

**NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR INDIAN SYSTEM OF MEDICINE &
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR HOMEOPATHY, NEW DELHI**

**Directive for Counseling & Admission in Undergraduate
(BAMS/BSMS/BUMS/BHMS) Courses of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani &
Homoeopathy (ASU&H) Streams for the Academic Session 2023-2024**

A. DIRECTIVE FOR COUNSELING AUTHORITIES (CENTRAL/STATE/UT)

I. Directive for Central/State/UT Counseling and Admissions:

Eligibility Criteria to Participate in the Counseling:

1. Colleges/Institute who have received permission from the Medical Assessment and Rating Board, National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) for Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani streams; Medical Assessment and Rating Board, National Commission for Homoeopathy (NCH) for admission to ASU&H- UG courses for the academic session 2023-2024 shall only be eligible to participate in the counseling process.

Seat Matrix (AIQ & State/UT Quota):

2. The seat matrix for admission in the Government, Government-aided institutions and Private Institutions shall be fifteen per cent (15%) for All-India Quota and eighty-five per cent (85%) for State/Union Territory Quota as specified in the NCISM and NCH Regulations in force at the time of admission (Sl.No:15 of this directives).

Provided that-

- i. the AIQ for the purpose of admission in all the Deemed Universities (both Government and Private - established under Central Act), shall be hundred per cent;
- ii. the University and institute, which are already having more than fifteen per cent All-India Quota seats, shall continue to maintain that quota;
- iii. five per cent. of the annual sanctioned intake capacity in Government and Government-aided institutions shall be filled up by candidate with specified disability in accordance with the provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016) and based on the merit list of NEET(UG)-2023.

3. In case of 85% of State/UT quota, the seat matrix for Government Quota, Management Quota, NRI quota etc., shall be as per respective State and UT policy; however, all admissions in all quotas (except foreign nationals) shall be through counseling conducted by State/UT counseling authority.

4. The Management seats under the State/UT Quota in Private Institutions shall be treated as domicile free.

Reservation:

5. Category-wise reservation of seats shall be as per Central or State or UT Reservation Policy, as the case may be.

6. Reservation for allotment of 15% AIQ-UG seats in Private ASU&H Institutes:-All AIQ-UG seats of Private ASU & H Institutes are open in nature (all category candidates are eligible). However, as mentioned in relevant regulations, the relaxation in qualifying criteria may be provided category-wise.

Counseling schedule:

7. Central and State/UT conseling authorities shall prepare the counseling schedule for the A.Y. 2023-2024 in concurrence to the schedule specified by NCISM/NCH as given below:

Schedule for Central/State/UT Counseling

Rounds	Schedule for Admission	Central Counseling (AACCC)	State/UT Counseling
		All India quota Govt. + Govt. aided + Deemed University + Central University + National Institute	(including State/ UT quota & All India Quota seats of Private Institutes)
Round-1	Round-1 counseling Process	1 st September, 2023 to 7 th September, 2023	8 th September, 2023 to 20 th September, 2023
	Last date of joining	13 th September, 2023	20 th September, 2023
Round-2	Round -2 counseling Process	20 th September, 2023 to 27 th September, 2023	28 th September, 2023 to 12 th October ,2023
	Last date of joining	5 th October ,2023	12 th October ,2023
Round-3	Round -3 counseling Process	12 th October ,2023 to 18 th October ,2023	19 th October ,2023 to 30 th October ,2023
	Last date of joining	26 th October ,2023	30 th October ,2023
Stray Vacancy Round	Counseling Process	30 th October ,2023 to 4 th November, 2023	4 th November, 2023 to 18 th November, 2023
	Last date of joining	18 th November, 2023	18 th November, 2023
Cut-off date of admission in ASU&H-UG courses for the A.Y 2023-24		20 th November, 2023	
Cut-off date for uploading the admitted students data by the institutions on NCISM/ NCH portal		20 th November 2023, before 6 PM	
Uploading of data of allotted students of all rounds (institution wise) by counseling authorities on NCISM/NCH portal		On or before 5 th December, 2023	
Detailed round-wise schedule to be prepared and uploaded by the central/state/UT counseling authorities on their respective websites and give wide publicity.			

