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Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions

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Date:02-03-2026-

To,

The Secretary,
University Grants Commission (UGC),
Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg,
New Delhi – 110002

Sub:- Degree, Admission Criteria and other details for Bachelor of Physiotherapy (B.PT) and Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (B. OT) Under Graduates Programmes –Reg.

Ref: - (1) No. Z-1011/2026/NCAHP(AHS)/UGC/FTS No. 8384323 dated 09.01.2026

(2) No. NTA/NEET (UG)/2026/646 dated 05.02.2026

(3) No. Z-28016/01/2026-AHS (8384074) dated 09.02.2026

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer the earlier communication at Ref (1) above, vide which, the degree, admission criteria and other details in various allied and healthcare programmes were conveyed for implementation with effect from the Academic Year 2026–27.

2. Further, vide Ref (1) above, it was informed that, the admission in Physiotherapy Under-Graduate (UG) programmes i.e. Bachelor of Physiotherapy (B.PT) and Occupational Therapy Under-Graduate (UG) programmes i.e. Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (B. OT) listed in Categories 3 and 6 respectively of the Schedule of the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, 2021 shall be through National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET).

3. In this regard, vide Ref (2) & (3), the National Testing Agency (NTA) and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have informed that the NEET (UG)–2026 is at its advance stage and inclusion of Bachelor of Physiotherapy (B.PT) and Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (B. OT) may lead to an unexpected increase in the number of candidates, potentially creating logistical challenges in the conduct of the examination.

4. Considering the logistic issues, as intimated vide letter Ref (2) & (3) of the National Testing Agency (NTA) and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

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(MoHFW) respectively, the Commission hereby notifies that the admission process for Bachelor of Physiotherapy (B.PT) and Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (B.OT) Under-Graduate programme's mandatory requirement of appearance in NEET (UG)- 2026 examination, be deferred till next academic year 2027-28.

5. However, the admission in these programme shall be in accordance with the basic eligibility criteria and other common criteria, as notified earlier vide Ref (1) above, for the Academic Year 2026-27, except the mandatory requirement of appearance in NEET (UG) examination. Accordingly, the merit list to be prepared on the basis of aggregate marks obtained in Physics, Chemistry and Biology (PCB) in 12th standard examination, with minimum 50% marks *i.e. "Candidate must have passed Senior Secondary (10+2) or equivalent with Physics, Chemistry & Biology (or Botany & Zoology) with 50% aggregate with English pass. However, in respect of the candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, or Other Backward Classes (NCL), the minimum marks obtained in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology are taken together in the qualifying examination shall be 40% marks instead of 50% marks for Unreserved and General-EWS Candidates. In respect of PwBD/PwD candidates the minimum marks in the qualifying examination in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology (or Botany & Zoology) taken together shall be 40% instead of 50%. English pass required for all categories"*.

6. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As Above



(Rajender Singh Sidhu)
Under Secretary, NCAHP

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1. Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary(Health) of all States/UTs
2. All State Allied and Healthcare Councils
3. The Chairperson, National Testing Agency (NTA)