



## Chapter 3: Examination Scheme

### 3.1 Syllabus of the Test

NMC (National Medical Commission) has notified the syllabus of NEET (UG) - 2024. The Question Paper will be based on the given syllabus (**Appendix-III**) which is available on the NMC website (<https://www.nmc.org.in/neet/neet-ug>). Furthermore, to rationalize the decision of reduction in the syllabus by various School Education Boards, the NTA has taken a decision to provide choice in Section “B” for each of the 4 (four) Subjects.

### 3.2 Pattern of the Test

The Test pattern of NEET (UG) - 2024 comprises four Subjects. Each subject will consist of **two sections**. Section A will consist of **35 Questions** and Section B will have **15 Questions**, out of these 15 Questions, candidates can choose to attempt any **10 Questions**. So, the total number of questions and utilization of time will remain the same.

The pattern for the **NEET (UG) - 2024** Examination for admission in the Session 2024-25 is as follows:

S. No	Subject(s)	Section(s)	Number Of Questions	Marks (Each Question carries 04 (Four) Marks)	Type Of Question(s)
1.	PHYSICS	SECTION A	35	140	MCQ (Multiple Choice Questions).
		SECTION B	15	40	
2.	CHEMISTRY	SECTION A	35	140	
		SECTION B	15	40	
3.	BOTANY	SECTION A	35	140	
		SECTION B	15	40	
4.	ZOOLOGY	SECTION A	35	140	
		SECTION B	15	40	
TOTAL MARKS				720	

*Note: Correct option marked will be given (4) marks and Incorrect option marked will be given minus one (-1) mark. Unattempted/Unanswered Questions will be given no marks.*

**Important Points to Note:**

- (a) **For Section A (MCQs):** To answer a question, the candidates need to choose one option corresponding to the correct answer or the most appropriate answer. However, if any anomaly or discrepancy is found after the process of challenges of the key verification, it shall be addressed in the following manner:
- (i) Correct answer or the most appropriate answer: Four marks (+4)
  - (ii) Any incorrect option marked will be given minus one mark (-1).
  - (iii) Unanswered: No mark (0).
  - (iv) If more than one option is found to be correct then Four marks (+4) will be awarded to only those who have marked any of the correct options.
  - (v) If all options are found to be correct then Four marks (+4) will be awarded to all those who have attempted the question.
  - (vi) **If none of the options is found correct or a Question is found to be wrong or a Question is dropped then all candidates who have appeared will be given four marks (+4) irrespective of the fact whether the question has been attempted or not attempted by the candidate.**
  - (vii) Candidates are advised to do the calculations with the constants given (if any) in the questions
- (b) **For Section B (MCQs):** Candidates need to attempt any 10 Questions out of 15 Questions given. In the event if a candidate has attempted more than 10 questions, only the first 10 attempted questions will be considered for evaluation. **There will also be negative marking for Section B.** However, if any anomaly or discrepancy is found after the process of challenges of the key verification, it shall be addressed in the following manner:
- i. Correct Answer: Four marks (+4)
  - ii. Incorrect Answer: Minus one mark (-1)
  - iii. Unanswered: No mark (0).
  - iv. If more than one option is found to be correct then Four marks (+4) will be awarded to only those who have marked any of the correct options.
  - v. If all options are found to be correct then Four marks (+4) will be awarded to all those who have attempted the question.
  - vi. **If a question is found to be incorrect or the Question is dropped then Four marks (+4) will be awarded to all those who have attempted the question. The reason could be due to human error or technical error.**
  - vii. Candidates are advised to do the calculations with the constants given (if any) in the questions.

**3.3 Mode of Examination**

NEET (UG) – 2024 is a Pen & Paper-based Test, to be answered on the specially designed



machine gradable OMR sheet using Ball Point Pen is provided at the Centre. Moreover tampering with the OMR at any stage will lead to debarring of the candidature for 03 years.

