HANDBOOK

FOR

DNB PDCET

CENTRALIZED COUNSELING

For Admission to
DNB (Post Diploma) Courses

January 2013 Admission Session

NATIONAL BOARD OF EXAMINATIONS
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1. ELIGIBILITY FOR COUNSELING:

1.1. Candidates who have qualified the Centralized Entrance Test (DNB PDCET) conducted by NBE in December 2012 and fulfill the eligibility criteria for admission to DNB Broad Specialty (Post Diploma) courses (January 2013 admission session) at various NBE accredited Medical Colleges/Institutions/Hospitals in India shall participate in the counseling for allocation of seats purely on merit cum choice basis.

1.2. Candidate pursuing any other post graduate medical course can join a DNB seat only after he/she resigns from such course. Seat allotment letter to such candidate shall be issued by NBE (within the calendar of admission) only if the candidate has been relieved and discharged from the institution/college/hospital from where he/she is undergoing such post graduate medical course.

1.3. If Ineligibility is detected at any stage, NBE reserves its rights to take necessary actions as deemed fit including but not limited to cancellation of admission to DNB course and to debar the candidate from taking any further examinations conducted by NBE.

1.4. Candidates absent/not participating in the first round of counseling shall not be eligible for participation in subsequent round(s) of counseling.

1.5. NBE reserves its rights to alter/amend or modify any clause/criteria/guideline.
2. SCHEDULE OF COUNSELING:

2.1 The schedule of DNB PDCET- Centralized merit based counseling is available on NBE website www.natboard.edu.in

2.2 Specialty specific merit list of applicant candidates of DNB PDCET Dec 2012 has been notified on NBE website www.natboard.edu.in

2.3 Eligible candidates can download their Rank letter for participation in DNB PDCET merit based counseling from NBE website in due course.

3. AVAILABILITY OF DNB BROAD SPECIALTY (POST DIPLOMA) SEATS:

3.1 The indicative seat matrix for DNB Broad Specialty (Post Diploma) seats is available on NBE website. Final Seat matrix shall be displayed at the counseling venue before commencement of the counseling.

3.2 After commencement of the counseling, the Information regarding seats remaining vacant shall also be made available on NBE website www.natboard.edu.in after completion of counseling for each day.

4. VENUE OF COUNSELING:

4.1 DNB PDCET merit based centralized counseling for January 2013 admission session will be held in New Delhi only at National Board of Examinations office, PSP Area, Sector – 9, Dwarka (Landmark: Opp. District Court, New Delhi) as per prescribed schedule.

4.2 Candidates are required to make their own arrangement for boarding & lodging.

4.3 Travel cost to appear in the counseling shall be borne by the candidate only. Candidates are advised to report to the counseling venue at the prescribed time. Candidates reporting after the prescribed time are liable to miss their turn in the
Counseling/non-participation. NBE shall not be responsible for delay in arrival due to any reason. No claim in this regards will be entertained. NBE reserves its rights to take appropriate decisions in cases of late reporting by the candidates. However, no candidate under any circumstances shall be allowed to disrupt the existing flow of candidates for counseling if he/she reports late on any ground.

5. ALLOTMENT OF SEATS BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE:

5.1 The allotment of seats shall be made to the eligible candidates only through personal appearance and they will be called in batches in the order of their specialty specific merit position as per the schedule of Counseling available on NBE website.

5.2 Candidate has to be present in person on the day of his/her counseling to participate in the counseling at scheduled time specified in his/her Rank Letter. Authorized representative on behalf of candidate shall be permitted only after due approval of NBE in exceptional circumstances only.

5.3 The schedule for further round(s) of counseling (if any) shall be notified in due course at NBE website www.natboard.edu.in after completion of the 1st Round of Counseling. Candidates are advised to regularly visit NBE website for updates regarding counseling.

5.4 Candidates who do not attend/participate in the first round of counseling shall not be eligible for participation in the subsequent round(s) of counseling.

5.5 Candidates appearing for counseling can either opt for a confirmed seat or exercise their option for participation in further round of counseling.

