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GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA

HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

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COMBINED COUNSELLING STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR MBBS ADMISSIONS, ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-27

No. Health.189/2025/163: The Government of Meghalaya is pleased to notify the Combined Counselling Standard Operating Procedure for MBBS Admissions for the Academic Year 2026-27 for the coordinated counselling and allotment of MBBS seats falling under the two Parts specified herein.

The purpose of this Combined SOP is to provide a single, transparent and candidate-friendly framework for counselling of the Central Pool and Other Quota seats allocated to the State of Meghalaya and the State Quota seats in Shillong Medical College, while preserving the distinct legal, institutional and seat-specific requirements applicable to each Part.

1. SCOPE OF THE COMBINED SOP

This Combined SOP shall comprise Part I and Part II below. The two Parts shall be read together as components of one coordinated counselling framework administered by the Meghalaya State Counselling Authority for Medical Education (MSCAMA). The two Parts follow a common counselling architecture, with variations only where the nature or source of the seats so requires.

Part / Status	Seat source / institution	Seats
Part I	Central Pool Quota and Other Quotas allocated to the State of Meghalaya	96
Part II	Shillong Medical College — State Quota	42
TOTAL SEATS COVERED		138

2. CONSOLIDATED CATEGORY-WISE POSITION

Category	Part I — 96 seats	Part II — SMC 42 seats	Total
Khasi & Jaintia	39	17	56
Garo	39	17	56
Unreserved (UR)	14	6	20
SC / OST	4	2	6
TOTAL	96	42	138

3. COMMON COUNSELLING AND SYNCHRONISATION OF SCHEDULE

For the benefit and convenience of students, counselling for the seats covered under Parts I and II shall, as far as practicable, be conducted through a common and synchronised process by MSCAMA. Operational dates may be synchronised so as to reduce multiple appearances, avoid avoidable conflict between counselling events and enable eligible candidates to exercise their options in an orderly manner across the seats available under the two Parts.

Counselling and admission to Shillong Medical College shall at all times remain subject to the applicable MCC/DGHS/NMC counselling schedule, outer timelines and binding directions. Within those permissible timelines, MSCAMA may synchronise registration, publication of merit lists, counselling/choice exercise, document verification, seat allotment rounds, reporting and related activities for Shillong Medical College with the corresponding activities under Part I.

Such synchronisation shall be operational only and shall not modify the eligibility, reservation, merit, seat matrix, fees, institutional requirements or any other substantive condition applicable under either Part. Where a competent statutory or regulatory authority mandates a different timeline, that requirement shall prevail and MSCAMA shall issue an appropriate public notice.

4 Technical basis for Part I and Part II.

The seats covered by this Combined SOP arise from two distinct legal and administrative schemes and are therefore set out in two Parts. The seats under Part I are allocated to the State of Meghalaya by the Government of India (Central Pool) and by other States and institutions; in respect of these, the role of the State is to select and nominate eligible candidates, and admission is granted by the concerned host institution under its own regulations, fee structure and timelines. The seats under Part II are seats sanctioned by the National Medical Commission (NMC) in Shillong Medical College; in respect of these, the State, through MSCAMA, is itself the admitting authority, directly bound by:

- (i) the eligibility, qualifying percentile and All India Rank determined through NEET-UG 2026 conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA) under its Information Bulletin;
- (ii) the common counselling framework and outer cut-off dates prescribed under the Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 2023 of the NMC; and
- (iii) the coordinated All India Quota and State counselling schedule notified by the Medical Counselling Committee (MCC), functioning under the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India — including the 'AIQ and State Schedule Round 2, 3 & 4' dated 14th September, 2026, as revised from time to time. The two Parts accordingly differ in the source and legal character of the seats, the admitting authority, the fee structure, the reporting obligations and the applicable timelines. The division into two Parts is technical and administrative in nature and does not divide the counselling process.

5. Combined merit and allocation.

Counselling shall be conducted on the basis of a single combined merit list of eligible candidates prepared on the basis of NEET-UG 2026 All India Rank, and seat allotment shall be made through a common allocation process in which candidates exercise options across the seats available under both Parts, in the order of options exercised.

6. This Combined SOP is in continuation of, and substantially the same as, the Standard Operating Procedure notified for MBBS Admissions for the Academic Year 2025-26, and has been amended and updated for the Academic Year 2026-27 by incorporating the inputs and suggestions recorded in the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th October, 2025.

PART I
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR COUNSELLING AND
ALLOTMENT OF MBBS SEATS UNDER THE CENTRAL POOL QUOTA AND
OTHER QUOTAS ALLOCATED TO THE STATE OF MEGHALAYA
ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-27 — 96 SEATS

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is to prescribe the procedures, timelines and responsibilities for the transparent, merit-based and legally compliant admission of candidates to first-year MBBS seats allocated to the State of Meghalaya for the Academic Year 2026-27.

2. SCOPE & APPLICABILITY

This SOP applies to:

- Seats allotted under the Central Pool Quota by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India (53 seats); NEIGRIHMS (14 seats); RIMS Imphal (16 seats); the State of Assam (10 seats); and the State of Tripura (3 seats) — collectively referred to hereafter as "the allocated seats".
- All candidates who have qualified NEET-UG 2026 and fulfil the eligibility conditions laid down by the State Government and relevant statutory authorities.
- Meghalaya State Counselling Authority for Medical Education (MSCAMA).