### 3.4 Duration of Test

The duration of the test would be **three (03) hours and 20 minutes**. Compensatory time of one hour five minutes for examination of three hours twenty minutes (03:20 hrs) duration for PwBD Candidate [having a physical limitation to write] will be given, whether such candidate uses the facility of Scribe or not.

### 3.5 Medium of the Question Papers

Drawing from the National Education Policy (NEP), the NEET (UG) -2024 is being conducted in English, Hindi, Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu.

#### 3.5.1. Candidates can opt for a Question Paper in any one of the following 13 languages:

English	Hindi	Assamese	Bengali	Gujarati	Malayalam	Kannada
Marathi	Odia	Tamil	Telugu	Urdu	Punjabi	

#### 3.5.2. Option of medium of Question Paper should be carefully chosen while filling in the Application Form. The option once chosen cannot be changed.

3.5.3. Candidates opting for **English** would be provided Test Booklet in **English** only.

3.5.4. Candidates opting for **Hindi** would be provided with a **Bilingual Test Booklet in English and Hindi**.

3.5.5. Candidates opting for **Regional Languages** would be provided Test Booklet in **English + selected Regional Language**.

For Example: If a candidate opted Tamil (out of 13 languages), the Test Booklet would be provided in English + Tamil.

3.5.6. In case of any ambiguity in the translation of a question in the test, **its English version shall be treated as final and the decision of NTA shall be final in this regard.**

S. No.	Medium of Question Paper	Examination Centres
1	English	All Examination Centres
2	English and Hindi	All Examination Centres in India
3	English and Assamese	Examination Centres in Assam
4	English and Bengali	Examination Centres in West Bengal, Tripura, and Andaman & Nicobar Islands
5	English and Gujarati	Examination Centres in Gujarat, Daman & Diu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli
6	English and Kannada	Examination Centres in Karnataka



7.	English and Malayalam	Examination Centres in Kerala and Lakshadweep
8.	English and Marathi	Examination Centres in Maharashtra
9.	English and Odia	Examination Centres in Odisha
10.	English and Punjabi	Examination Centres in Punjab, Chandigarh, and Delhi/New Delhi (including Faridabad, Ghaziabad, Gurugram, Noida/Greater Noida)
11.	English and Tamil	Examination Centres in Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, and Andaman & Nicobar Islands
12.	English and Telugu	Examination Centres in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana
13.	English and Urdu	All Examination Centres in India

*The option of language for Question Paper should be exercised while filling up the Application Form online and it cannot be changed at a later stage. Please note that for the correctness of the questions in all the question papers, the English version will be taken as final.*

- 3.5.7. Candidates qualifying for **NEET (UG) – 2024** would be eligible for All India Quota and other quotas under the State Governments/Institutes, irrespective of the medium of the examination, subject to other eligibility criteria.
- 3.5.8. Option of Regional languages will be available as per the following table only:



## Chapter 4: Cities for NEET (UG) – 2024

### 4.1 Cities for Exam Centres for NEET (UG) - 2024 Examination

A list of Cities along with city codes where the NEET (UG) - 2024 will be conducted is given in Appendix-V.

While filling up the Online Application Form, candidates should select **two Convenient Cities** from Appendix-V as their Choice of Cities for the exam Centre in order of their priority.

Choice of Centre Cities will be limited to the **State of Permanent Address or State of Present Address only**.

For convenience, the candidates may select their own city or neighbouring cities in their State of Residence only and not for far away cities in other States. NTA will not be responsible for any inconvenience due to the incorrect selection of cities by the candidates.

In case, the number of candidates opting for a city is less than a certain minimum, the NTA reserves the right to merge one, two, or more cities.

In case, the number of candidates opting for a city as centre with a regional language is less than a certain minimum, candidates may be allotted Centre in another city irrespective of the city opted by the candidates for appearing in the examination.