5.6 Candidates opting for a confirmed seat are NOT eligible to participate in subsequent round(s) of counseling irrespective of their joining/non-joining/resignation from the seat already opted for.

5.7 Candidates are advised to exercise their option for confirmed seat or next round of Counseling (vide supra) cautiously as no change in seat once allotted shall be permissible under any circumstances.
5.8 The counseling shall be done purely on the basis of DNB PDCET (December 2012) Specialty Specific Merit Position. The specialty specific merit has been determined by marks obtained by the candidates in DNB PDCET – December 2012 amongst their specialty. In case of candidates obtaining similar marks amongst their specialty, the inter-se-merit has been determined by the number of wrong responses of such candidates. Candidate with less number of wrong responses has been placed at a higher merit. In case of tie with same marks and same number of wrong responses amongst the specialty, date of birth has been considered to determine inter-se-merit, i.e. an elder candidate has been placed at a higher merit. NBE shall confirm the particulars of candidates by original documents at the time of counseling.

5.9 Reserved seats will be allotted to the candidates of concerned category only. Candidates of reserved category can opt for either reserved seats earmarked for them or unreserved seats in order of their specialty specific merit. Candidates may note that reservation status of DNB seats at a particular institution/medical college is provided by the respective institution only, based on the roster maintained by the concerned institution and whether the institution/hospital is covered by reservation. NBE does not own, possess or fund any seat as such.

5.10 No separate letter/communication regarding counseling is being sent to the candidates. Therefore, all the eligible candidates are advised to refer to NBE website www.natboard.edu.in for information pertaining to counseling and download their rank letter as well. Candidates are also advised to refer NBE website from time to time for any updates.

5.11 Candidates are required to bring their RANK LETTER at the time of counseling along with the prescribed documents. Rank letters can be downloaded from NBE website in due course.
6. COUNSELING FEE:

Candidates are required to deposit a counseling fee of Rs. 2000/- through demand draft drawn in favour of National Board of Examinations, payable at New Delhi, on the day of counseling at counseling venue itself. Candidates are required to bring the above mentioned demand draft failing which they will not be allowed to participate in the counseling.

Counseling fee will not be refunded under any circumstances once the candidate has been registered for Counseling at the counseling venue.

7. LIST OF PRESCRIBED DOCUMENTS

7.1 Candidates have to bring the following documents IN ORIGINAL. In addition, candidates are also required to bring certified photocopies of the documents mentioned at S.No. (iii) to (X). Certified photocopies have to be submitted to NBE at the time of documents verification:

i. Rank Letter downloaded from NBE website www.natboard.edu.in
ii. DNB PDCET Result Certificate (December 2012) downloaded from NBE website www.natboard.edu.in
iii. MBBS Degree certificate
iv. Post Graduate Diploma Medical Qualification Pass certificate/Provisional Pass Certificate* of qualifying examination.
v. Permanent Registration certificate issued by MCI/State Medical Council for registration of MBBS qualification.
vi. Proof of Post Graduate Medical Qualification recognized as per IMC Act/Central Government.

vii. Proof of declaration of result of Post Graduate Diploma Medical Qualification on or before 31st of December 2012.
viii. Matriculation/High School/Higher Secondary Certificate as a proof of Date of Birth.
ix. SC/ST/PWD/OBC certificate issued by competent authority, if applicable.

   Caste certificate must be issued by competent authority. The sub-caste should tally with the central Govt. list.
x. Any document (Bonafide certificate/Mark sheet/Attempt Certificate etc issued by concerned institution/medical college) confirming the name of the institution/medical college from where the Post Graduate Diploma Medical qualification was pursued.

xi. Any other relevant certificate or document.

* Provisional certificate of Post Graduate Diploma Medical Qualification is permissible only for those candidates who had passed the Post Graduate Diploma Medical Qualification in the year 2012.

If the candidate has passed Post Graduate Diploma Medical Qualification before 2012 and the Post Graduate Diploma Pass certificate has not been issued to him/her so far by the concerned university/Board, documentary evidence to this effect in form of a letter from competent authority of respective university/Board is to be furnished at the time of counseling.