3. LEGAL BASIS

- Meghalaya State Reservation Policy.
- Political Department Letter No. POL.97/74/174 dated 10th July, 1983.
- Letter No. U.14014/16/2022-ME-II Part (II) [FTS No. 8420763] dated 21st August, 2026 issued by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, allocating 53 MBBS seats from the Central Pool Quota to the State of Meghalaya for the academic session 2026-27.
- Government of Assam, Office of the Director of Medical Education, Letter No. DME/UG/2026/770111/5 dated 28th July, 2026, reserving 10 MBBS seats in Government Medical Colleges of Assam for the State of Meghalaya for the academic session 2026-27.
- Letter from NEIGRIHMS vide F. No. RGTRR-MBBS0ADM/1/2026-Registrar dated 3rd August, 2026, reserving 14 MBBS seats for the State of Meghalaya.
- Letter from RIMS vide ACADEM/ADMN/UG/1/2026-Academic Section dated 12th August, 2026, reserving 16 MBBS seats for the State of Meghalaya.
- Government of Tripura, Office of the Principal, Government Medical College, Agartala, Letter No. UGSeats/2024/22417-27 dated 7th July, 2026, reserving 03 MBBS seats for the State of Meghalaya for the academic session 2026-27.
- NEET-UG 2026 Information Bulletin issued by the National Testing Agency (NTA).

4. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this SOP:

- **Central Pool Quota** — 53 seats allocated by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, from its Central Pool for nomination of students from specific States/UTs.
- **Other Quota** — Meghalaya Quota seats from the State of Assam (10 seats), Tripura (3 seats), NEIGRIHMS (14 seats) and RIMS Imphal (16 seats).
- **DMER** — Directorate of Health Services (Medical Education & Research).
- **MSCAMA** — Meghalaya State Counselling Authority for Medical Education.
- **NEET Qualified** — a candidate who has secured the minimum qualifying percentile in NEET-UG as prescribed by NMC for the relevant category.

5. ALLOCATION OF MBBS SEATS TO MEGHALAYA UNDER CENTRAL POOL & OTHER QUOTAS (AY 2026-27)

Sl. No.	Institution Name	No. of Seats
A	Central Pool — 34 Government Colleges	53
1	Lady Hardinge Medical College (New Delhi, Delhi)	3
2	VMMC & Safdarjung Hospital (New Delhi, Delhi)	2
3	Patna Medical College (Patna, Bihar)	2
4	Darbhanga Medical College (Laheriasarai, Bihar)	2
5	Palamu Medical College (Palamu, Jharkhand)	2
6	NSCB Medical College (Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh)	1
7	S.S. Medical College (Rewa, Madhya Pradesh)	1
8	Gandhi Medical College (Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh)	3
9	G.R. Medical College (Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh)	3
10	MGM Medical College (Indore, Madhya Pradesh)	1
11	Pt. JNM Medical College (Raipur, Chhattisgarh)	3
12	Dr. VM Medical College (Solapur, Maharashtra)	1
13	S.P. Medical College (Bikaner, Rajasthan)	1
14	Dr. S.N. Medical College (Jodhpur, Rajasthan)	2
15	K.G. Medical College (Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh)	2
16	BRD Medical College (Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh)	1
17	Assam Medical College (Dibrugarh, Assam)	1
18	B.S. Medical College (Bankura, West Bengal)	1
19	Lt. Shri Baliram Kashyap Memorial Medical College (Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh)	2
20	Govt. Medical College Hospital (Chandigarh)	1
21	G.S.V.M. Medical College (Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh)	1
22	J.L.N. Medical College (Ajmer, Rajasthan)	1
23	P.M.C.H. (Dhanbad, Jharkhand)	1
24	S.N. Medical College (Agra, Uttar Pradesh)	1
25	J.L.N. Medical College (Bhagalpur, Bihar)	2
26	Nalanda Medical College (Patna, Bihar)	2
27	R.I.M.S. (Ranchi, Jharkhand)	1

Sl. No.	Institution Name	No. of Seats
28	Gauhati Medical College (Guwahati, Assam)	1
29	Maulana Azad Medical College (Delhi)	2
30	Chhattisgarh Institute of Medical Sciences (Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh)	1
31	Government Medical College (Aurangabad, Maharashtra)	1
32	Government Medical College (Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh)	1
33	Lt. Bisahu Das Mahant Memorial Medical College (Korba, Chhattisgarh)	1
34	Chandulal Chandrakar Smriti Medical College (Durg, Chhattisgarh)	2
B	NEIGRIHMS, Shillong	14
C	RIMS, Imphal	16
D	State of Assam	10
1	Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh	1
2	Gauhati Medical College, Guwahati	2
3	Silchar Medical College, Silchar	2
4	Jorhat Medical College, Jorhat	1
5	F.A.A. Medical College, Barpeta	2
6	Tezpur Medical College, Tezpur	2
E	State of Tripura	03
TOTAL		96

6. SEATS RESERVATION BREAKDOWN FOR CENTRAL POOL & OTHER QUOTAS (96 SEATS)

Sl. No.	Category	Seats	Percentage	Criteria
1	Khasi & Jaintia (incl. PwD) as applicable under NMC appendix	39	40%	NEET score + Meghalaya ST certificate
2	Garo (incl. PwD) as applicable under NMC appendix	39	40%	NEET score + Meghalaya ST certificate
3	UR* (incl. PwD) as applicable under NMC appendix	14	15%	NEET score + Permanent Residential Certificate as per Govt. of Meghalaya Political Department Letter No. POL.97/74/174 dated 10th July, 1983
4	SC/OST (incl. PwD) as applicable under NMC appendix	4	5%	NEET score + SC/OST certificate from Govt. of Meghalaya

*UR: Unreserved

7. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

7.1 Eligibility for seats (for reservation under Meghalaya quota)

- **Indigenous status:** must be a member of a Scheduled Tribe (ST) or Scheduled Caste (SC) (including Other Scheduled Tribes and SC) of Meghalaya, supported by a valid certificate issued by the State Government. Being a member of an ST/SC/OST community from another State does not qualify.
- **Permanent domicile:** possession of a valid PRC issued under Government instructions shall be mandatory wherever applicable.

