

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
IN SUPERSESSION OF MEDICAL COUNCIL OF INDIA**

As per the decision of Board of Governors, an amendment was sent to Ministry of Health & Family Welfare on Upper limit of disability for admission to UG medical course. The Ministry desired to obtain comments of the public for consideration.

In view of above, the recommendation of the Council on disability (enclosed) is placed in public domain. Please send your comments on [secy-mci@nic.in](mailto:secy-mci@nic.in) and [ug.mci@nic.in](mailto:ug.mci@nic.in) within 15 days i.e. up to 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2018, for further consideration in the matter.

**Encl: As above.**

  
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**(Dr. Sanjay Shrivastava)**  
**Secretary General**

## Appendix “H”

Classification of “Specified Disabilities” under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 with respect to admission in MBBS”

### Note

1. The “Certificate of Disability” shall be issued in accordance with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017 notified in the Gazette of India by the the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment [Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)] on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017.
2. The extent of “specified disability” in a person shall be assessed in accordance with the “Guidelines for the purpose of assessing the extent of specified disability in a person included under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016)” notified in the Gazette of India by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment [Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)] on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018.
3. The minimum degree of disability should be 40% in order to be eligible for availing reservation for persons with specified disability.

Sno	Disability Type	Benchmark Disabilities	Specified Disability	Disability Range		
				Eligible for Medical Course, Not Eligible for PH Quota	Eligible for Medical Course, Eligible for PH Quota	Not Eligible for Medical Course
1	Physical Disabilities	A. Locomotor Disability / (Specified Disability a-f)	a. Leprosy cured person	Less than 40% disability	40-80% : Persons with more than 80% disability may also be allowed; but after their selection, their functional competency will be determined with the aid of assistive devices.	More than 80%
			b. Cerebral Palsy			
			c. Dwarfism			
			d. Muscular Dystrophy			
			e. Acid attack victims			
			f. Others			
		B. Visual Impairment	a. Blindness	Less than 40% disability (i.e. Category '0(10%)', 'I(20%)' & 'II(30%)')	—	Equal to or More than 40% Disability (i.e. Category III and above)
			b. Low vision			
		C. Hearing impairment	a. Deaf	Less than 40% Disability	—	Equal to or more than 40% Disability
			b. Hard of hearing			

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		D. Speech & language disability	a. Organic/ neurological causes			
2	Intellectual disability		a. Specific learning disabilities (Perceptual disabilities, Dyslexia, Dyscalculia, Dyspraxia & Developmental aphasia)	Less than 40% Disability	Equal to or more than 40%	—
			b. Autism spectrum disorders	Absence or Mild Disability, Asperger syndrome (disability of 40-60% as per ISAA) where the individual is deemed fit for MBBS course by an expert panel	Currently not recommended due to the above-mentioned lack of objective method to establish presence and extent of mental illness. However, the benefit of reservation/quota may be considered in future after developing better methods of disability assessment.	Equal to or more than 60% disability or presence of cognitive/intellectual disability and/or if the person is deemed unfit for perusing MBBS course by an expert panel.
3	Mental behaviour		a. Mental illness	Absence or mild Disability: less than 40% (under IDEAS)	Currently not recommended due to the above-mentioned lack of objective method to establish presence and extent of mental illness. . However, the benefit of reservation/quota may be considered in future after developing better methods of disability assessment.	Equal to or more than 40% disability or if the person is deemed unfit to perform his/her duties. Standards may be drafted for the definition of "fitness to practice medicine", as are used by several institutions of countries other than India.
4	Disability caused due to	Disability due to Chronic Neurological Conditions	a. Multiple Sclerosis	Less than 40% Disability	40-80%	More than 80%
			b. Parkinsonism			
		Disability due to Blood	a. Haemophilia	Less than 40% Disability	40-80%	More than 80%

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				Eligible for Medical Course, Not Eligible for PH Quota	Eligible for Medical Course, Eligible for PH Quota	Not Eligible for Medical Course
			b. Thalassemia			
			c. Sickle cell disease			
5	Multiple disabilities including deaf blindness		a. Combination of above	Combining Formula as notified by the Govt. $\frac{a + b(90-a)}{90}$ (where a= higher value of disability % and b=lower value of disability % as calculated for different disabilities) is recommended for computing the disability arising when more than one disabling condition is present in a given individual. This formula may be used in cases with multiple disabilities, and recommendations regarding admission and/or reservation made as per the specific disabilities present in a given individual		

\* Persons with disabilities of 40% or more may be allowed to pursue medical education, if the extent of disability can be brought down to below 40% with aid of assistive devices.