If a candidate is employed or under any kind of bond, he/she has to furnish a ‘No Objection Certificate / Relieving letter’ issued by competent authority of concerned University /Employer before the cut off date prescribed to join the DNB course in case he/she decides to opt for a confirmed seat. The seat allotment letter to such candidates will be issued only after a copy of ‘No Objection Certificate/relieving letter’ is submitted to NBE.

7.2 Candidates without original documents will not be allowed to appear/participate in Centralized Counseling by NBE under any circumstances.

7.3 Candidates are required to bring one of the following Govt issued ID card in original at the time of counseling:

- PAN card
- Indian Passport
- Voter ID card
- Driving License
- Aadhar Card
- MCI/SMC Registration certificate bearing photograph of the candidate

No other ID proof will be accepted.
7.4 All the certificates must be in HINDI or ENGLISH. In case if any of the certificate(s) is/are in regional language, its Hindi/English version translated copy duly authenticated by a Gazetted Officer will be required in original.

7.5 Seat Allotment letter will be issued to the candidate opting for a confirmed seat on the same day of counseling subject to fulfillment of the eligibility criteria.

8. PROCEDURE FOR DNB PDCET Merit based Centralized COUNSELING

The candidate who has qualified the DNB PDCET Dec 2012 is eligible to participate in the Merit Based Counseling on the designated day and time. The flow of counseling process is as under:

8.1 **Station A** (Registration Area cum document & Identity Verification Area)

- Attendance of all the present candidates shall be taken.
- Candidates will be briefed about the counseling process and will be provided with a ‘Counseling kit’.
- Candidates will have to deposit a fee of Rs. 2000 in form of Demand Draft drawn in favour of National Board of Examinations payable at New Delhi.
- The original documents of every candidate will be verified at the designated registration counters.
- Candidates without prescribed original documents shall not be allowed to participate in the Counseling.
- Biometric information of all candidates called for the counseling shall be captured and verified against the information of the candidate captured at the time of DNB PDCET (Dec 2012) at their test venue.
- The candidates should arrive at the counseling venue at the reporting time mentioned in the Rank letter on the day of scheduled counseling. This will allow time for identity verification and checking in for participation in the counseling.
- Identity checks will be made upon arrival at the counseling venue to ensure that there are no unauthorized candidates participating in the counseling.
- Finger prints of all the candidates may be captured and candidates are requested to cooperate with this essential activity to avoid any cases of impersonation. This is a
security feature which will also ensure that only genuine and bonafide candidates appear for the counseling.

• Candidates are required to bring one of the following Govt issued ID card in original at the time of counseling:
  ▪ PAN card
  ▪ Indian Passport
  ▪ Voter ID card
  ▪ Driving License
  ▪ Aadhar Card
  ▪ MCI/SMC Registration certificate bearing photograph of the candidate

• No other ID proof will be accepted.

8.2 Station B (Seat availability status area):

• After verification of the documents is complete, the candidate will be asked to move to station B in order of his/her specialty specific merit position.
• Candidates will be given an opportunity to go through the available seat matrix on Computers wherein they can look for the available seats in the specialty of their choice.
• Parents/relatives/guardians are not permitted at this station. However, use of phone by the candidate is permitted at station B.
• Candidates are advised to shortlist institution of their choice at this station. The final allotment shall be done at Station C.

8.3 Station C (Seat allotment area):

• Candidates will thereafter move to station C in order of their specialty specific merit position.

• A counseling panel comprising of eminent subject experts shall display the vacant seat position to the candidates and guide and counsel them to arrive at a final decision.

• Candidate at this station has to opt either for a confirmed seat or express his/her willingness to participate in subsequent round of counseling if any and an undertaking to this effect shall be furnished by the candidate in writing.
• Candidate opting for a confirmed seat shall be given a seat allotment letter at station C subject to fulfillment of eligibility criteria.