7.2 Academic eligibility criteria as per NEET Bulletin 2026

For Admission to 1st Year	In Qualifying Examination, candidate should have	In NEET Examination	Criteria for Determination of Merit / Rank
MBBS	Passed the 12th Standard or an equivalent examination with English as one of the subjects, and obtained a minimum aggregate of 50% marks in Physics, Chemistry and Biology/Biotechnology for General category candidates and a minimum aggregate of 40% marks for ST/SC/OST category candidates, as prescribed in the latest NMC regulation and NEET Information Bulletin.	Declared as qualified in NEET-UG 2026.	Based on NEET-UG 2026 All India Rank.

The ST/SC/OST eligibility criteria are applicable to Meghalaya candidates who are eligible to claim State quota seats.

7.3 Other eligibility criteria

- The age of the candidate shall not be below 17 years on the 31st December of the year in which admission is sought.
- No upper age limit.
- The candidate should be medically fit, to be certified by a Government Medical Board constituted by the Health & Family Welfare Department, Meghalaya.

8. DECLARATION AND VERIFICATION OF APPLICATION DETAILS

- All entries in the application form must be filled in by the candidate with utmost care and diligence. The candidate shall be solely responsible for the correctness and accuracy of all information provided, including academic marks, category status, and enclosures uploaded or submitted.
- A candidate shall not possess a dual Permanent Residential Certificate (PRC). If such a case is found, the candidature shall be cancelled and the candidate debarred from seeking admission to any course under the State Government quota, after giving the candidate an opportunity of being heard.
- The information furnished in the application form, including marks obtained in the qualifying examination and supporting documents, shall be subject to verification and scrutiny by the concerned authorities. If, at any stage of the admission process or during the course of study, any information or document submitted by the candidate is found to be false, fabricated or incorrect, then:

- the admission shall stand cancelled forthwith, irrespective of the stage of the course at that time;
- the candidate shall be debarred from seeking admission to any course under the State Government quota for a period of three years; and
- appropriate legal and/or criminal proceedings shall be initiated against the candidate and, where applicable, their parents/guardian, for submission of fraudulent ST/SC/OST certificate, Permanent Residential Certificate, NEET score and other documents.

9. RESPONSIBILITIES OF STATE GOVERNMENT AND DME

9.1 State Counselling Control Room

A State Counselling Control Room shall function under MSCAMA throughout the counselling period. The Control Room shall coordinate with MCC and NMC; monitor counselling activities; supervise seat allotment; maintain counselling records; monitor admissions; compile daily reports; resolve operational issues; and coordinate with all participating medical colleges. The Control Room shall remain functional on all days during counselling, including weekends and public holidays, whenever counselling activities are in progress.

9.2 Candidate registration and verification

Candidates shall register online as notified. Verification shall include NEET qualification; identity verification; category certificates; PRC verification; PwBD certificates wherever applicable; educational qualifications; and photograph matching. Online verification shall be completed before publication of the merit list wherever feasible. Original documents shall be verified during physical reporting.

9.3 Verification of documents

Document verification shall be undertaken only by officers authorised by MSCAMA, and shall ordinarily be completed online prior to counselling wherever feasible, with final verification of originals at the time of physical reporting. Verification shall include the authenticity of certificates; validity of reservation claims; verification of ST/SC certificates; Permanent Residential Certificate verification; and PwBD eligibility. Any forged or fabricated document shall result in immediate cancellation of candidature and initiation of legal proceedings.

9.4 Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD)

Medical assessment of PwBD candidates shall be undertaken only by recognised Medical Assessment Boards notified under the latest NMC regulations. The earlier nomenclature "Designated Medical Board" shall stand replaced by "Medical Assessment Board". Admissions shall be based only upon certificates issued by recognised Medical Assessment Boards.

9.5 Candidate facilitation

MSCAMA shall ensure comprehensive candidate support through counselling notifications; FAQs; bilingual information brochures; bilingual instructional videos; online notices; and public information updates. All official information shall also be published on the Department website.

9.6 Help Desk

A dedicated Counselling Help Desk shall remain operational throughout counselling. MCC National Helpline: **1800-102-7637**; Email: **mcc.2026@gov.in**. The State Help Desk shall

additionally provide telephone support, email assistance, walk-in facilitation and an escalation mechanism.

9.7 Grievance redressal

MSCAMA shall establish a structured grievance redressal mechanism. The system shall receive complaints; register grievances; assign reference numbers; investigate complaints; and dispose of grievances within prescribed timelines. Appeals shall lie before the competent authority under the existing provisions of this SOP.

9.8 Monitoring of social media

During counselling, MSCAMA shall monitor social media platforms for misinformation; fake counselling notices; fraudulent websites; impersonation; cyber fraud; and candidate complaints. Verified clarifications shall be issued immediately through official channels.

9.9 Audit trail and record preservation

MSCAMA shall maintain a complete electronic audit trail of registrations; document verification; merit lists; seat allotment; admissions; resignations; and vacancy reporting. All records shall be preserved in accordance with Government record-retention rules and shall be available for audit and legal scrutiny.

