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PUBLIC NOTICE

The draft of “*Autonomous Boards and Central Assessment Board (Establishment, Constitution, Functions and Powers) Regulations -2026*”, is placed in the public domain through the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP) website in accordance with sub-section (1) of Section 66 and clauses (e), (i), (j) and (v) of sub-section (2) of Section 66, read with Sections 11, 29, 46 and 51 of the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, 2021, inviting comments from public in general, experts, stakeholders and organizations etc.

2. Objections, suggestions/comments, if any, on the above draft regulations, should be sent to email at ncahp.regulations@ncahp.mohfw.gov.in, within 30 days of publishing of this Notice i.e. by 05.03.2026.


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The National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions

Autonomous Boards and Central Assessment Board (Establishment, Constitution, Functions and Powers) Regulations

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi

No. [*insert notification number*].—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 66 and clauses (e), (i), (j) and (v) of sub-section (2) of Section 66, read with Sections 11, 29, 46 and 51 of the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, 2021, and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions, with the previous approval of the Central Government, hereby proposes to make the Autonomous Boards and Central Assessment Board (Establishment, Constitution, Functions and Powers) Regulations-2026.

Now therefore, the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions hereby makes the following Regulations, namely, -

1. Short title and commencement:

- (a) These Regulations may be called the “[**Draft**] **Autonomous Boards and Central Assessment Board (Establishment, Constitution, Functions and Powers) Regulations**”, in short “**Autonomous Boards Regulations**”.
- (b) They shall come into force on such date as the Commission may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint and different dates may be appointed for different provisions of this regulation and any reference in any such provision to the commencement of this regulation shall be construed as a reference to the coming into force of that provision.

CHAPTER I
Preliminary

2. Definitions:

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms defined herein shall bear the meaning assigned to them below and their cognate expressions and variations shall be construed accordingly.

- (a) “**Act**” shall mean the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, 2021.

- (b) **“Allied and healthcare institution”** shall have the same meaning as provided under the Act.
- (c) **“Allied and healthcare professional”** shall have the same meaning as provided under the Act.
- (d) **“Assessment and Rating Board”** shall mean the Allied and Healthcare Professions Assessment and Rating Board as constituted by the State Council under Section 29 of the Act and in accordance with these Regulations.
- (e) **“Autonomous board”** shall have the same meaning as provided under the Act.
- (f) **“Central Assessment Board”** or **“CAB”** shall mean a committee constituted by the Commission under Section 11 of the Act to undertake such duties and functions as prescribed under these Regulations.
- (g) **“Empaneled assessors”** shall mean such persons as empanelled by the CAB or the autonomous boards in accordance with these Regulations for conducting inspections and rating assessments of allied and healthcare institutions as prescribed under the Act and these Regulations.
- (h) **“Ethics and Registration Board”** shall mean the Allied and Healthcare Professions Ethics and Registration Board as constituted by the State Council under Section 29 of the Act and in accordance with these Regulations.
- (i) **“Institution LoP Assessment Report”** shall have the same meaning as provided under the Recognition of Institution Regulations.
- (j) **“Institution Verification Report”** shall have the same meaning as provided under the Recognition of Institution Regulations.
- (k) **“PG Board”** shall mean the Post-graduate Allied and Healthcare Education Board as constituted by the State Council under Section 29 of the Act and in accordance with these Regulations.
- (l) **“Professional Ethics Regulations”** shall mean such regulations as issued by the Commission under Section 11(1)(b) of the Act.
- (m) **“Recognition of Institutions Regulations”** shall mean the Recognition of Institutions for Allied and Healthcare Professionals Regulations as issued under the Act.
- (n) **“Recognized category”** shall have the same meaning as provided under the Act.
- (o) **“Recognized courses”** shall have the same meaning as provided under the Recognition of Institution Regulations.
- (p) **“Recognized institutions”** shall have the same meaning as provided under the Recognition of Institution Regulations.
- (q) **“Registered allied and healthcare professionals”** shall have the same meaning as provided under the Registration of Professionals Regulations.
- (r) **“Registration of Professionals Regulations”** shall mean the Registration of Allied and Healthcare Professionals Regulations as issued under the Act.
- (s) **“Rules”** shall mean the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Rules, 2021.

