

Chapter 5: Eligibility and Qualifications for MBBS and BDS Course

5.1 Eligibility to appear in NEET (UG) – 2022

Eligibility for appearing in **NEET (UG)**, as per related Regulations of NMC and DCI are as follows:-

- 5.1.1 He/she has completed 17 years of age at the time of admission or will complete that age on or before 31 December of the year of his/her admission to the first year of the Undergraduate Medical Course.

Accordingly, the lower age limit shall be as under:

For Candidates of General (UR)/General-EWS	born on or before 31.12.2005
For Candidates of SC/ST/OBC-NCL/PwBD Category	

- 5.1.2 **Upper age limit: As per Letter No. U-11022/2/2022-UGMEB, dated 09 March 2022 received from National Medical Commission (NMC), Under Graduate Medical Education Board (UGMEB) regarding the upper age limit, that there should be no upper age limit as decided in the fourth NMC meeting held on 21 October 2021.**
- 5.1.3 Indian Citizens/ Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) intending to pursue Undergraduate Medical Courses in a foreign Medical/ Dental Institute also need to qualify for **NEET (UG)**.

5.2 Criteria for NRI / OCI / Foreign Nationals

- 5.2.1 Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), Overseas Citizens of India (OCI), and Foreign Nationals are eligible for admission in Medical /Dental Colleges subject to rules and regulations framed by the respective State Governments, Institutions, and the Government of India, as the case may be. The NRI and OCI Applicants/Candidates have to upload a Certificate from the concerned Indian Diplomatic Mission in the country of their residence in support of their claim as an NRI/OCI Candidate, along with their online Application Form for NEET (UG) - 2022 and retain the original of such document for producing it at the time of Counselling / Admission to the Courses covered under NEET (UG). Similarly, a foreign applicant for NEET (UG) 2022 shall also upload Documentary Proof (e.g. relevant pages of a valid passport or a Certificate from the Competent Authority in the country of his/her nationality regarding his/her citizenship status) in support of his/her Nationality, along with online Application Form. The Embassy Certificate and Citizenship Certificate or any Documentary proof of Citizenship are given in Annexures - XIV A and XIV B. Foreign nationals may confirm their eligibility from the concerned Medical/Dental/ College/State.

5.2.2 Eligibility of OCI cardholders for NEET (UG):

The Ministry of Home Affairs vide Notification dated **4 March 2021** specified the rights to which an OCI cardholder shall be entitled under the Citizenship Act, 1955.

Clause (4) (ii) of the said Notification reads as under:

“(4) parity with Non-Resident Indians in the matter of,-

(ii) appearing for the all India entrance tests such as National Eligibility cum Entrance Test, Joint Entrance Examination (Mains), Joint Entrance Examination (Advanced), or such other