

HARYANA GOVERNMENT**HEALTH AND MEDICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT****Notification**

The 25th August, 2011

No. 17/34/2007-3HB-IV.**Subject: Policy regarding issuance of Essentiality Certificate for starting Nursing Colleges & Schools.****Introduction**

1. Whereas the Indian Nursing Council constituted under Indian Nursing Council Act, 1947 regulates the policies regarding establishment of nursing colleges and schools. The Indian Nursing Council along with affiliating institutions/examining boards regulates the functioning of such colleges and schools.
2. Whereas the State Government of Haryana has issued a gazette notification No 6/140/2002-1 HB- IV, dated 7th April, 2011 *vide* which Directorate of Para-Medical Education has been constituted under the University of Health Sciences, Haryana, Rohtak, which has been made an authority responsible for regulating the para-medical education including nursing in the State. Accordingly, the University of Health Sciences is now responsible for regulating the functioning of the nursing schools and colleges in the State of Haryana.
3. Whereas, as per guidelines issued by Indian Nursing Council any organization desirous of establishing a nursing school should obtain a No Objection/Essentiality Certificate from the State Government.
4. Whereas under the regulations of Indian Nursing Council, the Council as well as the affiliating institutions/examination board is responsible for ensuring that proposed nursing schools fulfill all infrastructural requirements including buildings, equipments, clinical facility, teaching faculty etc. The Indian Nursing Council is also required to conduct inspection every year till first batch completes the programme.
5. Whereas responsibility of the State Government is to see that for meeting nursing manpower available adequate number of nursing schools are established in the State and also that good quality education is imparted in such schools.

Now, in furtherance of the afore-mentioned provisions of law and objectives, the Governor of Haryana is pleased to issue following policy for issuance of Essentiality Certificate for setting up new nursing schools in Haryana State and colleges and also for maintaining good standard of education in such schools:

- (i) Any organization under the Central Government, State Government, Local Body or a Public/Private Trust, Mission, Society registered under Society Registration Act or a not for profit Company registered under Companies Act may apply for issuance of Essentiality Certificate to the State Government in Directorate of Medical Education & Research, Haryana, in accordance with this order.
- (ii) The basic unit of a nursing school will be 40 students of GNM and 40 students of ANM. While the Essentiality Certificate for setting up of such a basic unit will be issued by the Government, the affiliating institution/university and Indian Nursing Council may grant permission for opening of ANM or GNM or both the schools depending upon availability of infrastructure, faculty and training hospital.

If an already established and functional institution applies for additional basic unit of nursing school the same can be considered subject to meeting the requirements of faculty & infrastructure as per norms; and also subject to the condition that not more than two basic units will be allowed to any institution.
- (iii) Processing fee of Rs.25,000 should accompany the application.
- (iv) The State Government may start a nursing school as a part of a medical college, or a district hospital or a sub divisional hospital.
- (v) Any private hospital with minimum 120 beds may open its own nursing school for which essentiality certificate may be granted by the State.

- (vi) The Essentiality Certificate may be granted keeping in view the following:
- (a) The applicant should have at-least four acre of land at one place. Land fragmented in more than one piece shall not be considered. The land should either be owned by the applicant or leased for at least 33 years.
 - (b) The applicant has adequate arrangement of funds for construction of buildings as per norms of INC, for installation of other infrastructure including laboratories, libraries equipments etc., and for initiating operations of the college. Adequacy of funds will be judged from cost of construction and equipment of constructed area as per INC norms.
 - (c) The applicant, other than Central or State Government, should have either its own 120 bed hospital(s) or an irrevocable Memorandum of Understanding, for atleast 5 years, with 120 bed hospital(s) containing facilities and infrastructure as prescribed in the guidelines of Indian Nursing Council :

Provided that for meeting with the condition of 120 beds, the combined bed strength of upto 3 hospitals only will be considered.

6. For the time being there will be complete ban on issuing Essentiality Certificates except to the persons to whom an LOI has already been issued. The State Government may decide from time to time the additional numbers of nursing institutions which may be established in any district keeping in view the requirement of that district. Such additional institution will be allowed only after inviting applications from all desirous persons by way of open advertisements.

7. All those applicants in whose favour an Essentiality Certificate is issued will apply to the University of Health Sciences, Rohtak and the Indian Nursing Council for affiliation/recognition.

8. Affiliation by the University of Health Sciences, Rohtak will be granted only after fulfilling the conditions in respect of infrastructure, faculty and clinical facility etc. prescribed in the guidelines of Indian Nursing Council.

9. The affiliating institution *i.e.* University of Health Sciences may formulate further Rules, Regulations and guidelines for ensuring that the nursing schools meet with the requirements of infrastructure and prescribed educational standards at all times. The University shall be entitled to inspect the institutions from time to time for ensuring strict adherence to the prescribed standards of education and infrastructure.

10. The University of Health Sciences through the Directorate of Para-Medical Education shall take all steps necessary to ensure that highest quality education and clinical training is provided to the students in the nursing schools. The duties and responsibilities of the Directorate of Para-Medical Education and University has already been notified in the State Government Notification No 6/140/2002-IHB-IV, dated 7th April, 2011.

11. The Governor of Haryana is further pleased to order that all the pending applications to whom letter of intent under previous policy dated 25th August, 2008 has not been issued, will be returned along with the earnest money to the respective applicants.

12. The Governor of Haryana is further pleased to order that those applicants in whose favour an LOI has already been issued under the old policy and they have submitted a compliance report for issuance of Essentiality Certificate will be considered for grant of Essentiality Certificate as per following criteria:—

- (i) They have sufficient contiguous piece of land In accordance with previous policy.
- (ii) They are affiliated with a clinical hospital in accordance with the conditions prescribed in the previous policy.
- (iii) They have taken substantial steps for setting up a nursing institution by way of construction of buildings and installation of equipments etc.

13. Those applicants to whom an LOI has been issued but have not come-forward for its conversion into an Essentiality Certificate will be allowed another one year time from the date of this notification for applying for Essentiality Certificate, failing which their LOI will be deemed to have been cancelled.

This policy will come into force w.e.f. the date of its notification.

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