**Though every effort will be made to allot a Centre in one of the cities selected by the candidate, the NTA reserves the right to allot a centre in a city other than the candidate's choice.**

Allotment of Centres will be done mostly in one of the preferred cities of the candidates and there will be no human intervention.

*Note: All effort will be made by NTA to consider the comfort and convenience of candidates, including PwBD Candidates while allotting Centres.*



## Chapter 5: Eligibility and Qualifications for MBBS and BDS Course

### 5.1 Eligibility to appear in NEET (UG) – 2024

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 31.12.2007
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, there is no upper age limit.**
- 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) - 2024 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) 2024 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 format of Embassy Certificate and Citizenship Certificate or any Documentary proof of Citizenship are given in **Appendix – XII and Appendix - XIII**. Foreign nationals may confirm their eligibility from the concerned Medical/Dental/ College/State.
- 5.2.2 **Eligibility of OCI cardholders for NEET (UG):**
- (i) Indian Nationals, Non Resident Indians (NRIs), Overseas Citizen of India (OCI), Persons with Indian Origin and Foreign Nationals are eligible for admission in Medical/Dental/Ayurveda/Siddha/Unani/ Homeopathy Colleges subject to the rules and regulations framed by respective State



Governments, Institutions and The Government of India, as the case may be.

- (ii) In compliance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 03.02.2023 in WP No. 891 of 2021, OCI will be entitled to the rights and privileges which had been conferred on them earlier to the notification dated 04.03.2021.

### 5.3 Participation of UT of J&K and Ladakh in All India Quota

- 5.3.1 Students from UT of J&K and Ladakh are eligible for 15% All India Quota seats and the candidates from respective UTs can participate like other states.

### 5.4 Qualifications and Qualifying Examination Codes

To be eligible for NEET (UG) – 2024, candidates need to refer to the following table for qualifying examination criteria.

<b>CODE: 01</b>	<p>A candidate who is appearing in the qualifying examination, i.e., class 12 in 2024, whose result is awaited, may apply and appear in the test but he/she shall not be eligible for admission to the <b>Undergraduate Medical Courses</b> if he/she does not pass the qualifying examination with the required pass percentage at the time of first round of Counselling.</p> <p>Candidates who have appeared or are appearing at the qualifying Examination with English, Physics, Chemistry, and Biology as the main subject and expect to pass the Examination with the required percentage of marks are also eligible to apply and appear in the Competitive Entrance Examination. However, their candidature will be considered only if they provide documentary evidence of having passed the qualifying Examination with the required subjects and percentage of marks.</p>
<b>OR</b>	
<b>CODE: 02</b>	<p>The Higher/Senior Secondary Examination or the Indian School Certificate Examination which is equivalent to class 12 Higher/Senior Secondary Examination after a period of 12 years of study, the last two years of such study comprising of Physics, Chemistry, Biology/Bio-technology (which shall include practical tests in these subjects) and Mathematics or any other elective subject with English at a level not less than the core course for English as prescribed by the National Council of Educational Research and Training after the introduction of the 10+2+3 educational structure as recommended by the National Committee on Education.</p> <p><i>Candidates who have passed Class 12 from Open School or as private candidates shall not be eligible to appear for the 'National Eligibility Cum Entrance Test'. Furthermore, a study of Biology/Biotechnology as an Additional Subject at Class 12 level also shall not be permissible.*</i></p> <p><i>*The candidates who have passed Class 12 level with Biology as an additional subject will also be eligible for MBBS Entrance Examination (as per Hon'ble High Court Order No. 2341/-W/DHC/WRIT/D-1/2019 dated 24/09/2019 in the Writ Petition (C) No. 6773/2019.</i></p> <p><i>*(NOTE: The proviso in italics has been a subject matter of challenge before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, Hon'ble High Court of Allahabad, Lucknow Bench, and Hon'ble High Court of Madhya Pradesh at Jabalpur. The provisions of the regulations disqualifying recognized Open School Board candidates and the candidates who have studied Biology/Biotechnology as an Additional Subject has been struck down. The Medical Council of India has preferred Special Leave Petitions before the Hon'ble Supreme Court and Appeals in the Hon'ble High Courts. Therefore, the candidature of</i></p>