10. COUNSELLING PROCEDURE

10.1 Meghalaya State Counselling Authority for Medical Education (MSCAMA)

Counselling will be conducted by the Meghalaya State Counselling Authority for Medical Education (MSCAMA). The structure of MSCAMA is as follows:

The Director of Health Services (Medical Education & Research)	Chairperson
Addl. Director, DMER	Member Secretary
The Director of Health Services (MI)	Member
The Director of Health Services (MCH&FW)	Member
The Addl. Director of Health Services (SS), Civil Hospital, Shillong	Member
The Joint Director of Health Services (MS), Ganesh Das MCH Hospital, Shillong	Member
The District Medical & Health Officer, East Khasi Hills District	Member
The Director, Shillong Medical College	Member
The Dean, Shillong Medical College	Member

10.2 Screening Committee

The Screening Committee shall verify all Permanent Residential Certificates (PRCs) of applicants at least 7–14 days before the start of counselling. All PRCs shall be mandatorily forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner of the concerned district for verification in advance. Completion of this process shall be a mandatory prerequisite for participation in counselling. The structure of the Committee is as follows:

Shillong Centre:

The Director of Health Services (Medical Education & Research)	Chairperson
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Addl. Director, DMER	Member Secretary
The Addl. Director of Health Services (SS), Civil Hospital, Shillong	Member
The Joint Director of Health Services (MS), Ganesh Das MCH Hospital, Shillong	Member
Representative from the Political Department (not below the rank of Deputy Secretary)	Member
Representative from the Law Department (not below the rank of Deputy Secretary)	Member

Tura Centre (*Government of Meghalaya, Health & Family Welfare Department Notification No. 125/2025/13 dated Shillong, the 2nd July, 2025*):

The Additional Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills, Tura	Chairperson
The Joint Director of Health Services, Garo Hills Division, Meghalaya, Tura	Member Secretary
The Superintendent, Tura Civil Hospital, West Garo Hills, Tura	Member
The Medical Superintendent, DM&CH, Tura	Member
The District Medical & Health Officer, West Garo Hills, Tura	Member

10.3 Document verification

Candidates must appear for document verification, where they are required to submit original documents such as:

- Age proof certificate;
- NEET Score Card & Admit Card;
- ST/SC/OST certificate (if applicable);
- Permanent Residential Certificate (if applicable);
- Class 10 and 10+2 mark sheets and pass certificates;
- Recent passport-size photographs.

10.4 Ranking of candidates

- Candidates shall be ranked within their respective categories based on their NEET score.
- Candidates from the reserved categories, i.e. Khasi/Jaintia, Garo, SC/OST, having a high NEET score will mandatorily be categorised in the Unreserved category if found eligible.
- In case of a tie, the criteria followed will be according to the latest NMC guidelines. The following NMC criteria are to be followed until other changes are intimated by NMC:
 - candidate obtaining higher marks/percentile score in Biology (Botany & Zoology) in NEET; followed by
 - candidate obtaining higher marks/percentile score in Chemistry in NEET; followed by
 - candidate obtaining higher marks/percentile score in Physics in NEET.

10.5 Allocation of seats

Allocation of seats will be based on merit, i.e., according to the NEET score obtained by the candidate, and according to the State reservation policy of 40% Khasi/Jaintia, 40% Garo, 15% Unreserved and 5% SC/OST, vide the Meghalaya State Reservation Policy, Personnel Department Resolution No. PER.222/71/138 dated 12th January, 1972.

10.6 Rotational allocation cycles

To ensure fair access, allocation will follow a Roster Point Rotation System, where each cycle begins with a different category in turn. The cycles shall be repeated until all seats are exhausted:

Cycle	Order of Allocation of Seats
1	UR → Khasi/Jaintia → Garo → SC/OST
2	Khasi/Jaintia → Garo → SC/OST → UR
3	Garo → SC/OST → UR → Khasi/Jaintia
4	SC/OST → UR → Khasi/Jaintia → Garo

10.7 Allocation rules

- A single combined merit list will be prepared for all candidates based on their NEET rankings. Candidates will also be grouped according to their categories (UR, Khasi/Jaintia, Garo and SC/OST).
- Counselling for the seats under this Part and the State Quota seats in Shillong Medical College (Part II) shall, as far as practicable, be conducted through a common and synchronised counseling process as provided in Para 3 of the Combined SOP.
- MSCAMA recommendations shall be implemented after approval by the competent authority wherever required.

11. BOND AGREEMENT

All candidates allotted seats under the Central Pool Quota or Other Quota for admission to the MBBS course shall be required to execute a Bond Agreement with the Health & Family Welfare Department (H&FWD) prior to joining the course, in accordance with the provisions of the 'Mandatory Medical Public Service Policy for Medical Students (UG/PG) Pursuing Academic Curriculum Under State Government Sponsorship/In-Service Quota Seats', notified vide No. Health.231/2024/6 dated 4th March, 2025, as amended from time to time. Execution of the Bond shall be a precondition for final admission and continuation in the course.

All MBBS graduates admitted under the State Quota shall, upon completion of the MBBS course, be required to render **mandatory service for a minimum period of five (5) years** in Government hospitals or recognized Mission hospitals, as may be directed by the Government, in accordance with the applicable rules, policies, orders and terms and conditions prescribed by the Government from time to time.

12. APPELLATE AUTHORITY

The Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Health & Family Welfare Department, shall be the appellate authority in case of any dispute, which is to be resolved within 7 days.

13. GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Any dispute shall be placed before the Grievance Committee headed by the Joint Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, H&FWD, to be completed within 30 days.

14. JURISDICTION CLAUSE FOR LEGAL DISPUTES

All legal proceedings or court cases arising out of or in connection with the counselling and admission process shall ordinarily lie before the Hon'ble High Court of Meghalaya at Shillong.

15. CONTACT INFORMATION

For any relevant queries, applicants may reach out to the Director of Health Services (Medical Education & Research) (DME) at:

- Email: **dmeshillong@gmail.com**
- Tel: **0364-2591510 / 94851 06663**

16. REFERENCES

- The National Medical Commission Act, 2019;
- Guidelines under the Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 2023;
- NEET Information Bulletin 2026;
- Personnel Department Resolution dated 12th January, 1972 (Reservation);
- Guidelines of the Medical Counselling Committee, 2026.

