Annexure -C

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR STATE-LEVEL MEDICAL PG COUNSELLING 2026–27

1. Qualified and eligible candidates shall register themselves on the web-based application portal, https://manipurmc.mn.gov.in, to participate in the State-Level Medical PG Counselling for allotment of MD/MS/PG Diploma seats at the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Imphal; Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS), Imphal; and Shija Academy of Health Sciences (SAHS), Langol, Imphal. The Directorate of Medical Education (DME) shall conduct the counselling and seat allotment through the online portal. No manual allotment of seats shall be undertaken.

2. Registration through any mode other than the notified web-based application portal shall not be permitted.

3. A candidate shall submit only one registration/application form for the State-Level Medical PG Counselling for the relevant academic session. Submission of multiple applications by the same candidate may result in cancellation of candidature and other action as deemed appropriate by the competent authority.

4. At the time of registration, candidates shall select the institution(s) and seat category/categories for which they are eligible, from the options made available on the portal. The eligibility criteria shall be as follows:

I. Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Imphal

The eligibility of candidates shall be determined under the following categories:

a) RIMS Graduates – Open Category: Candidates who have qualified NEET-PG 2026 and completed their MBBS from RIMS, Imphal, shall be eligible to apply under this category.

b) Non-RIMS – Open Category: Candidates who have qualified NEET-PG 2026, completed their MBBS from a recognised medical college other than RIMS, and belong to the beneficiary States of RIMS, namely Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura, shall be eligible to apply under this category.

c) In-Service (Sponsored) Category:

i. NEET-PG 2026-qualified permanent/regular in-service medical officers working under the respective Directorates of Health Services of the beneficiary States (Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura); or

ii. Permanent/regular doctors working in Government Medical Colleges/Institutes under the Departments of Health & Family Welfare of the beneficiary States. The application must be forwarded through the competent authority in the prescribed format.

iii. For candidates from Manipur who have served in remote and difficult areas, as defined by the State Government vide Order No. 4/2/2012-M(PG) dated

08/02/2013, as amended from time to time, only a difficult-area posting certificate issued by the Directorate of Health Services, Government of Manipur, shall be considered valid.

iv. For candidates from other beneficiary States of RIMS, the remote and difficult-area posting certificate shall be issued by the competent authority of the respective State.

II. Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS), Imphal

Eligibility for admission under the State Quota shall be governed by *The Manipur Medical Postgraduate Seat Allotment Schemes, 2025*, and the applicable instructions for the academic session. The eligibility of candidates shall be determined under the following categories:

a) Direct Category: Candidates must be Indian nationals holding an MBBS degree from a recognised Medical College/Institute/University recognised by MCI/NMC and must have obtained permanent registration from the NMC or a State Medical Council.

b) Institutional Preference Category: Candidates must be Indian nationals holding an MBBS degree from Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS), Imphal, and must have obtained permanent registration from the NMC or any State Medical Council.

c) In-Service (Sponsored) Category:

i. Candidates shall have qualified NEET-PG 2026 and be in regular service under the Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Manipur, or JNIMS, and must possess a sponsorship certificate from the concerned authority.

ii. Candidates appointed on a temporary, contractual or ad-hoc basis shall not be eligible under this category.

iii. For candidates who have served in remote and difficult areas, as defined by the State Government vide Order No. 4/2/2012-M(PG) dated 08/02/2013, as amended from time to time, only a difficult-area posting certificate issued by the Directorate of Health Services, Government of Manipur, shall be considered valid.

III. Shija Academy of Health Sciences (SAHS), Langol, Imphal

a) State Quota: Candidates applying against State Quota seats shall fulfil the applicable eligibility conditions under *The Manipur Medical Postgraduate Seat Allotment Schemes, 2025* and shall be determined under the following categories:

i. Direct Category: Candidates must be Indian nationals holding an MBBS degree from a recognised Medical College/Institute/University recognised by MCI/NMC and must have obtained permanent registration from the NMC or a State Medical Council.

ii. In-Service (Sponsored) Category: In-service candidates applying for State Quota seats shall be governed by the same eligibility and sponsorship requirements applicable to the In-Service Category at JNIMS, including the requirement of regular service and a valid sponsorship certificate from the competent authority.

b) Management Quota: Candidates who have qualified NEET-PG 2026 and fulfil the prescribed basic eligibility requirements for admission to postgraduate medical courses shall be eligible to apply. Allotment of Management Quota seats shall be made strictly on the basis of merit in NEET-PG 2026, in accordance with the applicable directions and approved procedure.

