

**Embassy of India
Manila**

Advisory on Medical Education in the Philippines

The Embassy has been receiving queries regarding the conformity of medical education in the Philippines with the requirements of the National Medical Commission (NMC) (Foreign Medical Graduate Licentiate) Regulations, 2021. <https://www.nmc.org.in/ActivitiWebClient/open/getDocument?path=/Documents/Public/Portal/NmcGazette/231275.pdf>

The Embassy wishes to highlight that as per the NMC Regulations, foreign medical graduates are required to *inter alia* have:

- Undergone a course leading to foreign medical degree with minimum duration of fifty-four months;
- Undergone an internship for a minimum duration of twelve months in the same foreign medical institution; and
- Registered with the respective professional regulatory body or otherwise, competent to grant license to practice medicine in their respective jurisdiction of the country in which the medical degree is awarded and at par with the license to practice medicine given to citizen of that country.

The Embassy is aware of recent messages by private individuals including forwarding a letter reportedly said to be issued from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Republic of the Philippines, which does not fully address all the NMC criteria.

The Embassy wishes to further convey that it has not received any formal communication from the Philippines Government/ Authority that medical courses currently offered in the country fully meet the current NMC criteria.

Accordingly, Indian students/ parents are yet again urged to take a considered decision on taking up medical courses in the Philippines so as to avoid financial loss/ professional uncertainty in future.