PART II
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR COUNSELLING AND
ALLOTMENT OF STATE QUOTA MBBS SEATS IN SHILLONG MEDICAL
COLLEGE
ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-27 — 42 STATE QUOTA SEATS

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is to prescribe the procedures, timelines and responsibilities for the transparent, merit-based and legally compliant admission of candidates to first-year MBBS seats in Shillong Medical College for the Academic Year 2026-27. This Part follows the same counselling architecture as Part I, with variations only where the nature of the seats in Shillong Medical College so requires.

2. SCOPE & APPLICABILITY

This SOP applies to:

- The 42 State Quota MBBS seats in Shillong Medical College (SMC) for the Academic Year 2026-27.
- All candidates who have qualified NEET-UG 2026 and fulfil the eligibility conditions laid down by the State Government and relevant statutory authorities.
- Meghalaya State Counselling Authority for Medical Education (MSCAMA).

3. LEGAL BASIS

- Meghalaya State Reservation Policy and applicable State Government instructions, including Political Department Letter No. POL.97/74/174 dated 10th July, 1983.
- National Medical Commission Act, 2019 and the Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 2023, as amended from time to time.
- NEET-UG 2026 Information Bulletin and result/qualifying criteria issued by the National Testing Agency (NTA), and the applicable MCC/DGHS AIQ-and-State counselling schedule, including the schedule dated 14th September, 2026, as amended from time to time.

4. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this SOP:

- **DMER** — Directorate of Health Services (Medical Education & Research).
- **MSCAMA** — Meghalaya State Counselling Authority for Medical Education.
- **SMC** — Shillong Medical College.
- **NEET Qualified** — a candidate who has secured the minimum qualifying percentile in NEET-UG as prescribed by NMC for the relevant category.

5. ALLOCATION OF MBBS SEATS IN SHILLONG MEDICAL COLLEGE (AY 2026-27)

Out of the 50 MBBS seats sanctioned by the National Medical Commission (NMC) for Shillong Medical College for the Academic Year 2026-27, 15% (08 seats) shall be allocated under the All-India Quota (AIQ), while the remaining 85% (42 seats) are under the State Quota. Admission to the 42 State Quota seats shall be governed by the provisions of this SOP.

Particulars	Percentage	Seats
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Total seats sanctioned by NMC	100%	50
All-India Quota (AIQ) — counselled by MCC	15%	08
State Quota — governed by this Part	85%	42

6. SEATS RESERVATION BREAKDOWN FOR STATE QUOTA (42 SEATS)

Sl. No.	Category	Seats	Percentage	Criteria
1	Khasi & Jaintia (incl. PwD)	17	40%	NEET score + Meghalaya ST certificate
2	Garos (incl. PwD)	17	40%	NEET score + Meghalaya ST certificate
3	UR* (incl. PwD)	6	15%	NEET score + Permanent Residence Certificate as per Govt. of Meghalaya Political Department Letter No. POL.97/74/174 dated 10th July, 1983
4	SC/OST (incl. PwD)	2	5%	NEET score + SC/OST certificate from Govt. of Meghalaya

*UR: Unreserved

6.1 Minimum qualifying criteria for AY 2026-27

All candidates seeking admission must qualify the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET-UG) conducted by NTA for the corresponding academic year. The minimum qualifying percentile shall be as prescribed by NMC and reflected in the NEET-UG 2026 Information Bulletin/result. The corresponding qualifying marks shall be those officially declared by NTA for NEET-UG 2026 and shall not be independently fixed by the State:

Category	NEET Cutoff Percentile	NEET Cutoff Marks 2026
UR*	>50th percentile	715–213
OBC	>40th but <50th percentile	212–177
SC	>40th but <50th percentile	212–177
ST	>40th but <50th percentile	212–177
UR & PwBD	>45th but <50th percentile	212–194
OBC & PwBD	>40th but <45th percentile	193–177
SC & PwBD	>40th but <45th percentile	193–177
ST & PwBD	>40th but <45th percentile	191–177

*UR: Unreserved

7. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

7.1 Eligibility for seats under the 42 State Quota seats

- **Indigenous status:** must be a member of a Scheduled Tribe (ST) or Scheduled Caste (SC) (including Other Scheduled Tribes and SC) of Meghalaya, supported by a valid certificate issued by the State Government. Being a member of an ST/SC/OST community from another State does not qualify.

- **Permanent domicile:** possession of a valid PRC issued under Government instructions shall be mandatory wherever applicable.

7.2 Academic eligibility criteria

For Admission to 1st Year	In Qualifying Examination, candidate should have	In NEET Examination	Criteria for Determination of Merit / Rank
MBBS	Passed Class 12 / 10+2 or an equivalent qualifying examination with Physics, Chemistry, Biology/Biotechnology and English, including the requisite practical subjects where applicable, in accordance with the qualifying-examination codes and eligibility conditions in the NEET-UG 2026 Information Bulletin and applicable NMC regulations.	Declared qualified in NEET-UG 2026.	Based on NEET-UG 2026 All India Rank (AIR), subject to the applicable State reservation policy.

The ST/SC/OST eligibility criteria are applicable to Meghalaya candidates who are eligible to claim State quota seats.

7.3 Other eligibility criteria

- The age of the candidate shall not be below 17 years on the 31st December of the year in which admission is sought.
- No upper age limit.
- The candidate should be medically fit, to be certified by a Medical Board constituted by the Health & Family Welfare Department, Meghalaya.
- Merely appearing in and qualifying NEET (UG) 2026 does not confer any right to admission to the MBBS course. Selection and admission to the MBBS course in any Medical Institution recognised for the MBBS course are subject to fulfilment of the admission criteria, eligibility, rank in the merit list, medical fitness and such other criteria as may be prescribed by the Government of India and the Government of Meghalaya.