Iv. General provisions:

i. Selection of multiple eligible institutions or categories shall be permitted, subject to the applicable eligibility criteria, approved seat matrix and payment of the prescribed fee.

ii. In-service candidates (permanent/regular in-service medical officers working under their respective Directorates of Health Services) applying under the Open Category shall submit an authorisation letter from the competent authority.

5. Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD): Candidates seeking to avail the benefit of reservation under the PwBD category shall obtain an Eligibility Certificate from a Medical Assessment Board designated by the Medical Counselling Committee (MCC), in accordance with the **"Guidelines on Assessment of Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) for Admission to the PG Course, 2026"** issued by the National Medical Commission (NMC). The list of designated Medical Assessment Boards and the specialities for which they are authorised to issue Eligibility Certificates is provided in the MCC NEET-PG 2026 Information Bulletin. Candidates opting for assessment at RIMS, Imphal, shall note that the Institute is authorised to issue Eligibility Certificates only for the specialities specified against its name in the said Annexure. Eligibility Certificates issued by any other hospital or Medical Board not included in the designated list shall not be accepted. Only one seat shall be earmarked in each eligible subject for eligible PwBD candidates. Only candidates declared eligible by the designated Medical Assessment Board, with their eligibility reflected in the MCC portal, and shall be considered for the PwBD category.

6. The non-refundable application fee shall be ₹5,000/- for General category candidates and ₹4,000/- for OBC/SC/ST category candidates. A refundable security deposit of ₹20,000/- shall be payable by all candidates. The security deposit shall be refunded only to the bank account from which the payment was made, subject to verification and the applicable refund conditions.

7. The refundable security deposit shall be liable to forfeiture in the following circumstances:

i. Where a Candidate has been allotted a seat in Round 2 or subsequent rounds (Round 3, stray vacancy/further rounds) and does not report/join at the allotted college to complete the admission process.

ii. The Security Deposit will be forfeited if the admission gets cancelled after allotment due to any reason. E.g., in case the candidate gives wrong information at the time of registration on the basis of which a seat may be allotted and later cancelled by the Admission Authorities at the time of reporting or fails to produce the required documents at the time of admission.

8. Candidates shall declare that the information furnished during registration is true and complete to the best of their knowledge. Any wilful submission of false information, suppression of material facts or submission of forged documents may result in cancellation of candidature/admission and other action as per applicable rules.

9. Candidates shall not be permitted to alter or modify the NEET-PG 2026 details received from the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS), or other examination-related data imported into the portal, except for correction of a demonstrable technical discrepancy in accordance with the procedure authorised by DME.

10. Candidates shall verify the fee structure of the respective institutes before exercising their seat choices. Information regarding tuition fees, other institutional charges and admission requirements shall be obtained from the concerned institutes.

11. Candidates may lock their seat choices within the stipulated timeline, after which they cannot be modified. If the seat choices are not locked by the candidate within the stipulated period, the choices saved by the candidate shall be auto-locked at the end of the stipulated timeline.

12. Updates regarding the schedule, latest instructions, results, notices, news and events relating to online counselling may be obtained from the official website of the Directorate of Health Services, https://manipurhealthdirectorate.mn.gov.in, the web-based application portal, https://manipurmc.mn.gov.in and the official websites of the respective institutes.

13. Candidates shall ensure that the mobile number and e-mail address furnished during registration belong to them or, where appropriate, their parents/guardians, and remain functional throughout the counselling process. DME may communicate important information through SMS, e-mail or the online portal and shall not be responsible for communication failures arising from incorrect or inaccessible contact details furnished by the candidate.

14. Applications once submitted cannot be withdrawn. Mere deduction of fees from the bank account shall not be treated as proof of fee payment. The Acknowledgement Slip of Registration shall be the confirmatory proof of successful registration and fee payment.

15. Registration for subsequent rounds shall be governed by the instructions issued for the respective round. Candidates already registered may not be required to register again unless fresh registration is specifically prescribed. However, fresh choice filling and locking of seat choices shall be mandatory for each round, and seat choices exercised in one round shall not automatically carry forward to another round.

16. Refund of the security deposit shall be processed as per the approved counselling conditions once all applicable rounds of counselling are completed.

17. DME may issue clarifications, corrigenda or amendments to the counselling instructions with the approval of the competent authority, wherever required. Any ambiguity shall be resolved in accordance with the applicable rules, institutional provisions and directions of the competent authority.