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URGENT NOTICE to International Students of KMU and all international students transferring to KMU in respect of offline studies from the Fall Semester-2022 at KMU Polish Campus

Subject: CLARIFICATIONS TO THE NEWLY PUBLISHED REGULATIONS OF THE NMC (National Medical Commission of India) AND OTHER MEDICAL BOARDS REGARDING INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL STUDENTS GETTING TRAINED IN UKRAINE

Dear future doctors! We admire the efforts you pay to master one of the toughest and most important jobs in the world, which is basically not a job, but a calling.

Kyiv Medical University (hereinafter – KMU) always adheres to the principles of transparency and openness in communication with students, especially when it comes to important or sensitive topics.

Moreover, KMU always acts in accordance with regulations and standards of the [World Federation of Medical Education](#), [Tuning Process](#), Reference List of General Physician Competencies, [Association of American Medical Colleges](#) etc. and recommendations of international medical boards. The KMU Study Program leadership's aim is "to apply national and European law and guidelines to clinical care" and our educators are responsible to ensure the international context while developing the Program Learning Outcomes.

Due to a large number of enquiries in response to the recent information published by the National Medical Commission of India (*Appendix 1*), as well as previously published policies of other International Medical Boards of African, Arabic and Asian countries etc., KMU would like to clarify the main points of students' concern in order to prevent the spread of misunderstanding or 'Chinese whispers' among student's communities.

- (1) **Studies at KMU Polish Campus have nothing similar to the “Academic Mobility Program”**. It is important to understand that KMU Polish Campus is an integral part of KMU which is located in the Republic of Poland and acting on the basis of license and accreditation certificates

issued for Kyiv Medical University, in the European Union. You will study according to the same study program as in Ukraine with the extent to the international context.

For instance, graduates of the Study Program Doctor of Medicine (MD) gain 360 European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) credits. Students are required to complete 270 ECTS credits of Compulsory Educational Components and 90 ECTS credits of Optional Educational Components. All the required educational components are delivered in a form of contact hours teaching (offline) and self-directed learning. For the on-campus and clinical instructional activities (lectures, seminars, labs, bedside teaching, etc.) students have to attend classes according to the timetable 5 days a week.

- (2) **Does Kyiv Medical University offer an Academic Mobility Program for International students?** No. In order to become full-time students, transfer students have to be officially transferred and enrolled in Kyiv Medical University, which is reflected in the Unified State Electronic Database of Education of Ukraine to be able to attend off-line classes. That is the main and the only prerequisite for graduates to gain a degree at KMU. KMU is fully aware of NMC regulations and regulations of numerous medical boards in respect of restrictions of online education and academic mobility in the field of study Medicine.
- (3) **What are the transfer requirements?** After being selected on the competitive basis by the KMU Selection Committee based on the academic records, the student has to be expelled from the previous University at his/her own will and issued an Academic Transcript. To be transferred from another medical university from Ukraine, an original hardcopy of the Academic Transcript must be provided to the International Dean's Office of KMU to be revised and approved by the Selection Committee of KMU.
- (4) **What type of diploma student receives after getting trained at KMU Polish Campus?** Graduating from KMU Polish Campus you will get a KMU Degree and Ukrainian state diploma, the same as you would have graduated from KMU Kyiv Main Campus. Therefore, there is no threat for your degree to be not recognised.