• If a candidate is employed or under any kind of bond, he/she has to furnish a ‘No Objection Certificate / Relieving letter’ issued by competent authority of concerned University /Employer before the cut off date prescribed to join the DNB course in case he/she decides to opt for a confirmed seat. The seat allotment letter to such candidates will be issued only after a copy of ‘No Objection Certificate/relieving letter’ is submitted to NBE.

• **Use of mobile phone by the candidates is not permitted at station C.** Cooperation of candidates is solicited for not using the mobile phone at station C.

• After verification of his/her details mentioned in the seat allotment letter the candidate can leave the counseling venue.

• Candidates opting for participation in the next round of Counseling are informed about their wait list position.

• Candidate shall leave the Counseling venue thereafter.

### 9. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

9.1 Candidates are advised to maintain decorum and sanctity of the process.

9.2 Water, Tea/Coffee and refreshments shall be served to the candidates and accompanying guests.

9.3 Counseling is a real time process and candidates are requested to be patient and maintain discipline while the Counseling is in progress.

9.4 Candidates are advised to report for the counseling in time and should have sufficient margin after the completion of Counseling for their scheduled departure as the Counseling process is likely to continue till late evening.
9.5 Candidates are advised to carefully go through the guidelines for DNB PDCET Centralized Merit Based Counseling before they report for participation in the Counseling.

9.6 Candidates are advised to check the seat position at the NBE website before reporting to NBE office for participation in counseling.

10 UNFAIR MEANS:

10.1 IMPERSONATION IN COUNSELING
If it is found during the counseling that candidates appearing in the Counseling have indulged in any kind of impersonation or unfair means, his/her candidature for counseling/admission to DNB course will be cancelled. The matter shall be dealt as per Unfair Means guidelines of NBE. Such candidates will be debarred from taking NBE examinations in future.

10.2 SUBMISSION OF FALSE/FABBRICATED DOCUMENTS
If it is found at any stage that documents produced for determination of eligibility for DNB PDCET examination are false/fabricated/forged and/or do not belong to the candidate, his/her candidature for counseling/admission to DNB course will be cancelled and further penal action may be taken. The matter shall be dealt as per Unfair Means guidelines of NBE.

10.3 CANVASSING FOR ALLOTMENT OF SEATS
Canvassing directly or indirectly for the allotment of seats or adjustments thereafter would disqualify the candidate from participation in counseling. The allotment of seats shall strictly be done on the basis of merit list through centralized counseling. Candidates are advised not to canvass or approach or solicit any kind of intervention in this regard.
10.4 MISBEHAVING WITH NBE STAFF ON COUNSELING DUTY
If any candidate appearing for counseling or any relative/attendant of the candidate present at the counseling venue is found creating nuisance and/or hampering the process of smooth conduct of counseling because of his/her behaviour, the candidate shall be disqualified from participation in the counseling. NBE reserves its rights to take a final decision in such matters of misbehaviour/misconduct on part of participating candidates/ attendants. NBE reserves its absolute rights to restrict/permit entry of a candidate/accompanying guest to NBE premises.

11. JOINING OF THE COURSE:

11.1 Each candidate shall be given a prescribed time from the date of issuance of the allotment letter to report and join the allotted NBE accredited Medical college/Institution/Hospital.

11.2 Joining means deposition of the prescribed DNB Course fee by the candidate at the accredited hospital/institute and resuming his/her duties as a DNB trainee.

11.3 Candidate has to begin his/her DNB training within the prescribed time only. Candidate is required to submit his/her joining report to NBE in the prescribed format i.e. Annexure – ‘A’ (PDCET 2013).

11.4 Requests for extension of joining date shall not be entertained ordinarily. NBE reserves its right to grant extension to the candidate for joining DNB course on the merits of the case in exceptional case only.

11.5 The allotment made will be firm and final. Change of Institute/college from one place to another is not permitted under any circumstances. Requests for the same shall not be entertained by the NBE after the allotment of seats.