- (t) **“UG Board”** shall mean the Under-graduate Allied and Healthcare Education Board as constituted by the State Council under Section 29 of the Act and in accordance with these Regulations.

Words and expressions used in these Regulations and not defined herein but defined in the Act and the Rules or any other regulation issued under the Act, shall have the same meaning assigned to them in that Act, Rules or such regulations, respectively.

CHAPTER II

Central Assessment Board

3. Establishment of the Central Assessment Board

- (a) The Commission shall, by notification, constitute the CAB in such form and manner and for the performance of such functions and duties of the Commission as prescribed under these Regulations. Provided that the Commission may, through notification, dissolve the CAB in such manner as it may deem fit.
- (b) The CAB shall function under the overall supervision of the Commission and be subject to any specific directions and guidelines that the Commission may specify from time to time.
- (c) The Commission may, from time to time, if required, specify that the functions of the CAB, as prescribed under these Regulations, be carried out by other committees constituted by the Commission. Provided that all such committees shall function in accordance with the procedure prescribed under these Regulations and such other guidelines as the Commission may specify from time to time.

4. Composition of the Central Assessment Board

- (a) The CAB shall consist of a minimum of ten members and a maximum of thirty members, including a president, with a minimum of one member and a maximum of three members from each Professional Council.
Provided that when appointing members of the CAB, the Commission shall ensure that it selects the president of each Professional Council along with a maximum of two of its members, as may be required.
Provided further that the Commission shall, while appointing the members of the CAB, give due regard to the representation of all professions within each recognized category of allied and healthcare profession.
- (b) The president and members of the CAB shall be appointed by the Commission in such a transparent manner as the Commission may specify from time to time.
- (c) The Commission may appoint additional members to the CAB to ensure due representation is provided to the States and Union Territories particularly those without

a functional State Council. The addition of such members shall be as per the terms of reference of the CAB provided under Regulation 7.

5. Term of office of the Central Assessment Board

(a) **Term:** The members of the CAB shall hold office for a term of two years and shall be eligible for reappointment for two consecutive terms.

Provided that the president of the CAB shall be annually appointed on a rotational basis, with CAB members from different allied and healthcare professions being appointed each year.

Provided further that the president or members of the CAB shall not hold their office upon attaining the age of seventy years.

(b) **Removal:** The Commission may order for the removal of the president or any members of the CAB after providing a notice of three months, if they:

(i) have been adjudged insolvent; or

(ii) have been convicted of an offence which, in the opinion of the Commission, involves moral turpitude; or

(iii) have become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a member of the CAB; or

(iv) have become mentally unsound and stand so declared by a competent court; or

(v) have acquired such financial or other interest as is likely to affect prejudicially his functions as a member of the CAB and / or violated the requirements of conflict of interest as prescribed under these Regulations;

(vi) have breached the applicable code of conduct as specified by the Commission as part of the terms of reference provided under Regulation 6; or

(vii) have so abused his position as to render his continuance in the CAB prejudicial to the public interest.

Provided that no such member of the Commission shall be removed from their office under clause (v), (vi) or (vii) of this Regulation 5(b) unless they have been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard in the manner as specified by the Commission.

Provided further that such person may be relieved from duties earlier than three months or be allowed to continue beyond three months until a successor is appointed, if the Commission so decides.

6. Functions of the Central Assessment Board

The CAB shall perform the following functions:

(a) The functions as prescribed under any regulation issued by the Commission under the Act and such other functions as may be required to implement such regulations

issued under the Act.

