

#### Appendix 'H'

#### Guidelines regarding admission of students with "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 by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment [Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (*Divyangjan*)] on 15th 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 4th January 2018.

3. The minimum degree of disability should be 40% (Benchmark Disability) in order to be eligible for availing reservation for persons with specified disability.

4. The term 'Persons with Disabilities' (PwD) is to be used instead of the term 'Physically Handicapped' (PH)

Sl. No.	Disability Type	Type of Disabilities	Specified Disability	Disability Range		
				Eligible for Medical Course, Not Eligible for PwD Quota	Eligible for Medical Course, Eligible for PwD Quota	Not Eligible for Medical Course
1.	Physical Disability	A. Locomotor Disability,	a. Leprosy cured person*	Less than 40% disability	40-80% disability	More than 80%

		including Specified Disabilities (a to f).	b. Cerebral Palsy** c. Dwarfism d. Muscular Dystrophy e. Acid attack victims f. Others*** such as Amputation, Poliomyelitis, etc.			
			* Attention should be paid to loss of sensations in fingers and hands, amputation, as well as involvement of eyes and corresponding recommendations be looked at. ** Attention should be paid to impairment of vision, hearing, cognitive function etc. and corresponding recommendations be looked at. *** Both hands intact, with intact sensations, sufficient strength and range of motion are essential to be considered eligible for medical course			
		B. Visual Impairment (*)	a. Blindness b. Low vision	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)
		C. Hearing impairment@	a. Deaf b. Hard of hearing	Less than 40% Disability		Equal to or more than 40% Disability
			(*) Persons with Visual impairment / visual disability of more than 40% may be made eligible to pursue Graduate Medical Education and may be given reservation, subject to the condition that the visual disability is brought to a level of less than the benchmark of 40% with advanced low vision aids such as telescopes / magnifier etc. @ Persons with hearing disability of more than 40% may be made eligible to pursue Graduate Medical Education and may be given reservation, subject to the condition that the hearing disability is brought to a level of less than the benchmark of 40% with the aid of assistive devices. In addition to this, the individual should have a speech discrimination score of more than 60%.			
		D. Speech & language disability\$	Organic/ neurological causes	Less than 40% Disability	-	Equal to or more than 40% Disability
			\$ It is proposed that for admission to MBBS course the Speech Intelligibility Affected (SIA) score shall not exceed 3 (Which will correspond to less than 40%) to be eligible to pursue the MBBS course. The individuals beyond this score will not be eligible for admission to the MBBS course. Persons with an Aphasia Quotient (AQ) upto 40% may be eligible to pursue MBBS course but beyond that they will neither be eligible to pursue the MBBS course nor will they have any reservation.			
2.	Intellectual disability		a. Specific learning disabilities (Perceptual disabilities, Dyslexia, Dyscalculia, Dyspraxia & Developmental aphasia)#	# currently there is no Quantification scale available to assess the severity of SpLD, therefore the cut-off of 40% is arbitrary and more evidence is needed.  Less than 40% Disability	Equal to or more than 40% disability - But selection will be based on the learning competency evaluated with the help of the remediation/ assisted technology/ aids/ infrastructural changes by the Expert Panel	More than 80% or severe nature or significant cognitive/ intellectual disability

			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 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 pursuing MBBS course by an expert panel
3.	Mental behaviour		Mental illness	Absence or mild Disability: less than 40% (under IDEAS)	Currently not recommended due to 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	a. Chronic Neurological Conditions	i. Multiple Sclerosis	Less than 40% Disability	40-80% disability	More than 80%
			ii. Parkinsonism			
		b. Blood Disorders	i. Haemophilia	Less than 40% Disability	40-80% disability	More than 80%
			ii. Thalassemia			
iii. Sickle cell disease						
5.	Multiple disabilities including deaf blindness		More than one of the above specified disabilities	<p>Must consider all above while deciding in individual cases recommendations with respect to presence any of the above, namely, Visual, Hearing, Speech &amp; Language disability, Intellectual Disability, and Mental Illness as a component of Multiple Disability.</p> <p>Combining Formula as notified by the related Gazette Notification issued by the Govt. of India</p> $\frac{a + b(90-a)}{90}$ <p>(where a= higher value of disability % and b=lower value of disability % as calculated for different disabilities)</p> <p>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</p>		