

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA****Abstract**

Health & Family Welfare Department – Medical Education – Admission to BDS Course in Self-Financing Dental Colleges in the State – Implementation of 15% All India Quota (AIQ) from the Academic Year 2026-27 – Orders issued.

HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (S) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.108/2026/H&FWD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 15-03-2026

- Read 1. Prospectus for Admission to Professional Degree Courses (KEAM) 2025.
2. Letter No.DME/3713/2025-B1 dated 30.05.2025 &03.06.2025 from the Director of Medical Education.
- 3.Minutes of the meeting chaired by the Additional Chief Secretary (Health) held on 24.06.2025

ORDER

As per Clause 4.1.1(ii) of the KEAM Prospectus 2025, 15% of seats for the admission of students to MBBS/BAMS/BSMS/BUMS Courses in Self Financing Medical/Ayurveda/Sidha/Unani colleges in the State are set apart for the allotment of candidates on an All-India basis, irrespective of their domicile, as per the rank list prepared by the Commissioner of Entrance examinations on the basis of the rank obtained in the NEET-UG examination conducted by the National Testing Agency(NTA). However, this provision was not seen included for BDS course admissions in Self-Financing Dental Colleges.

2)The Principal, PMS College of Dental Science and Research,Thiruvananthapuram has filed WP(C) No. 17302/2025 before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala, contending that the exclusion of BDS from the All India Quota (AIQ) is discriminatory, especially since other medical stream courses enjoy this provision.

3) Since it is the prerogative of the State to determine whether the 15%

AIQ reservation should be extended to Self-Financing institutions, in addition to Government colleges, the Director of Medical Education has been entrusted to furnish a specific proposal for providing AIQ reservations to 15% BDS seats to Self Financing Medical Colleges also after examining the overall impact on seat availability for State Quota candidates. Subsequently as per the letter dated 03.06.2025, read as paper (2)above,the DME has furnished a specific proposal in the matter.

4) Subsequently, a meeting was convened with the representatives of Self Financing Dental Colleges in the State on 24.06.2025. In the meeting, it was decided that Government may take policy decision to implement the 15% All India Quota (AIQ) for BDS admissions in Self-Financing Dental Colleges in Kerala from the Academic Year 2026-27 .

5) Government have examined the matter in detail and decides that All India students,irrespective of their domicile, also shall be admitted in Self Financing Dental Colleges in the state. In the circumstances, Government are pleased to accord sanction to implement 15% All India Quota (AIQ) for BDS admissions in Self-Financing Dental Colleges in Kerala from the Academic Year 2026-27 onwards, irrespective of the candidates nativity, based on the NEET-UG rank list.

4) The Commissioner for Entrance Examinations will take necessary steps to include the provision in the Prospectus for admissions to Professional Courses (KEAM) for the academic year 2026-27 .

(By order of the Governor)

Dr. Rajan Namdev Khobragade I A S
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY

The Director of Medical Education, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Commissioner for Entrance Examinations, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Registrar, Kerala University of Health Sciences (KUHS), Thrissur.

The President/Secretary, All Kerala Self-Financing Dental College
Management Consortium.

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