- (b) The functions of the autonomous boards as specified under these Regulations, for such States and Union Territories that have not established a State Council, in accordance with the Act and subject to specific directions from the Commission.
- (c) Maintain the Central Register as prescribed under the Registration of Professionals Regulations.
- (d) Empanel assessors for rating purposes or for conducting inspections in accordance with the guidelines that the Commission may specify from time to time.
- (e) Furnish such information and details, including any observations or recommendations, that may be requested by the Commission.
- (f) Conduct equivalency credential evaluation of any qualification provided by any institution outside India, as prescribed under the regulations and directions issued by the Commission under Section 39 of the Act.
- (g) In the discharge of its duties, it may make such recommendations to the Commission and seek such directions from the Commission, as it deems necessary.
- (h) Such other additional functions as the Commission may specify from time to time.

7. Operations of the Central Assessment Board

- (a) The Commission shall, from time to time, specify the terms of reference for operations of the CAB, including requirements pertaining to the meeting, quorum, voting procedure, code of conduct, manner of addition of additional members to the CAB (under Regulation 4(c)), manner of declaration of assets and liabilities and conflict of interest by the president and members of the CAB, and such other details of the transaction of business by the CAB, as the Commission may consider necessary.
- (b) The CAB shall submit reports to the Commission regarding the recommendations provided, inspections conducted, decisions taken, and their status of compliance with these Regulations, within such timelines and in such format and manner as the Commission may specify from time to time. Provided that the CAB may be required to furnish such additional reports as the Commission may direct from time to time.
- (c) No act or proceeding of the CAB shall be invalidated merely by reason of:
 - (i) any vacancy in, or any defect in the constitution of the CAB; or
 - (ii) any defect in the appointment of a person acting as a member of the CAB; or
 - (iii) any irregularity in the procedure of the CAB not affecting the merits of the decision taken.

8. Engagement of secretariat, committee or engagement of experts

- (a) **Secretariat:** The CAB shall be assisted by the Secretariat to the Commission as appointed by the Central Government under Section 9 of the Act and in accordance

with the Rules and such directions as the Commission may specify from time to time.

- (b) **Constitution of committees:** The Commission may, in consultation with the president of the CAB, constitute any such committee under the CAB for carrying out any such functions as the Commission may specify from time to time. Upon consultation with the CAB, the Commission shall specify the manner of constitution, functioning and such other details regarding the committees from time to time.

9. Allowances and expenses of the Central Assessment Board

- (a) The president and members of the CAB shall be entitled to such travel allowances, accommodation allowances, and such other benefits as the Commission may specify from time to time.
- (b) All expenses of the CAB, including the allowances paid to the president and members of the CAB or that of any sub-committees and the charges to be paid for the engagement of any experts, shall be paid by the Commission out of the National Allied and Healthcare Fund in accordance with the procedure as specified in Rule 19(2) of the Rules. Provided that no expenses shall be incurred by the CAB on its own or by any sub-committee on its behalf, without obtaining the prior written approval from the Commission in such manner as the Commission may specify from time to time.

10. Conduct of verification, inspection and rating assessment

- (a) Any verification of an application for registration of allied and healthcare professionals or recognition of allied and healthcare institutions, shall be conducted by the CAB, for the States and Union Territories without any State Council, while adhering to the following minimum requirements:
 - (i) The CAB should verify all the details specified in the applications, including the identity details of applicants as furnished along with the applications.
 - (ii) The CAB shall ensure that the allied and healthcare professionals or allied and healthcare institution has not been the subject of any complaints or any such other penalties under the Act.
 - (iii) In the event of verification of applications of allied and healthcare professionals, the CAB may approach the relevant recognized institutions to verify the educational details pertaining to such professional.
 - (iv) The CAB shall provide all their observations in the Institution LoP Assessment Report or such other report as prescribed under the Act.

Provided that the CAB shall comply with the requirements and procedures that the Commission may specify in this regard from time to time.

- (b) The CAB may empanel assessors for conducting inspection or rating assessment

of allied and healthcare institutions, on their behalf, in such manner that the Commission may specify from time to time.