11.6 Annexure ‘A’ (PDCET 2013) in ORIGINAL has to be furnished by the accredited hospital through speed post along with application for registration within one month of joining DNB training. However, a scanned copy of ‘annexure – A’ is to be sent to NBE through email at reg@natboard.edu.in immediately after joining DNB training.
11.7 DNB PDCET – December 2012 specialty specific merit is valid for admission to January 2013 admission session only. The result shall not be carried forward to next session under any circumstances.

11.8 Joining of a candidate to a NBE accredited institute through Centralized Merit Based Counseling is subject to medical fitness of the candidate as assessed/examined by the accredited hospital/institution.

11.9 The medical examination of the candidate shall be done by the Medical Board of the concerned NBE accredited institute. Candidate found fit in the medical examination shall only be allowed to join the DNB course.

11.10 NBE reserves its rights to take a final decision in the matter of a candidate being found unfit in medical examination and may undertake medical examination of candidate at its sole discretion.

11.11 Leave on medical grounds is permissible only for genuine medical reasons and NBE should be informed by the concerned institute/hospital about the same immediately after the candidate proceeds on leave on medical grounds.

11.12 The supporting medical documents have to be certified by the Head of the Institute/hospital where the candidate is undergoing DNB training and have to be sent to NBE.

11.13 The medical treatment should be taken from the institute/hospital where the candidate is undergoing DNB training. Any deviation from this has to be supported with valid grounds and documentation and shall not be entertained ordinarily.

11.14 Admission of a candidate remaining absent from duty/unauthorized leave after joining DNB course for a period of 7 calendar days shall automatically be treated as cancelled. Unauthorized absence even for a single day shall be viewed seriously.

11.15 NBE Reserves its absolute rights to take appropriate actions in cases involving unauthorized absence/leave or absence allegedly on medical grounds.
11.16 All disputes pertaining to conduct of COUNSELING by the NBE and allocation of seats in various specialties and colleges/institutions by the NBE shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of competent courts at Delhi/New Delhi only.

12. QUERY HANDLING:

12.1 ORAL queries would not be entertained by NBE.

12.2 For any queries pertaining to counseling, candidates are requested to communicate to NBE by email at counseling@natboard.edu.in

12.3 Candidates must mention their rank number, Roll number, Name, Postal address and telephone/mobile no. in their correspondence to NBE.

12.4 Candidates are advised to carefully go through the guidelines of counseling and NBE website before submitting a query.

12.5 Queries pertaining to information already available on NBE website www.natboard.edu.in may not be entertained.
13. PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION WITH NBE FOR DNB (Post Diploma) COURSE:

13.1 Candidates are required to furnish following documents to NBE within one month of joining DNB training in order to get registered for DNB course:

- A duly completed application form for January 2013 admission session.
- A registration fee of Rs 3000/- (for 2 Years course) is to be deposited through challan/Pay-in-slip at any of the Indian Bank branches across India. NBE copy of this challan has to be enclosed with the registration form.
- Annexure – A (PDCET 2013)

13.2 Contact details of candidate as mentioned in registration form will be treated as final for further correspondence with the candidate.

13.3 Candidates are advised to inform NBE at email ID reg@natboard.edu.in at the earliest in case of their non-joining/resignation from the DNB course.

13.4 Registration letters can be downloaded from NBE website.
14. DISCLAIMER:

14.1 The merit list of candidates is purely provisional and subject to the verification of aforementioned documents in original. Any candidate found to have furnished incorrect information/false documents will be disqualified from the counseling.

14.2 If it is found at any stage that a candidate is already pursuing a post graduate medical course and has again opted for a DNB seat through PDCET Centralized Counseling – January 2013 admission session without resigning from the previous seat, he/she shall forfeit his/her claim for the DNB seat and action as deemed fit by NBE shall be taken.