8. DECLARATION AND VERIFICATION OF APPLICATION DETAILS

- All entries in the online application form must be filled in by the candidate with utmost care and diligence. The candidate shall be solely responsible for the correctness and accuracy of all information provided, including academic marks, category status, and enclosures uploaded or submitted.
- The information furnished in the application form, including marks obtained in the qualifying examination and supporting documents, shall be subject to verification and scrutiny by the concerned authorities. If, at any stage of the admission process or during the course of study, any information or document submitted by the candidate is found to be false, fabricated or incorrect, then:
 - the admission shall stand cancelled forthwith, irrespective of the stage of the course at that time;
 - the candidate shall be debarred from seeking admission to any course under the State Government quota for a period of three years; and

- appropriate legal and/or criminal proceedings shall be initiated against the candidate and, where applicable, their parents/guardian, for submission of fraudulent ST/SC/OST and Permanent Residential Certificates and other documents.

9. RESPONSIBILITIES OF STATE GOVERNMENT AND DME

9.1 State Counselling Control Room

A State Counselling Control Room shall function under MSCAMA throughout the counselling period. The Control Room shall coordinate with MCC and NMC; monitor counselling activities; supervise seat allotment; maintain counselling records; monitor admissions; compile daily reports; resolve operational issues; and coordinate with all participating medical colleges. The Control Room shall remain functional on all days during counselling, including weekends and public holidays, whenever counselling activities are in progress.

9.2 Candidate registration and verification

Candidates shall register online as notified. Verification shall include NEET qualification; identity verification; category certificates; PRC verification; PwBD certificates wherever applicable; educational qualifications; and photograph matching. Online verification shall be completed before publication of the merit list wherever feasible. Original documents shall be verified during physical reporting.

9.3 Verification of documents

Document verification shall be undertaken only by officers authorised by MSCAMA, and shall ordinarily be completed online prior to counselling wherever feasible, with final verification of originals at the time of physical reporting. Verification shall include the authenticity of certificates; validity of reservation claims; verification of ST/SC certificates; Permanent Residential Certificate verification; and PwBD eligibility. Any forged or fabricated document shall result in immediate cancellation of candidature and initiation of legal proceedings.

9.4 Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD)

Medical assessment of PwBD candidates shall be undertaken only by recognised Medical Assessment Boards notified under the latest NMC regulations. The earlier nomenclature "Designated Medical Board" shall stand replaced by "Medical Assessment Board". Admissions shall be based only upon certificates issued by recognised Medical Assessment Boards.

9.5 Candidate facilitation

MSCAMA shall ensure comprehensive candidate support through counselling notifications; FAQs; bilingual information brochures; bilingual instructional videos; online notices; and public information updates. All official information shall also be published on the Department website.

9.6 Help Desk

A dedicated Counselling Help Desk shall remain operational throughout counselling. MCC National Helpline: **1800-102-7637**; Email: **mcc.2026@gov.in**. The State Help Desk shall additionally provide telephone support, email assistance, walk-in facilitation and an escalation mechanism.

9.7 Grievance redressal

MSCAMA shall establish a structured grievance redressal mechanism. The system shall receive complaints; register grievances; assign reference numbers; investigate complaints;

and dispose of grievances within prescribed timelines. Appeals shall lie before the competent authority under the existing provisions of this SOP.

9.8 Monitoring of social media

During counselling, MSCAMA shall monitor social media platforms for misinformation; fake counselling notices; fraudulent websites; impersonation; cyber fraud; and candidate complaints. Verified clarifications shall be issued immediately through official channels.

9.9 Audit trail and record preservation

MSCAMA shall maintain a complete electronic audit trail of registrations; document verification; merit lists; seat allotment; admissions; resignations; and vacancy reporting. All records shall be preserved in accordance with Government record-retention rules and shall be available for audit and legal scrutiny.

10. COUNSELLING PROCEDURE

10.1 Meghalaya State Counselling Authority for Medical Education (MSCAMA)

Counselling will be conducted by the Meghalaya State Counselling Authority for Medical Education (MSCAMA). The structure of MSCAMA is as follows:

The Director of Health Services (Medical Education & Research)	Chairperson
Addl. Director, DMER	Member Secretary
The Director of Health Services (MI)	Member
The Director of Health Services (MCH&FW)	Member
The Addl. Director of Health Services (SS), Civil Hospital, Shillong	Member
The Joint Director of Health Services (MS), Ganesh Das MCH Hospital, Shillong	Member
The District Medical & Health Officer, East Khasi Hills District	Member
The Director, Shillong Medical College	Member
The Dean, Shillong Medical College	Member

10.2 Screening Committee

The Screening Committee shall verify all Permanent Residential Certificates (PRCs) of applicants at least 7–14 days before the start of counselling. All PRCs shall be mandatorily forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner of the concerned district for verification in advance. Completion of this process shall be a mandatory prerequisite for participation in counselling. The structure of the Committee is as follows:

Shillong Centre:

The Director of Health Services (Medical Education & Research)	Chairperson
Addl. Director, DMER	Member Secretary
The Addl. Director of Health Services (SS), Civil Hospital, Shillong	Member
The Joint Director of Health Services (MS), Ganesh Das MCH Hospital, Shillong	Member

Representative from the Political Department (not below the rank of Deputy Secretary)	Member
Representative from the Law Department (not below the rank of Deputy Secretary)	Member

Tura Centre (*Government of Meghalaya, Health & Family Welfare Department Notification No. 125/2025/13 dated Shillong, the 2nd July, 2025*):

The Additional Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills, Tura	Chairperson
The Joint Director of Health Services, Garo Hills Division, Meghalaya, Tura	Member Secretary
The Superintendent, Tura Civil Hospital, West Garo Hills, Tura	Member
The Medical Superintendent, DM&CH, Tura	Member
The District Medical & Health Officer, West Garo Hills, Tura	Member

10.3 Document verification

Candidates must appear for document verification, where they are required to submit original documents such as:

- Age proof certificate;
- NEET Score Card & Admit Card;
- ST/SC/OST certificate (if applicable);
- Permanent Residential Certificate (if applicable);
- Class 10 and 10+2 mark sheets and pass certificates;
- Recent passport-size photographs.