- (c) All inspections and rating assessments of allied and healthcare institutions shall be conducted in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Regulations 11 and 12 respectively, and subject to such other specific directions being issued by the Commission.

11. Procedure for conducting inspection

- (a) The Commission shall, in accordance with this Regulation 11, specify the appropriate method for conducting any inspection of allied and healthcare institution, including the inspection before granting permission to setup a recognized institution in the manner prescribed under the Recognition of Institution Regulations.
- (b) The CAB shall constitute an inspection team to conduct inspections of allied and healthcare institutions, with the prior approval of the Commission. The inspection team shall be constituted of three members with at least one member from the relevant Professional Council and two empaneled assessors, based on the nature of courses for allied and healthcare professionals that are being offered by the institution to be inspected.
- (c) The Commission may develop a digital mechanism for allotment of such inspection team (as constituted under this Regulation 11(b)) that will carry the inspection of an allied and healthcare institution.
- (d) The CAB shall, abide by the following minimum procedural safeguard for conducting an inspection:
 - (i) Satisfy that the minimum standards and the relevant requirements are being complied with by the allied and healthcare institutions in accordance with the Recognition of Institution Regulations.
 - (ii) Maintain a record of all inspections made and action taken in the performance of such duties, as well as collect necessary evidence to be included in the Institution Verification Report.
 - (iii) Furnish the Institution Verification Report to the Commission along with their necessary findings.
 - (iv) Any information acquired during the course of inspection as well as the Institution Verification Report shall be kept confidential, except as required under these Regulations or if directed otherwise by the Commission.
 - (v) No inspection shall be conducted in case of presence of any conflict of interest in accordance with the guidelines that the Commission may specify from time to time.
 - (vi) While conducting any inspection, only ordinary hospitality may be accepted from the relevant institution, subject to such guidelines that the Commission

may specify from time to time.

- (e) Any inspection being carried out by empaneled assessors, on behalf of the CAB, shall also be conducted in accordance with the procedure specified in this Regulation 11, subject to the relevant terms of empanelment and procedure as the Commission may specify from time to time.

12. Procedure for conducting rating assessment

- (a) The CAB may seek any information, clarification, documents, or digital material from any recognized institution at any time for the purpose of rating assessment.
- (b) The Commission, in consultation with the CAB, shall also develop such methodology, whereby the recognized institutions are continuously monitored for their performance, leading to assessment and rating. Provided that the rating of recognized institutions shall be based on the following indicative parameters, with due weightage assigned to the respective parameters viz.,
 - (i) Compliance with the standards laid down under Recognition of Institution Regulations.
 - (ii) Academic excellence shown through innovative methods of teaching adopted and courses (other than prescribed) offered to the students.
 - (iii) The research output of the recognized institution that has contributed to the existing knowledge and the research impact created by the recognized institution.
 - (iv) Student discipline and satisfactory teaching and learning environment created by the recognized institution.
 - (v) The student feedback on various affairs of the recognized institution, with due weightage assigned to them.
 - (vi) Participation of students/faculty in academic activities as well as sports and social activities at national and international level.
 - (vii) Presence of facilities for sports and social activities in the recognized institution.
Provided, without prejudice to the above, the Commission may notify other criteria for assessment and rating of the recognized institutions, from time to time.
- (c) The Commission shall make available on its website or otherwise in the public domain the latest annual assessment results and ratings of recognized institutions, in such a manner as to facilitate public understanding and consumption.
- (d) Any rating assessment being carried out by empaneled assessors, on behalf of the CAB, shall also be conducted in accordance with the procedure specified in this Regulation 12, subject to the relevant terms of empanelment and procedure as the Commission may specify from time to time.

