

**NOTICE**

**(Kind attention to all DNB applicants of DNB Practical Exam, December 2019 session)**

**Subject: Conduct of DNB Practical Examination, December 2019 session**

1. In view of COVID-19 pandemic, NBE announces the conduct of the DNB Final Practical Examination of December 2019 session in a New Revised Format for DNB candidates in the first phase in all those specialties which are feeder qualifications for the NEET SS Examination and Fellowship Entrance Test.
2. Candidates may note that a new revised scheme of examination for DNB Final Practical Examination shall be followed in the major clinical specialties as mentioned in the accompanying Annexure to the present notice. In this new revised scheme, the examination shall be conducted over a period of two days for all the candidates in the following manner:
  - **Day 1** will consist of Observed Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) (200 marks) and Viva voce (40 marks). A total of up to 20 candidates shall be examined on both the days, maintaining all the social distancing norms and other safety precautions as per directions of the Central/State Governments from time to time.
  - There will be a total of 25 OSCE stations (total 200 marks) of 5 minutes' duration per station and having 8 marks. The OSCE stations will be so designed to cover as much as possible the entire spectrum of the training curriculum of that specialty, and to assess the core competencies, knowledge, clinical reasoning skills, ethical values & attitude and professional clinical judgment.
  - All the 25 OSCE stations will be virtually run uniformly and simultaneously from the NBE Command Centre using a secure and reliable video conferencing platform. NBE Command Centre will monitor and assist the conduct of the Practical exam at all the centres. Assessment of the OSCE answer sheets will be done at NBE by the respective subject matter experts.
  - **Day 2** will consist of two clinical cases of 30 marks each with preferably one case comprising of a real patient. In case of non-availability of real cases, one or both cases may be simulated patients.
3. Candidate must obtain a minimum of 50% marks separately in both the OSCE component (100 marks out of 200) as well as viva voce and clinical case examination (50 marks out of 100) to qualify for the Practical exam in the revised format.
4. Practical Examination of all such DNB candidates who opt out of this revised scheme of Examination shall be held in the conventional manner at a later date when circumstances so permit. However, all such DNB candidates who opt out from this revised scheme of Examination will not be eligible for the NEET SS 2020 which is likely to be held in September 2020. Such DNB candidates shall be able to exercise their choice for opting out of this new revised scheme, if they desire to do so, through login into their account at "Online Exit Examination Portal (OEEP)"

NOTE: NBE may follow a similar format for examinations in the other remaining clinical specialties in the next phase of Practical examinations.

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**ANNEXURE 1**

FEEDER SPECIALTIES OF NEET-SS & FELLOWSHIP ENTRANCE TEST FOR WHICH DNB PRACTICAL EXAM WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE REVISED FORMAT

<b>SL NO</b>	<b>NAME OF THE SPECIALTY</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
1	ANAESTHESIOLOGY	<b>FEEDER SPECIALTY FOR NEET-SS 2020</b>
2	EMERGENCY MEDICINE	
3	GENERAL MEDICINE	
4	GENERAL SURGERY	
5	OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY	
6	ORTHOPAEDICS	
7	OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGY	
8	PAEDIATRICS	
9	RADIO DIAGNOSIS	
10	RADIOTHERAPY	
11	RESPIRATORY MEDICINE	
12	CARDIOLOGY	<b>FEEDER SPECIALTY FOR FELLOWSHIP ENTRANCE EXAM</b>
13	NEURO SURGERY	
14	NEUROLOGY	
15	OPHTHALMOLOGY	
16	SURGICAL GASTROENTEROLOGY	