

**National Medical Commission
Under Graduate Medical Education Board (UGMEB)**

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Sub: Starting of the Academic Year 2021 for MBBS courses

Graduate Medical Education Regulation 1997, as amended from time to time, stipulates the date of starting of the academic session and duration of Undergraduate courses.

2. There has been a delay in the starting of MBBS courses on account of Covid Pandemic in the year 2021. Therefore, National Medical Commission has decided that the academic session for the MBBS courses for the year 2021 shall commence from 14th February, 2022. The Academic curriculum for the Undergraduate courses shall be completed within the stipulated time as prescribed in the aforementioned Regulations.

3. The foundation course of dedicated one month has been subsumed within first professional of eleven months. Foundation course will be covered after usual teaching hours or on weekends/holidays. Thus first professional has been compressed to eleven months instead of thirteen months. Vacations have also been curtailed during first, second and third professionals by one month. Therefore each subsequent professional phase of training has been compressed by one month only. Final professional examinations will take place in June, 2026. Care has been taken not to curtail practical and clinical postings. Internship will remain for one year only. Even though it appears that the course duration is shortened, actual teaching and training hours have been preserved through absorption of buffer time available during the course such as dedicated one month foundation course and vacations. The tentative academic curriculum for MBBS batch starting in February, 2022 is attached at Annexure-A.

4. Further, the Prevalent Covid Safety Measures Guidelines at respective States/UTs are to be followed strictly.

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