- (5) **Studies at KMU Polish Campus will be held in OFFLINE mode ONLY.** As stipulated in the regulations and policies of National Medical Commission of India, as well as International Medical Boards of African, Arabic and Asian countries etc. – Medical students must undergo offline studies in order to gain necessary practical skills. In other cases, graduates who obtained a degree having more or less online studies are at risk of their degree not being recognised. KMU degree and diploma will be recognized, considering the fact that its healthcare study programs are arranged in the offline format in KMU Polish Campus in the safe conditions for life and health for students and educators, with full access to clinical facilities, learning facilities, bedside teaching and normal student life.
- (6) **Does KMU have clinical facilities at the Polish Campus?** KMU has affiliation with over 20 healthcare facilities, including leading hospitals, scientific institutes and pharmacies used for Clinical Clerkship (Clinical Clerkship is the requirement for completion of the study program and throughout the summer hundreds of KMU students and students from another universities of Ukraine had accesses to affiliated clinics of KMU Polish Campus). They are utilized during an academic year as clinical departments of KMU. Clinical Practice and Clerkship is carried out in the inpatient and outpatient departments of affiliated hospitals, and at KMU state of the art Center for Simulation Training and Assessment (CSTA), during which they are assigned certain responsibilities that are performed under professional guidance and supervision. This training allows students to consolidate practical skills and clinical manipulations, get acquainted, and gain experience with the maximum number of patients and clinical cases.
- (7) **Does KMU have an online mode of study?** No, the Study Programs "Medicine", "Dentistry" and "Pharmacy, Industrial Pharmacy" are offered on a full-time basis only. Online study may be offered as a tool for enhancing self-directed learning.
- (8) **Kyiv Medical University is Member of various international medical boards**, including World Directory of Medical Schools, General Medical

Council (UK), Izba Lekarska (Poland), European University Association, Medical Board of California and the first University in Ukraine to be a full member of Association of American Medical Colleges. In addition, KMU has international accreditation of the Study Program issued by the German Accreditation Agency for Social and Health Sciences.

Now KMU is in the process of selecting transfer students, who have applied for KMU. We humbly request all International students who have received an Acceptance Letter from KMU to immediately get the Academic Transcript and originals of your documents at your current University, so KMU will be able to smoothly enroll you for the offline studies.

Additionally, we recommend for all international students, who haven't made their decision yet and in order to avoid the risk of your degree not being recognized, to **consider an opportunity offered by Kyiv Medical University and continue offline studies at KMU Polish Campus.** To find out more – please watch the [WEBINAR: Study in Poland at KMU Polish Branch Campus.](#)

Sincerely,

Kyiv Medical University Administration

Frequently Asked Questions

(based on queries raised by Foreign Medical Students from Ukraine & China)

Disclaimer: These FAQs are in the nature of explanation for ease of understanding of the general public and cannot be upheld in a court of law. Please refer to the relevant gazette notifications for legal validity.

Q1 Who is covered under the provisions of the Screening Test Regulations, 2002?

Those Foreign Medical Students whose classes were started prior to the publication of FMGL Regulations 2021 i.e. 18th Nov 2021, are covered under the provisions of Screening Test Regulations, 2002.

Q2 Who are covered under the provisions of Foreign Medical Graduate Licentiate Regulations 2021?

Such Foreign Medical Students whose classes have been started after the publication of FMGL Regulations 2021 i.e. 18th Nov 2021, are covered under the provisions of FMGL Regulations, 2021.

Date of Offer Letter/Invitation Letter/Admission Letter will not be considered to decide the applicability of FMGL Regulations 2021.

Q3 To whom is NMC Public Notice No. NMC/20659(Legal)/2022/UGMEB/ dated 28 July, 2022 applicable?

It is applicable to Indian students who were in the last year of their undergraduate medicine course but had to leave their foreign medical institute due to Covid-19, Russia-Ukraine war etc. and returned to India and have subsequently completed their studies and granted certificate of completion of course/degree by their respective institute on or before 30th June, 2022.

Q4 Whether the Foreign Medical Graduates who have completed their medical qualification during the last year and granted certificate of completion of course/degree by their respective institute and already qualified FMG Examination, are also required to undergo Compulsory Rotatory Medical Internship for a period of two years?

Yes, in order to make up for the clinical training which could not be physically attended by FMGs during the undergraduate medicine course in the foreign institute and also to familiarise them with practice of medicine under Indian conditions.

Q5 What if the MBBS course has been completed in July, 2022 instead of June, 2022?

In pursuance to the order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in SLP No. 2536-37 of 2022, the relaxation to Foreign Medical Graduates has been granted only to those students who were in the last year of their undergraduate medicine course but had to leave their foreign medical institute due to Covid-19, Russia-Ukraine war etc. and returned to India and have subsequently completed their studies and granted certificate of completion of course/degree by their respective institute on or before 30th June, 2022.