	<p><i>candidates in the NEET (UG) - 2024 who have passed the qualifying examinations i.e. Class 12 from National Institute of Open Schooling or State Open Schools or as private candidates from recognized State Boards; or with Biology/Biotechnology as an additional subject shall be allowed but subject to the outcome of Special Leave Petitions/Appeals filed by the Medical Council of India)</i></p> <p>If the institute has to consider an examination of an Indian University or of a foreign/university to be equivalent to the Class 12 under intermediate science examination, the candidates shall have to produce a certificate from the concerned Indian University/Association of Indian Universities to the effect that the examination passed by him/her is considered to be equivalent to the class 12 under intermediate science examination.</p>
<b>OR</b>	
<b>CODE: 03</b>	The Intermediate/Pre-degree Examination in Science of an Indian University/Board or other recognized examining body with Physics, Chemistry, Biology /Biotechnology (which shall include practical test in these subjects) and also English as a compulsory subject.
<b>OR</b>	
<b>CODE: 04</b>	The Pre-professional/Pre-medical Examination with Physics, Chemistry, Biology/Biotechnology, and English after passing either the Higher Secondary Examination or the Pre-University or an equivalent examination. The Pre-professional/Pre-medical examination shall include practical tests in these subjects and also English as a compulsory subject.
<b>OR</b>	
<b>CODE: 05</b>	The first year of the three years' degree course of a recognized University with Physics, Chemistry, and Biology/Biotechnology including practical tests in these subjects provided the examination is a University Examination and the candidate has passed the earlier qualifying examination with Physics, Chemistry, Biology/ Biotechnology with English at a level not less than a core course.
<b>OR</b>	
<b>CODE: 06</b>	B.Sc. Examination of an Indian University provided that he/she has passed the B.Sc. Examination with not less than two of the subjects Physics, Chemistry, Biology (Botany, Zoology)/Biotechnology and further that he/ she has passed the earlier qualifying examination with Physics, Chemistry, Biology, and English.
<b>OR</b>	
<b>CODE: 07</b>	Any other examination which in scope and standard (Last 02 years of 10+2 Study comprising of Physics, Chemistry and Biology/Biotechnology; which shall include practical test in these subjects) is found to be equivalent to the Intermediate Science Examination of an Indian University/Board, taking Physics, Chemistry and Biology/Biotechnology including practical tests in each of these subjects and English.





*Note: Due to the COVID outbreak, no examinations were conducted for 2021 batch of Class 10 (Tamil Nadu State Board). Accordingly no marks were given in the marksheet and 'pass' is printed in all subjects with a disclaimer – "As per G.O. (Ms) No. 48, School Education (G.E.) department dated: 25.02.2021, all candidates who studied SSLC in the academic year 2020-21 are declared passed."*

*While filling up of the online Application Form of NEET (UG) - 2024, when the candidate selects 'Passing year' as 2021 with 'School Board' as Tamil Nadu State Board of School Examination (Sec.), the Result Mode field will be disabled and the associated fields for Marks/CGPA will be invisible for Tamil Nadu State Board candidates who have passed their Class 10 in year 2021.*

