

Cabinet Decision  
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## Cabinet approves setting up of National Medical Commission(1/2)



Union Cabinet has approved the National Medical Commission Bill, 2019. The Bill provides for setting up of a National Medical Commission in place of the Medical Council of India (MCI) and repeal of the Indian Medical Council Act 1956.

### Salient Features:

- The Common final year MBBS exam to be known as National Exit Test (NEXT) would serve as licentiate exam, for entrance to PG medical courses and as screening test for foreign medical graduates.
- The Bill provides that the national entrance test i.e. NEET, common counselling and NEXT shall also be applicable to Institutes of National Importance (INIs) like AIIMS to have common standards in the country.
- The Commission will regulate fee and all other charges for 50% seats in private medical colleges and deemed universities.
- The Medical Assessment and Rating Board (MARB) will conduct assessment to the medical college and develop a system of ranking of medical colleges which would enable the students to choose the medical college wisely.
- These measures will ensure a transparent admission process and also bring down admission fee.