Q6 Can Ukraine returned Foreign Medical Students transfer to other colleges?

As regards Foreign Medical Students covered under Screening Test Regulations, 2002, there is no clause regarding transfer in the Regulations. As such, there are no restrictions on transfer so long as other criteria laid down in Screening Test Regulations, 2002 are fulfilled.

Any Foreign Medical Student whose classes were started after 18th Nov 2021 and covered under FMGL Regulations, 2021, should verify his/her undergraduate course in accordance with Regulation 4 of FMGL Regulations 2021. However, the entire course, training and internship or clerkship shall be done in the same foreign medical institution throughout the course of study and no part of training/internship shall be done from other institute. Hence, transfer is not allowed.

Q7 Can transfer be taken from 6 year course to 5 year course?

Any Foreign Medical Students who is covered under Screening Test Regulations, 2002, may change/transfer his/her institute/university, subject to fulfilment of criteria/conditions as laid down in Screening Test Regulations, 2002.

Q8 Is there any NOC from National Medical Commission required for taking transfer from one foreign medical institute to another foreign medical institute?

Foreign Medical Institutes/Universities are outside the jurisdiction of National Medical Commission. Therefore the question of issuance of any NOC by the Commission does not arise.

Q9 What should the students ensure before taking transfer or new admission in any foreign medical institute/university?

Foreign Medical Students whose classes were started after 18 Nov 2021, are governed with the provisions of FMGL 2021. They must complete the entire duration of course, training and internship or clerkship in the same foreign medical institution and no part of medical training and internship shall be done in India or in any country other than country from where the primary medical qualification is obtained.

Prior to taking new admission in any foreign institute/university, Medical Students are advised to ensure the following provisions of FMGL Regulations 2021 in order to avoid any hardship to be faced after returning to India :

- (i) Minimum duration of undergraduate course/degree is fifty four months.
- (ii) An internship for a minimum duration of twelve months in the same foreign medical institution is provided.
- (iii) Medium of instruction is in English.
- (iv) Mandatory subjects as specified in the Schedule-I of FMGL Regulations 2021 are studied.
- (v) Respective professional regulatory body which is competent to grant license to practice medicine in their respective country in which the medical degree is awarded,

grants registration to the foreign medical students and is at par with the license to practice medicine given to citizen of that country.

Q10 Is the mobility program offered by Ukraine approved by NMC?

National Medical Commission does not approve any such Programme.

Q11 Can Ukraine returned Foreign Medical Students be accommodated in Indian medical colleges?

No

Q12 List of foreign medical institutes/university which are approved by National Medical Commission?

National Medical Commission does not approve or recognise foreign medical institute or university for award of any medical qualification.

Q13 Are online classes of Foreign Medical Students returned from Ukraine valid? If so, for FMGs studying in which year?

Foreign Medical Students are allowed to undergo online classes of theory subjects only which should mandatorily be supplemented by offline practical and clinical training done in the Medical University and/or its affiliated Hospital during their MBBS course. A Certificate issued by Foreign Medical University for successful completion of offline practical and clinical training, is required to be furnished by the Foreign Medical Graduates.

Q14 How many years of internship are required to be done by Foreign Medical Students who are governed as per FMGL 2021?

Foreign Medical Students are required to undergo an internship with minimum duration of twelve months in the same foreign medical institution. In addition, Foreign Medical Students are required to undergo a supervised internship in India for a minimum term of twelve months after qualifying Foreign Medical Graduates Examination. Internship of Foreign Medical Students shall be as per provisions of National Medical Commission (Compulsory Rotating Medical Internship) Regulations, 2021.

Q15 Which document among admission letter, invitation letter, passport stamp and transcript, will NMC consider before allowing Foreign Medical Graduates to sit in NExT exam or any other prescribed exam?

Draft of NExT Examination is under consideration in National Medical Commission and will be placed in public domain after finalization.