14.3 In an unlikely event of an ineligible candidate getting admission to DNB course, NBE reserves its right to revoke his/her admission from DNB course.
15. NBE Leave Rules

1. DNB Trainees are entitled to leave during the course of DNB training as per the Leave Rules prescribed by NBE.
2. A DNB candidate can avail a maximum of 20 days of leave in a year excluding weekly off/Gazetted holidays as per hospital/institute calendar.
3. **MATERNITY LEAVE:**
   3.1. A female candidate is permitted a maternity leave of 90 days once during the duration of entire DNB course.
   3.2. The expected date of delivery (EDD) should fall within the duration of maternity leave.
   3.3. Extension of maternity leave is permissible only for genuine medical reasons and after prior approval of NBE. The supporting medical documents have to be certified by the Head of the Institute/hospital where the candidate is undergoing DNB training. NBE reserves its rights to take a final decision in such matters.
   3.4. The training of the candidate shall be extended accordingly in case of any extension of maternity leave being granted to the candidate.
   3.5. Candidate shall be paid stipend during the period of maternity leave. No stipend shall be paid for the period of extension of leave.
4. Male DNB candidates are entitled for paternity leave of maximum of one week during the entire period of DNB training.
5. No kind of study leave is permissible to DNB candidates. However, candidates may be allowed an academic leave as under across the entire duration of training program to attend the conferences/CMEs/Academic programs/Examination purposes.

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6. Under normal circumstances leave of one year should not be carried forward to the next year. However, in exceptional cases such as prolonged illness the leave across the DNB training program may be clubbed together with prior approval of NBE.
7. Any other leave which is beyond the above stated leave is not permissible and shall lead to extension/cancellation of DNB course.

8. Any extension of DNB training for more than 2 months beyond the scheduled completion date of training is permissible only under extra-ordinary circumstances with prior approval of NBE. Such extension is neither automatic nor shall be granted as a matter of routine.

9. Unauthorized absence from DNB training for more than 7 days may lead to cancellation of registration and discontinuation of the DNB training and rejoining shall not be permitted.

10. Medical Leave

10.1. Leave on medical grounds is permissible only for genuine medical reasons and NBE should be informed by the concerned institute/hospital about the same immediately after the candidate proceeds on leave on medical grounds.

10.2. The supporting medical documents have to be certified by the Head of the Institute/hospital where the candidate is undergoing DNB training and have to be sent to NBE.

10.3. The medical treatment should be taken from the institute/hospital where the candidate is undergoing DNB training. Any deviation from this shall be supported with valid grounds and documentation.

10.4. In case of medical treatment being sought from some other institute/hospital, the medical documents have to be certified by the Head of the institute/hospital where the candidate is undergoing DNB training.

10.5. NBE reserves its rights to verify the authenticity of the documents furnished by the candidate and the institute/hospital regarding Medical illness of the candidate and to take a final decision in such matters.

11. The eligibility for DNB Final Examination shall be determined strictly in accordance with the criteria prescribed in the respective information bulletin.
ANNEXURE A – PDCET 2013

Format of Joining Report to be furnished by all DNB Candidates who have been allotted DNB seats at NBE accredited Medical Colleges/Institutions/Hospitals for DNB training, through DNB PDCET – Centralized Counseling – January 2013 Admission session

NOTE: Ensure that Joining Report MUST be issued on an OFFICIAL LETTERHEAD under signature and stamp of DEAN/PRINCIPAL/MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT/HEAD OF THE INSTITUTION/DIRECTOR ONLY, as per the prescribed format.

Office Dispatch Number: Date of Issue:

The Executive Director
National Board of Examinations
(Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India)
Ansari Nagar, Mahatma Gandhi Marg (Ring Road)
New Delhi - 110029


Sir,

It is certified that Dr.________________________________________ Son/Daughter/Wife of ___________________________________________ who has appeared in DNB PDCET - December 2012 conducted by National Board of Examinations vide Testing ID________________ has reported for joining DNB (Post Diploma) course at our NBE accredited Medical College/Institution/Hospital on ____________(Date of Joining DNB training). He/she has scored _____ rank in DNB PDCET - Centralized Counseling for January 2013 admission session as per the seat allotment letter received from NBE.

His/Her original documents have been verified for their genuineness & authenticity. He/She may be registered for DNB (Post Diploma) Course in the specialty of _________________________ w.e.f ______________ (Date of Joining DNB Training).

