

FEE REGULATORY COMMITTEE (MEDICAL)

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ORDER

Sub: Terms and Conditions regarding fixation of fee structure for the Academic Years 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 other than Postgraduate Medical and Dental Courses.

1. The Fee Regulatory Committee (Medical) (here in after referred to as The Committee) has been constituted under section-9 of **The Gujarat Professional Medical Educational Colleges or Institutions (Regulation of Admission and Fixation of Fees) Act, 2007, Act No. 3 of 2008** (hereinafter referred to as 'The Act') enacted by the State Government to make special provision, inter-alia, for fixation of fees in professional medical educational colleges or institutions for admission of students. Hence, the Committee is empowered to determine the fee structure for Medical, Dental, Physiotherapy, Homoeopathy, Ayurveda, Optometry, Occupational Therapy, Orthotics and Nursing program in unaided professional colleges/institutions in the State as these institutions fall within the purview of the Act and they are subject to the jurisdiction of the Committee.
2. In pursuance of the powers conferred upon it u/s 10(2) of the Act, the Committee invited the proposals of fee structure with required audited accounts and other details from the institutions vide letter dated 15/12/2020.
3. The Committee carried out the scrutiny of the record and books of accounts submitted by management of the Institutions. Based on the preliminary scrutiny and analysis of the details furnished to it, the Committee evaluated the facilities, infrastructure, capital investment made by the institutions, plans for development on hand and for future, compliance of requirements concerning the staff, cost estimates etc. for the purpose of fixing the fee structure for the institutions.



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4. Further, in accordance with provisions of section-11 of the Act, while determining and fixing the fees to be charged by the institutions, the Committee also kept in view the relevant factors as prescribed u/s 11 of the Act.
5. In other words the Committee has fully considered the facts and figures as also the factors essential for determination of fee structure for each institution and only thereafter by following the Standard Operational Procedure for fee fixation, it has determined the fee structures of the institutions as per Fee Orders. However due to pandemic condition and in particular second and third wave of COVID-19 Committee's exercise of determining fee structure of more than 700 institutions got delayed. Thus due to paucity of time the committee has not been able to pass separate order for each institution but it has made common order category-wise.
6. While determining the fee structures of the institutions the committee has kept in view the hardship caused to students/parents due to circumstances that were prevailing in the recent past and to some extent currently also. It is a matter of common knowledge that COVID-19 pandemic has caused disastrous effect on the economy world wide and thrown it in to complete disarray causing enormous difficulties in day to day life of all the sections of the society. Our country is not spread of it and though the pandemic is on decline for the present, the adverse impact it has caused on the country's economy still continuous. With the income dwindling, the parents of the students find it difficult to discharge their obligation to pay the tuition fees of their children. Even during year 2020-21 and subsequently, to avail online education for their children, the parents had to incur additional expenditure to create minimum facilities which included purchase of smart phone or in a given case even laptop and arrange for network connectivity through purchase of additional data plan. As against that the students were deprived of all other facilities such as high tech classroom, well equipped laboratories, library with good collection of books and journals on various subjects, faculty consultation etc. As a result of all this students education has suffered to considerable extent.

In other word during lock down and even for considerable period thereafter i.e. till first quarter of this year there was no imparting of education in physical presence of the students as the pandemic condition prevailing then in the country did not warrant



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