No. V. 11025/13/2004-ME(P-I)
Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
(Department of Health & Family Welfare)

New Delhi, dated the 1st June, 2006.

To

The Health Secretaries of all States/UTs.

Sub: D.N.B. qualification awarded by the National Board of Examinations – Equivalence of Board’s qualification for appointment as teachers – Regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to invite your kind attention to this Ministry’s letter No. V. 11025/6/94-ME(UG), dated 3.10.1994 (copy enclosed) on the above mentioned subject wherein it was stated that due importance to NBE qualifications may be given and the same may be treated at par with the MD/MS degrees of Indian universities for all posts, including teaching posts as National Board of Examinations is an autonomous body directly under the control of the Central Government and is keeping high standard of medical education. It was also provided therein that for teaching appointments in broad Specialities, the holder of Diplomate NBE should have at least one year teaching experience as Tutor/Registrar/Demonstrator or equivalent post in a recognized medical college imparting undergraduate training to be eligible for appointment as Lecturer, and the holder of Diplomate NBE in Super-Specialities is required to undergo training for two years in a recognized medical college having recognized postgraduate medical degree in the concerned speciality to be eligible for appointment as Lecturer.

2. The Government has reviewed in detail the issue of the above requirement of additional one/two years teaching experience for DNB degree holders for appointment as Lecturer in broad specialities/super-specialities. After taking into consideration all facts of the matter, the Government has come to the conclusion that for the purpose of appointment of DNB degree holders to the teaching posts, the requirement of additional one/two years teaching experience as stipulated in the above instructions dated 3.10.1994 needs to be discontinued. Accordingly, these instructions stand amended to this extent.

3. It was also brought to the notice of this Ministry that some of the employing organizations are not considering the medical qualifications awarded by the National Board of Examinations as equivalent to MD/MS, DM/M.Ch. degrees awarded by various other universities for appointment to various posts. The advertisements issued for specialist/faculty positions by various recruiting agencies thus do not invite applications from the holders of the DNB qualifications. As clarified in the above instructions dated 3.10.1994, it is reiterated that the medical qualifications awarded by NBE are recognized qualifications included in
the First Schedule to IMC Act, 1956 and are considered at par with MD/MS, DM/M.Ch. qualifications of other Indian universities.

4. It is therefore requested that the above position may please be brought to the notice of all recruiting agencies under your control that while advertising for various positions for which MD/MS, DM/M.Ch. qualifications are required, it may also be specifically mentioned therein that those candidates possessing the DNB qualifications are also eligible to apply for such positions. Further, in view of the above decision to discontinue the requirement of teaching experience of one/two years for those having Diplomate NBE qualifications in broad/specialty disciplines for appointment to teaching posts, the candidates possessing the DNB qualifications may be considered for appointment to teaching posts as Lecturer in specialty/speciality disciplines without insisting on the additional teaching experience.

Encl.: As above.

Yours faithfully,

(K.V.S. Rao)

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

Copy forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:

1. The Secretary, Union Public Service Commission, New Delhi.
2. All Ministries/Departments of Government of India.
3. All Universities.
4. The President, National Board of Examination, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi.
5. The Secretary, Medical Council of India, Pocket 14, Sector 8, Dwarka, Phase-I, New Delhi.
6. DGHS.
7. JS (VC)/JS (BT).
9. ME (P-I)/ME (P-II), ME-I/ME-IV/DE Section.
10. CHS-I/CHS-II/CHS-III/CHS-IV/CHS-V Section.

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Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

New Delhi, the 3.10.94

To

Health Secretaries of all State/U.T. Govts.

Sub: NBE qualifications awarded by the National board of Examination—Equivalence of

Sir,

I am directed to say that medical qualification awarded by the National Board of Examinations are included in the First Schedule to the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 and are considered at par with Postgraduate Medical qualifications of the Indian universities. However, it has been brought to our notice that employing organizations are not recognizing these degrees at par with MD/MS degrees of other universities. As the National Board of Examinations, an autonomous body directly under the control of the Central Govt., is keeping high standard of medical examinations and it is requested that all concerned may please be instructed to give due importance to NBE qualifications and treat them at par with MD/MS of Indian Universities for all posts, including teaching post.

The Medical Council of India while considering the question of equivalence of MAMC/ MNAMS/Dip. N.B. qualification awarded by the National Board of Examinations with M.D./ M.S. and D.M./M.Ch. qualifications granted by the university/medical Institutions, has adopted the following recommendation, which was circulated to all the authorities concerned by the Council on 6.12.93 for information and necessary guidance:

It is recommended that for teaching appointments in the broad specialities the holder of Diploma NBE should have at least 1 year teaching experience as Tutor/Registrar/Demonstrator or equivalent post in a recognized medical college imparting undergraduate teaching and training for appointment as Lecturer. Regarding the candidates holding Diploma NBE in super specialities, the training shall be for 2 years in a recognized medical college having recognised postgraduate medical degree in the concerned speciality for appointment as Lecturers.

It is requested that the above may please be brought to the notice of all recruiting agencies under control for information and compliance.

Yours faithfully,

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Director (ME)