10.4 Ranking of candidates

- Candidates shall be ranked within their respective categories based on their NEET score.
- Candidates from the reserved categories, i.e. Khasi/Jaintia, Garo, SC/OST, having a high NEET score will mandatorily be categorised in the Unreserved category if found eligible.
- In case of a tie, the criteria followed will be according to the latest NMC guidelines. The following NMC criteria are to be followed until other changes are intimated by NMC:
 - candidate obtaining higher marks/percentile score in Biology (Botany & Zoology) in NEET; followed by
 - candidate obtaining higher marks/percentile score in Chemistry in NEET; followed by
 - candidate obtaining higher marks/percentile score in Physics in NEET.

10.5 Allocation of seats

Allocation of seats will be based on merit, i.e., according to the NEET score obtained by the candidate, and according to the State reservation policy of 40% Khasi/Jaintia, 40% Garo, 15% Unreserved and 5% SC/OST, vide the Meghalaya State Reservation Policy, Personnel Department Resolution No. PER.222/71/138 dated 12th January, 1972.

10.6 Rotational allocation cycles

To ensure fair access, allocation will follow a Roster Point Rotation System, where each cycle begins with a different category in turn. The cycles shall be repeated until all seats are exhausted:

Cycle	Order of Allocation of Seats
1	UR → Khasi/Jaintia → Garo → SC/OST
2	Khasi/Jaintia → Garo → SC/OST → UR
3	Garo → SC/OST → UR → Khasi/Jaintia
4	SC/OST → UR → Khasi/Jaintia → Garo

10.7 Allocation rules

- A single combined merit list will be prepared for all candidates based on their NEET rankings. Candidates will also be grouped according to their categories (UR, Khasi/Jaintia, Garo and SC/OST).
- Counselling for the seats under this Part and the State Quota seats in Central Pool shall, as far as practicable, be conducted through a common and synchronised counseling process as provided in Para 3 of the Combined SOP.
- MSCAMA recommendations shall be implemented after approval by the competent authority wherever required.

11. COUNSELLING SCHEDULE AND SEAT ALLOTMENT ROUNDS

11.1 Applicable NEET-UG 2026 counselling schedule *

Particulars	State Counselling	Verification of joined candidates' data by States
1st Round of Counselling	13 th August to 22 nd August, 2026	29 th August, 2026
Last Date of Joining	28 th August, 2026	
2nd Round of Counselling	31 st August to 8 th September, 2026	15 th September, 2026
Last Date of Joining	14 th September, 2026	
3rd Round of Counselling	16 th September to 26 th September, 2026	2 nd October, 2026
Last Date of Joining	1 st October, 2026	
Stray Vacancy Round	3 rd October to 5 th October, 2026	
Last Date of Joining	10 th October, 2026	
Commencement of Academic Session for UG Courses	8 th September, 2026	

**Shillong Medical College (SMC) shall follow the applicable NEET-UG 2026 counselling schedule and timelines prescribed by the competent authorities. However, for the convenience of candidates and to facilitate a coordinated counselling process, the dates of counselling for SMC may, insofar as practicable, be synchronised with the counselling schedule for Central Pool MBBS seats, provided that such synchronisation does not contravene or extend any applicable MCC/DGHS/NMC timeline or deadline.*

Reporting to the Office of the Director of Health Services (Medical Education & Research) (DME), Lawmali, Pasteur Hills, Shillong for counselling and submission of the original documents as per the Schedule	As notified by MSCAMA within the applicable MCC/DGHS-coordinated State counselling schedule
Issue and download of allotment letter	As notified by the H&FWD

11.2 Seat allotment rounds

- As per the schedule of the Medical Counselling Committee (MCC), there shall be four rounds of counselling. In the first three rounds, if any category under the State Quota remains vacant, the vacancy will move to the next round. However, in the Stray Round, if there are any vacant seats under any reserved category, the seats will be offered to the candidates available under other reserved categories as per merit.
- After every round, the counselling authority will submit a list of students to the Health & Family Welfare Department for formal approval. The competent authority in this matter will be the Hon'ble Minister in-charge, Health & Family Welfare Department. The Department will, after the approval of the competent authority, communicate the approved list through MSCAMA, which will communicate the list to the Director, Shillong Medical College.
- Only in Round 1 and Round 2 (before the stipulated date) may students surrender their seats. These surrendered seats will be taken up in the 3rd Round. Surrendering seats in the 3rd Round will not be allowed.
- Joining refers to the candidate, after downloading the Allotment Order, reporting to the institution with the original documents and joining the institute (Rounds 1 & 2). In Round 3 and the Stray Round, payment of tuition fees and downloading the Allotment Order shall itself be considered as joining.

NB:

- Eligibility and participation in the Stray Vacancy Round shall be governed by the applicable NEET-UG Counselling 2026 guidelines/instructions issued by MCC/DGHS, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, and other competent authorities, as applicable to State Quota counselling and as amended from time to time."

