	Ireland	0	5	1
16	Saudi	0	1	1
17	Bangladesh	0	0	1
18	Belgium	1	0	0
19	Others	17	0	0

	TOTAL	1087	1502	2189
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License examination

Bachelor level license examination

Year	Appeared	Passed	Pass %
2018	4342	2408	55.5
2019	5207	2672	51.3
2020	2937	1813	61.7
2021	2541	1354	53.28
2022	5687	2386	42

Included 64th license examination held on 2079.06.06 BS.

Postgraduate level special license examination

Year	Appeared	Passed	Pass %
2018	1182	745	63.0
2019	1374	872	63.5
2020	1163	755	64.9
2021	808	494	61.1
2022	1673	1234	73.8

Included 24th license examination held on 2079.08.09 BS.

Native doctors' registration till 2022 December 31 (2079.09.16 BS)

2018	UG	Male	Female	Total	COMB	Male	Female	Total
	Medical	1274	690	1964	Medical	14126	6907	21033
	Dental	99	275	374	Dental	999	1719	2718
	Total	1373	965	2338	Total	15125	8626	23751
2019	UG	Male	Female	Total	COMB	Male	Female	Total
	Medical	1359	754	2113	Medical	15485	7661	23146
	Dental	119	363	482	Dental	1118	2082	3200
	Total	1478	1117	2595	Total	16603	9743	26346
2020	UG	Male	Female	Total	COMB	Male	Female	Total
	Medical	1074	594	1668	Medical	16559	8255	24814
	Dental	318	145	463	Dental	1436	2227	3663
	Total	1392	739	2131	Total	17995	10482	28477
2021	UG	Male	Female	Total	COMB	Male	Female	Total
	Medical	882	416	1298	Medical	17381	8671	26052

	Dental	110	308	418	Dental	1546	2535	4081
	Total	992	724	1716	Total	18927	11206	30133
2022	UG	Male	Female	Total	COMB	Male	Female	Total
	Medical	1139	614	1753	Medical	18520	9285	27805
	Dental	76	256	332	Dental	1622	2791	4413
	Total	1215	870	2085	Total	20142	12076	32218

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Native postgraduate doctors' registration till 2022 December 31 (2079.09.16 BS).

The figures are included in total native doctors' registration.

Subject	Male	Female	TOTAL
Basic Medicine			
Anatomy	33	28	61
Biochemistry	25	35	60
Community Medicine & Public Health	100	90	190
Forensic Medicine	37	16	53
Hospital Administration	3	1	4
Microbiology	27	48	75
Pathology	147	215	362
Pharmacology	49	31	80
Physiology	39	33	72
Medicine and allied			
Internal Medicine	977	111	1088
Endocrinology	21	7	28
Cardiology	117	9	126
Paediatrics Cardiology	0	1	1
Clinical Genetics	1	1	2
Critical care medicine	1	1	2
Physical medicine & rehabilitation	3	0	3
Gastroenterology	44	1	45
Hematology	3	0	3
Hepatology	1	0	1
Nephrology	22	4	26
Neurology	26	4	30
Rheumatology	5	2	7
Respiratory and TB	25	6	31

Transfusion medicine & Tissue typing	3	0	3
Tropical medicine	1	0	1
Family Medicine	1	0	1
Pulmonology	1	1	2
Palliative Medicine	1	0	1
MPH	1	1	2
Surgery and allied			
General Surgery	895	52	947
Cardiothoracic & Vascular Surgery	15	2	17
Cardiac surgery	5	2	7
Gastrosurgery	1	1	2
Hepatobiliary surgery	5	1	6
Neurosurgery	59	0	59
Pediatrics Surgery	16	3	19
Plastic surgery	10	3	13
Surgical Oncology	21	0	21
Urology	54	1	55
Coloractal Surgery	1	0	1
Thorasic Surgery	0	1	1
Specialities			
Anaesthesiology	500	177	677
Dermatology & Venerology	174	165	339
ENT	241	87	328
Emergency medicine	9	2	11
General Practice	358	93	451
Geriatric Medicine	4	1	5
Neonatology	6	2	8
Nuclear Medicine	14	2	16
Obst & Gyne	288	706	994
Oncology	11	0	11
Ophthalmology	240	223	463
Orthopaedic	798	7	805
Pediatrics	554	227	781
Pediatric hemato-oncology	0	1	1
Pediatric nephrology	1	0	1
Psychiatry	161	83	244
Radiotherapy	18	11	29

Radiology & Imaging	540	123	663
Pediatrics Hematology	0	1	1
Pediatrics Gastroenterology	1	2	3
Dentistry			
MDS	144	87	231
Community dentistry	3	3	6
Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics	24	42	66
Oral & Maxillofacial surgery	70	18	88
Oral medicine & radiology	4	8	12
Oral Pathology	5	10	15
Oral Science	1	1	2
Orthodontics	69	63	132
Pedodontics	4	29	33
Periodontics	17	41	58
Prosthodontics	49	42	91
Public health dentistry	5	1	6
Forensic Odontology	1	0	1
TOTAL	7110	2970	10080

Cancellation of registration

- Passed away registered practitioners and doctors with fake documents are deregistered and the information of which is available in <https://nmc.org.np/deregistration>. Till date 143 doctors' registration is cancelled.

Foreign national doctors' registration

- Details of foreign national doctors working in medical college, academy, mission hospital and private hospital is available in <https://nmc.org.np/list/fnd-doctors>. Till date 318 foreign doctors are working in Nepal with one year registration validity.

Provisions for registration, renewal, and regulation of foreign national doctors -

A foreign national doctor who is registered with the Medical Council and working within 35 (thirty-five) days after the expiry of the renewal period shall pay the regular renewal fee and complete all the necessary procedures for renewal and register the application with the Nepal Medical Council or the Ministry of Health and Population. The following provisions are applicable for them -

- A. If a foreign doctor who has been registered with the Council once and does not apply for renewal within 35 days or if it is found that he has practiced medicine, when the application is not approved, such foreign doctor will not be re-registered for the next 2 years.

- b. Disregarding the notification or knowingly working without registration, foreign doctors will be punished in such a way that they will be disqualified from working as a doctor in Nepal in the future. In addition to this, NMC will notify about him to the council/regulatory body of the country concerned.
- c. No foreign citizen physician shall be registered or renewed in that organization for a maximum of 2 years after the decision of the warning to the organization that employs the foreign doctor in cases a. and b without registration or without renewing the registration.
- d. In the case there is any complaint or complaint that a patient has been harmed during the period when the foreign citizen doctor is working without registration, and if found guilty, such doctor will be prosecuted according to the prevailing law.

Code of Conduct

In 2022, out of 66 complaints related to the Code of Conduct, 20 have been decided and 46 are in process. Out of the 20 complaints decided, 5 cases should not be acted upon, 3 cases were alerted to the doctor, 4 cases were instructed to the hospital, 6 were deemed to require further action, and 2 were to be further investigated through the Central Bureau of Investigation.

Online form and server

- All the services provided by the council are provided through online service and the provision of written application has been halted. It has been arranged that the service will be provided within three days of the formal and complete application.
- The date mentioned in the registration certificate is the date on which the exam was passed and approved by the concerned committee.

Grievance and Grievance Mechanism

- Arrangements have been made to listen to complaints via the council's official email and in person application.