CHAPTER III
Constitution, Functions and Administration of Autonomous Boards

13. Constitution of autonomous boards

- (a) The State Councils shall, by notification, constitute the following autonomous boards:
 - (i) UG Board;
 - (ii) PG Board;
 - (iii) Assessment and Rating Board; and
 - (iv) Ethics and Registration Board.
- (b) Each autonomous board shall consist of minimum of ten members and a maximum of twenty members, including a president, with a minimum of one member and a maximum of two members from each recognized category of allied and healthcare professions, or such other composition of members that the Commission may notify from time to time. Provided that the Commission shall, while specifying any other composition of the autonomous boards, give due regard to the representation of all professions within each recognized category of allied and healthcare profession.
- (c) The members of the autonomous boards shall have the following qualifications and experience:
 - (i) **President:** A person having an outstanding ability, proven administrative capacity and integrity and possessing a postgraduate degree in any recognised category of allied and healthcare profession from any University with experience of not less than fifteen years in the field of allied and healthcare sciences, out of which at least seven years shall be as a leader in the area of allied and healthcare professions.
 - (ii) **Other members:** A person having an outstanding ability, proven administrative capacity and integrity and possessing a postgraduate degree in any recognised category of allied and healthcare profession from any University with experience of not less than ten years in the field of allied and healthcare sciences, out of which at least five years shall be as a leader in the area of allied and healthcare professions.
 - (iii) The president and other members of the autonomous boards shall be registered allied and healthcare professionals upon commencement of the Registration of Professionals Regulations.
 - (iv) The president or members of the CAB shall not hold their office upon attaining the age of seventy years.
- (d) The State Government shall appoint the president and members of each autonomous boards in accordance with such transparent procedure as prescribed by the State Government.

Provided that the State Government shall consider any such guidance that the Commission may specify from time to time for the appointment of the members of the autonomous boards.

14. Functions of autonomous boards

- (a) The autonomous boards shall perform relevant functions as specified under this Regulation 14, implement the regulations as notified by the Commission under the Act, and perform such other functions as entrusted to the autonomous boards under Section 29 of the Act.
- (b) The UG Board shall perform the following functions:
 - (i) Determine and ensure the implementation of applicable standards for various undergraduate recognized courses of allied and healthcare professions, in accordance with the directions that the Commission may issue from time to time to ensure that uniform standards are followed for such undergraduate recognized courses across all States.
 - (ii) Facilitate development and training of faculty members teaching undergraduate recognized courses of allied and healthcare professions, along with promotion of research in such undergraduate recognized courses.
 - (iii) Implement competency-based frameworks, as the Commission may specify, for evaluation of undergraduate programs sought to be offered by recognized institutions for allied and healthcare professionals.
 - (iv) Preparation and submission of such reports as prescribed under the regulations issued under the Act and such other reports as the State Council and / or Commission may direct from time to time.
 - (v) In the discharge of its duties, it may make such recommendations to, and seek such directions from, the State Council, as it deems necessary.
- (c) The provisions of Regulation 14(b) relating to the functions of the UG Board shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the PG Board, and any reference therein to undergraduate recognized courses shall be construed as a reference to postgraduate recognized courses.
- (d) The Assessment and Rating Board shall perform the following functions:
 - (i) Evaluate and verify applications for grant of recognition to allied and healthcare institutions, to ensure their compliance with such applicable minimum standards as prescribed under the Recognition of Institution Regulations.
 - (ii) Evaluate and verify applications for grant of letter of permission by recognized institutions, to ensure their compliance with such applicable minimum standards as prescribed under the Recognition of Institution Regulations.
 - (iii) Conduct such inspections of recognized institutions, as may be delegated by the State Council, to evaluate their compliance with applicable minimum standards, in accordance with the Recognition of Institution Regulations.
 - (iv) Review annual disclosure reports submitted by recognized institutions for identification of lapses in their compliance status as is prescribed under the Recognition of Institution Regulations.