- Provided also that to be eligible for **NEET (UG) - 2024**, the candidate must have passed in Physics, Chemistry, Biology/Biotechnology, and English individually and must have obtained a minimum of 50% marks taken together in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology/Biotechnology at the qualifying examination as mentioned in the Regulations of NMC and DCI. *In addition, they must have got a rank in the merit list of NEET (UG) - 2024 for admission to Undergraduate Medical Courses.*
- In respect of the candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, or Other Backward Classes (NCL), the minimum marks obtained in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology/Biotechnology are taken together in the qualifying examination shall be 40% marks instead of 50% marks for Unreserved and General-EWS Candidates. In respect of PwBD candidates as per NMC and DCI Regulations, the minimum marks in the qualifying examination in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology (or Botany & Zoology)/Biotechnology taken together shall be 40% instead of 50%.
- Provided further that the students who have received education abroad and wish to seek admission into medical colleges in India must have passed in Physics, Chemistry, Biology/Biotechnology, and English with 50% marks in Class 12, and their equivalency determined by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) as per regulations of the National Medical Commission and the concerned University.
- The criteria for minimum qualifying marks to be eligible for admission to MBBS courses shall also be applicable to concerned INIs like AIIMS and JIPMER.
- *Note: In all other cases, the States/Institutes that have cut-offs for eligibility other than those mentioned above, may follow their own criteria.*

**Note:**

- *The Pre-medical course may be conducted either at a Medical College or at a Science College.*
- *Marks obtained in Mathematics are not to be considered for eligibility for admission to Undergraduate Medical Courses.*
- *The candidates who have studied from the Foreign/International Board should ensure that the qualifying examination passed by them is, in scope and standard, as explained in CODE: 07.*
- *Any interpretation regarding the requirement of Biology / Biological Sciences as one of the subjects of the Qualifying Examination for NEET (UG) will be subjected to Regulation No. 4 (1) of the Graduate Medical Education Regulations (1997) as amended up to 2018 and the Judgement dated 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021 of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No. 390 of 2021 in the matter of "Kaloji Narayana Rao University of Health Sciences Vs. Srikeerti Reddi Pingle & Ors." (Para 20 & 21).*



## Chapter 6: Counselling and Reservation for Admission to MBBS, BAMS, BUMS, BSMS and BDS Course

### 6.1 Admission Procedure

**6.1.1 Admissions to all seats of Undergraduate Medical / Dental Courses will be done through NEET (UG) - 2024. The following are the seats available under different quotas:**

- All India Quota Seats
- State Government Quota Seats
- Central Institutions/Universities/Deemed Universities
- State/Management/NRI Quota Seats in Private Medical / Dental Colleges or any Private University
- Central Pool Quota Seats
- All seats including NRI Quota as well as Management Quota, are in private unaided/aided minority / non-minority medical colleges.
- AIIMS Institutes across India/JIPMER.
- The Counselling for successful candidates for Seats under 15% All India Quota and 100% including 85% State quota seats of Central Institutions (ABVIMS & RML Hospital/VMMC & Safdarjung Hospital/ESIC)/ Central Universities (including DU/ BHU /AMU)/ AIIMS/ JIPMER and Deemed Universities, will be conducted by the MCC/DGHS for **Undergraduate Medical / Dental Courses**. MCC only does the registration for AFMC and forwards the data of registered Candidates to AFMC Authorities for the admission process. **DU/BHU and other Universities may use the score for any other relevant courses being offered by them.**

**6.1.2** The counselling for admission to the seats under the control of State Governments/ UT Administrations / State Universities/ Institutions shall be conducted by the designated authorities of the State Governments as per the notifications issued separately by the authorities concerned.

**6.1.3** The Result of NEET (UG) - 2024 may be utilized by other Entities of Central and State Governments, in accordance with their respective eligibility criteria / other norms /applicable regulations/guidelines/rules. **The result data may also be utilized for B.Sc. (H) Nursing courses in accordance with their respective eligibility criteria / other norms /applicable regulations/guidelines/ rules.** The NEET (UG) - 2024 data will also be used for admissions to **BVSc & AH courses** under the **15% quota of VCI** in recognized Veterinary Colleges. However, the Council has to approach the MCC of DGHS, MoHFW in order to obtain the said data of results.

**Note: MNS (Military Nursing Services) aspirants seeking admission to BSc Nursing Course being conducted at Armed Forces Medical Service Hospitals for the year 2024 are required to qualify NEET. The NEET score will be used for shortlisting for selection to the four year BSc Nursing course.**