12. APPLICATION & COUNSELLING FEE STRUCTURE

Payment of Fees	State Quota
Application Fee (Non-Refundable)	Nil
Counselling Fee	Nil

13. ANNUAL FEE STRUCTURE

Sl.	Particulars	1st Year (₹)	2nd Year (₹)	3rd Year (₹)	4th Year (₹)
A.	ONE-TIME FEES				
1	Admission Fee	₹500	—	—	—
2	Prospectus/Application Fee	₹500	—	—	—
3	Registration Fee	As fixed by NEHU	As applicable	As applicable	As applicable
	Section A — One-time Fees	₹1,000	—	—	—

	Total				
B.	ANNUAL ACADEMIC / INSTITUTIONAL FEES				
4	Health Check-up	₹300	₹300	₹300	₹300
5	Immunization	₹300	₹300	₹300	₹300
6	ID Card Fee / Renewal	₹100	₹100	₹100	₹100
7	Student Welfare Fund	₹300	₹300	₹300	₹300
8	Tuition Fee	₹9,000	₹9,000	₹9,000	₹9,000
9	Common Room Fee	₹300	₹300	₹300	₹300
10	College Magazine Fee	₹300	₹300	₹300	₹300
11	Sports & Cultural Fee	₹400	₹400	₹400	₹400
12	Practical Manual Fee	₹500	₹500	₹500	₹500
13	Utility Charges	₹500	₹500	₹500	₹500
14	Laboratory Fee	₹1,000	₹1,000	₹1,000	₹1,000
15	Library Fee	₹1,000	₹1,000	₹1,000	₹1,000
16	Examination Fee	As fixed by NEHU	As fixed by NEHU	As fixed by NEHU	As fixed by NEHU
	Section B — Annual Academic / Institutional Fees Total	₹14,000	₹14,000	₹14,000	₹14,000
C.	SECURITY DEPOSIT				
17	Security Deposit	₹10,000	—	—	—
	Section C — Security Deposit Total	₹10,000	—	—	—
D.	HOSTEL CHARGES				
18	Hostel Fee	₹5,000	₹5,000	₹5,000	₹5,000
19	Mess Charges	As applicable	As applicable	As applicable	As applicable
	Section D — Hostel Charges Total	₹5,000	₹5,000	₹5,000	₹5,000
E.	Total payable (excluding Hostel Fee)	₹25,000	₹14,000	₹14,000	₹14,000
F.	Total payable (including Hostel Fee)	₹30,000	₹19,000	₹19,000	₹19,000

14. METHOD OF FEE PAYMENT

- Mode of payment: Debit Card / Credit Card / Net Banking / UPI. Necessary facilities have been enabled for making payment through the payment portal.
- Candidates must note that mere deduction of the fee from the bank account is not proof of fee payment.
- Candidates should check the validity of the Debit/Credit Card and keep everything ready while logging on to the website for submitting the application form. The candidate should enter the information asked for and make payment through the portal.

15. BOND AGREEMENT

All candidates allotted seats under the Central Pool Quota or Other Quota for admission to the MBBS course shall be required to execute a Bond Agreement with the Health & Family Welfare Department (H&FWD) prior to joining the course, in accordance with the provisions of the 'Mandatory Medical Public Service Policy for Medical Students (UG/PG) Pursuing Academic Curriculum Under State Government Sponsorship/In-Service Quota Seats', notified vide No. Health.231/2024/6 dated 4th March, 2025, as amended from time to time. Execution of the Bond shall be a precondition for final admission and continuation in the course.

All MBBS graduates admitted under the State Quota shall, upon completion of the MBBS course, be required to render **mandatory service for a minimum period of five (5) years** in Government hospitals or recognized Mission hospitals, as may be directed by the Government, in accordance with the applicable rules, policies, orders and terms and conditions prescribed by the Government from time to time.

16. APPELLATE AUTHORITY

The Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Health & Family Welfare Department, shall be the appellate authority in case of any dispute.

17. JURISDICTION CLAUSE FOR LEGAL DISPUTES

All disputes arising out of or in connection with the counselling/admission process shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the competent courts in accordance with applicable law, including the Hon'ble High Court of Meghalaya where jurisdiction lies.

18. CONTACT INFORMATION

For any relevant queries, applicants may reach out to the Director of Health Services (Medical Education & Research) (DME) at:

- Email: **dmeshillong@gmail.com**
- Tel: **0364-2591510 / 94851 06663**

19. FINAL PROVISION

The introductory provisions, consolidated seat matrix, common synchronisation clause, Part I and Part II shall together constitute the Combined Counselling SOP for MBBS Admissions for the Academic Year 2026-27. Operational notices issued by MSCAMA for implementation shall be consistent with this Combined SOP and with the directions of the competent statutory and regulatory authorities.

Sd/-

(Dr. Joram Beda, IAS)

Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya
Health & Family Welfare Department

Memo No. Health. 189/2025/163-A

Dated: Shillong, the 15th September, 2026

Copy to:

1. P.S. to the Hon'ble Minister in-charge, Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Meghalaya, for kind information.
2. P.S. to the Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Health & Family Welfare Department, for kind information.

3. P.A. to the Commissioner & Secretary / Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Health & Family Welfare Department.
4. The Director of Health Services (MI / MCH&FW / Medical Education & Research).
5. The Director, Shillong Medical College, for information and necessary action.
6. The Dean, Shillong Medical College, for information and necessary action.
7. The Director of Information & Public Relations, Meghalaya, Shillong, with a request to publish/communicate the Notification as appropriate.
8. The State Informatics Officer, NIC, Meghalaya, Shillong, with a request to upload the Combined SOP on the portal of the Health & Family Welfare Department.
9. Office copy.

By order etc.,



Under Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya
Health & Family Welfare Department