- (v) Provide recommendations to the State Council to take such actions against recognized institutions as prescribed under the Recognition of Institution Regulations.
 - (vi) Conduct, or where it deems necessary, empanel independent rating assessors to conduct, assess and rate all recognized institutions, within such period of their opening, and every year thereafter, at such time, and in such manner, as the Commission may specify from time to time.
 - (vii) Empanel assessors for rating purposes or for conducting inspections as prescribed under these Regulations.
 - (viii) Evaluate surrender applications and exit plans by recognized institutions and accordingly recommend the State Council regarding the approval of such surrender applications, as prescribed under the Recognition of Institution Regulations.
 - (ix) Make available on its website or in public domain the assessment and ratings of recognized institutions in that respective State, at regular intervals and in such manner as the Commission may specify from time to time.
 - (x) In the discharge of its duties, it may make such recommendations to, and seek such directions from, the State Council, as it deems necessary.
- (e) The Ethics and Registration Board shall perform the following functions:
- (i) Maintain the State Register as prescribed under the Registration of Professionals Regulations.
 - (ii) Develop and ensure implementation of the code of ethics and standards of professional conduct, in accordance with the Professional Ethics Regulations issued under the Act.
 - (iii) Evaluate any instances or complaints of any violation of the code of ethics and standards of professional conduct by an allied and healthcare professional, and there recommend the State Council for the removal of such professionals from the State Register in accordance with the procedure as specified under the Registration of Professionals Regulations and the Professional Ethics Regulations.
 - (iv) In the discharge of its duties, it may make such recommendations to, and seek such directions from, the State Council, as it deems necessary.
- (f) The State Council shall specify necessary mechanism for effective coordination between autonomous boards to ensure uniformity in standards across education, practice, and ethical codes pertaining to allied and healthcare professionals. Provided that the State Council shall, while specifying such mechanism, consider such model codes of practice as the Commission may specify from time to time in relation to the functioning of the autonomous boards.

15. Administration of autonomous boards

- (a) The State Council shall consider the terms of reference and procedure specified by the Commission under Regulation 7 of these Regulations, while specifying the terms of reference for the operations of the autonomous boards.

- (b) The autonomous boards shall be assisted by the Secretariat to the State Council as appointed by the State Government under Section 28 of the Act and in accordance with such directions as the State Council may specify from time to time.
- (c) The State Council may prescribe the manner in which any sub-committee may be constituted under the autonomous boards, or any experts may be engaged by the autonomous boards. Provided that the State Council shall ensure that no such sub-committee is constituted or no such experts are engaged by the autonomous boards without the prior approval of the State Council.
- (d) All expenses of the autonomous boards, including the allowances of the members of the autonomous boards, shall be paid from the respective State Allied and Healthcare Fund in such manner as the respective State Government may specify from time to time.
- (e) The Commission may direct any State Council to furnish such information, records, returns, statements or reports, and to produce such documents, data or particulars, relating to the functioning, proceedings and activities of the respective State Council and any autonomous board, as the Commission may specify for the purpose of assessing compliance with the Act and these Regulations. Upon consideration of the information furnished, or otherwise available to it, the Commission may issue such directions to any State Council as the Commission considers necessary to secure that the State Councils and the autonomous boards act in conformity with the provisions of the Act and these Regulations, including directions for rectification, corrective action, or adherence to specified standards, procedures or timelines.

16. Manner of functioning of autonomous boards

- (a) The relevant autonomous boards shall determine the manner of conducting verification, inspection and rating assessments while ensuring that the respective criteria and procedure specified under Regulations 10, 11 and 12 are complied with. Provided that the relevant autonomous boards may also consider adopting such model procedure for verification, inspection and rating assessment as the Commission may specify from time to time in accordance with Regulation 10, 11 and 12.
- (b) The relevant autonomous board shall also comply with the relevant directions specified by the Commission to the State Council for the purpose of conducting any verification, inspection or rating assessment of allied and healthcare institutions and allied and healthcare professionals, as the case maybe, under the regulations issued under the Act.
- (c) The Commission may request the relevant State Council for a copy of the Institution LoP Assessment Report, Institution Verification Report or any other report as prescribed under the Act or other relevant details regarding rating assessment as maintained and submitted by the autonomous boards, subject to such requirements as specified in the regulations issued under the Act.