He/she will be doing his/her thesis under guidance of ____________________________ (Name & designation of thesis guide) as per prescribed NBE guidelines for thesis submission.

It is also certified that the candidate will be made to work during the entire DNB (Post Diploma) training as a resident doctor strictly in accordance with leave guidelines of NBE.

Yours sincerely

Signature___________________

Name & Designation_________
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. What is the eligibility criterion for participation in DNB PDCET counseling?
A. Candidates who have qualified the DNB (Post Diploma) Centralized Entrance Test (PDCET) conducted by NBE in December 2012 and fulfill the eligibility criteria for admission to DNB Broad Specialty (Post Diploma) courses (January 2013 admission session) at various NBE accredited Institutions in India can participate in the counseling.

Q. How can I get information regarding my queries pertaining to counseling?
A. Please refer to Information Bulletin of DNB PDCET and handbook for Counseling. You can also e-mail your queries at counseling@natboard.edu.in. Queries pertaining to information already available on NBE website www.natboard.edu.in may not be entertained.

Q. What are the criteria for tie breaking?
A. The specialty specific merit has been determined by marks obtained by the candidates in DNB PDCET – December 2012 amongst their specialty. In case of candidates obtaining similar marks amongst their specialty, the inter-se-merit has been determined by the number of wrong responses of such candidates. Candidate with less number of wrong responses has been placed at a higher merit. In case of tie with same marks and same number of wrong responses amongst the specialty, date of birth has been considered to determine inter-se-merit, i.e. an elder candidate has been placed at a higher merit.

Q. Can anyone else attend counseling on my behalf?
A. Candidate has to be present in person on the day of his/her counseling at scheduled time specified in his/her Rank Letter. However, authorized representative on behalf of candidate shall be permitted only after due approval of NBE under exceptional circumstances only. The authorized representative is required to bring an authority letter issued by the candidate.

Q. Am I eligible for DNB while pursuing any other PG Medical course?
A. Candidate pursuing any other post graduate medical course can join a DNB seat only after they resign from such course. Seat allotment letter to such candidates shall be issued by NBE (within
the calendar of admission) only if the candidates has been relieved and discharged from the institution/University from where they are under going such post graduate medical course.

Q. What if I miss the first round of counseling?
A. Candidates absent in the first round of counseling shall not be eligible for participation in subsequent round(s) of counseling.

Q. How can I know the counseling schedule?
A. The schedule of DNB PDCET- Centralized counseling is available on NBE website [www.natboard.edu.in](http://www.natboard.edu.in)

Q. Can I leave the counseling venue during the counseling session?
A. No, candidate cannot leave the premises till the completion of his/her counseling.

Q. How can I review the seat availability before my turn comes?
A. The indicative seat matrix for DNB Broad Specialty (Post Diploma) seats is available on NBE website. Final Seat matrix shall be displayed at the counseling venue before counseling. You can review the seats available at your specialty specific merit position at Station – ‘B’ – the seat availability status area at pre-installed computers.

Q. Will NBE provide TA/DA to the candidates?
A. No, Travel cost to appear in the counseling shall be borne by the candidate only Candidates are required to make their own arrangement for stay.

Q. What if I am not able to arrive by the scheduled time?
A. Candidate has to be present on the day of his/her counseling to participate in the counseling at scheduled time specified in his/her Rank Letter. NBE shall not be responsible for delay in arrival due to any reason. No claim in this regards will be entertained. NBE reserves its rights to take decisions in cases of late reporting by the candidates.

Q. What if I do not opt for a confirmed seat at counseling?
A. Candidates appearing for counseling can either opt for a confirmed seat or exercise their option for participation in further round(s) of counseling.
Q. Will I be eligible for the further round(s) of counseling if I resign/ do not join the seat opted?
A. No, Candidates opting for a confirmed seat are NOT eligible for participation in subsequent round(s) of counseling irrespective of their joining/non-joining/resignation from the seat already opted for.

Q. Will the candidates be informed about the counseling via letter or email?
A. Candidate will not receive any individual intimation regarding counseling. You are advised to refer NBE website www.natboard.edu.in for information pertaining to counseling.

Q. How can I download my Rank letter?
A. Rank Letter can be downloaded from NBE website www.natboard.edu.in in due course.

Q. What is the prescribed fee for participation in Counseling?
A. Counseling fee of Rs 2000/- is to be deposited on the day of your counseling at counseling venue only. Fee can be deposited through demand draft drawn in favour of National Board of Examination payable at New Delhi.

Q. Is it necessary to bring original and photocopy of testimonials to the counseling?
A. Candidates have to bring all the prescribed documents ‘IN ORIGINAL’. In addition, candidates are required to bring self certified copies of the documents. Certified copies have to be submitted to NBE at the time of documents verification.

Q. Can I bring the documents issued in my native language only?
A. No, All the certificates must be in HINDI or ENGLISH. In case if any of the certificate(s) is/are in regional language, its Hindi/English version translated copy duly authenticated by a Gazetted Officer will be required in original.

Q. Is it necessary to bring Identification proof?
A. Yes, Candidates are required to bring one of the following Govt issued ID card in original at the time of appearance for counseling:
   - PAN card
   - Indian Passport
   - Voter ID card
   - Driving License
• Aadhar Card
• MCI/SMC Registration certificate bearing photograph of the candidate

No other ID proof will be accepted

Q. Can I extend my joining date after the seat is taken?
A. Ordinarily requests for extension of joining date shall not be entertained. However, NBE reserves its right to grant extension to the candidate for joining DNB course on the merits of the case.

Q. What if I am employed and wish to attend the counseling?
A. You can attend the counseling and opt for a seat also, however, if a candidate is employed or under any kind of bond, he/she has to furnish a ‘No Objection Certificate / Relieving letter’ issued by competent authority of concerned University /Employer before the cut off date prescribed to join the DNB course in case he/she decides to opt for a confirmed seat. The seat allotment letter to such candidates will be issued only after a copy of ‘No Objection Certificate/relieving letter’ is submitted to NBE.

Q. Can I change my DNB seat after allotment in counseling?
A. No, Change of Institute is not permitted.

Q. Can I participate in counseling of future sessions based on PDCET result of December 2012?
A. No, the PDCET (December 2012) result and merit is valid for the current session (Jan 2013 admission session) only.

Q. How can I resign from the DNB seat opted, if at all I wish to?
A. You need to forward your resignation through proper channel to NBE.

Q. What if I resign from the seat opted in the counseling. Will I be eligible for future PDCET?
A. You need to refer to information bulletin of respective DNB PDCET for eligibility criteria to appear in the same.

Q. Is registration for the DNB Course mandatory?
A. Yes, all candidates who have joined DNB training are required to get registered with NBE for DNB course. A registration number is issued on receipt of application for registration and fulfillment of eligibility criteria for registration.
Q. How can I apply for registration with NBE after opting a seat through counseling?
A. You are required to furnish following documents to NBE within one month of joining DNB training in order to get registered for DNB (Post Diploma) course:

- A duly completed application form for DNB (Post Diploma) January 2013 admission session.
- A registration fee of Rs 3000/- (for 2 Years course) is to be deposited through challan/Pay-in-slip at any of the Indian Bank branch across India. NBE copy of this challan needs to be enclosed with the registration form.
- Annexure – A (PDCET 2013).

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Candidate will be seated at designated Seats. Handbook for Counseling will be provided.

Candidate with Verified Rank Letter will move on to Seat Availability Status Review Area

Parent/Accompanying Guest Entry

Candidate’s Entry

Desk - 1
Desk - 2
Desk - 3

Document Verification
Counseling Fee Collection
Deposition of Certified documents
Identity Check

Final seat selection shall be done at this desk.

Seat allotment letter shall be issued at this desk

STATION - A REGISTRATION AREA

STATION - B SEAT AVAILABILITY STATUS REVIEW AREA

STATION - C SEAT ALLOTMENT AREA

DESK – C1
Final seat selection shall be done at this desk.

DESK – C2
Seat allotment letter shall be issued at this desk