Counseling and Admissions:

8. All sanctioned/permitted seats by the Medical Assessment and Rating Board for Indian System of Medicine (MARBISM)/NCISM/ Medical Assessment and Rating Board for

Homoeopathy (MARBH)/NCH/Government of India, irrespective of categories/reservations, are to be filled only through online counseling, i.e., Central/State/UT counseling as the case may be (except foreign nationals).

9. Ayush Admissions Central Counseling Committee (AACCC), Ministry of Ayush will conduct “AIQ-UG Online Counseling” for admission in Govt./Govt. Aided Colleges/Institutes, Central/Deemed Universities and National Institutes of ASU&H streams.

10. Further, the State/UT Counseling authorities shall conduct counseling for admission in 15% of AIQ-UG seats under Private ASU&H colleges/institutes/State Universities (other than Deemed Universities established under the Central Act).

11. State/UT Counseling Authorities have to conduct counseling for admission in 15% of AIQ-UG seats under Private ASU&H colleges/institutes/State Universities (other than Deemed Universities established under the Central Act) in adherence with directive/schedule provided by NCISM/NCH to avoid the overlapping of the Schedule of AACCC counseling and State/UT counseling.

12. In case of 85% of State/UT Quota, the seat matrix for Government Quota, Management Quota, NRI Quota etc., shall be as per respective State and UT policy; however, all admissions in all quotas (except foreign nationals) shall be through counseling conducted by State/UT counseling authority.

13. Seat allotment in any category shall be as per inter-se-merit.

14. No candidate who has failed to obtain the minimum eligibility marks in NEET (UG)-2023 shall be eligible for admission to Undergraduate courses for the academic year 2023-24.

15. Qualification Criterion: (As per the ASU&H-UG Regulations in force at the time of admission)

(a) *National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (Minimum Standards of Undergraduate Ayurveda Education) Regulations-2022*

(b) *National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (Minimum Standards of Undergraduate Unani Education) Regulations-2022*

(c) *National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (Minimum Standards of Undergraduate Siddha Education) Regulations-2022*

(d) *National Commission for Homeopathy (Homeopathy Graduate Degree Course-Bachelor Homeopathic Medicine and Surgery (B.H.M.S) Regulations-2022*

For admission to ASU&H-UG Courses:

16. Passing marks for eligibility in admission to ASU&H-UG courses should be as per the ASU&H-UG regulations and should be followed strictly. The details of qualifications for different categories are as follows:

(a) For ASU- UG Courses -Candidate must have obtained a minimum of 50% marks taken together in Physics, Chemistry and Biology at the 10+2 or equivalent examination in the case of general category and 40% Marks in the case of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Other Backward Classes.

(b) For Homeopathy-UG Course - Candidate must have obtained a minimum of 50% marks taken together in Physics, Chemistry and Biology/Biotechnology at the 10+2 or

equivalent examination in the case of general category and 40% Marks in the case of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Other Backward Classes.

(c) In respect of persons with disability as specified under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016), the minimum qualifying marks in the said qualifying examination as follows: a) shall be 45% in the case of the general category. b) 40% in the case of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes.

17. No candidate shall be admitted to BAMS, BSMS, BUMS & BHMS Degree Courses unless he/she has attained the age of seventeen years on or before the 31st December of the year of his/her admission in the first year of the course. Further, there is no upper age limit for admission to ASU&H-UG courses.

18. In order to be eligible for admission to an undergraduate course for an academic year, it shall be necessary for a candidate to obtain minimum of marks at 50th percentile in the 'National Eligibility Entrance Test for the undergraduate course' held for the said academic year:

Provided that in respect of-

(a) candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes, the minimum marks shall be at the 40th percentile;

(b) candidates with benchmark disabilities specified under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016), the minimum marks shall be at 45th percentile in the case of the General category and 40th percentile in the case of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes.

19. No Authority or Institution shall admit any candidate to the Undergraduate courses in contravention of the criteria or procedure in respect of admissions, and any admissions made in contravention shall be cancelled by the NCISM/NCH.

20. Admissions made beyond/over and above the intake capacity sanctioned/permitted by MARBISM/NCISM/MARBH/NCH/GOI for the said academic session shall not be approved.

21. There shall not be any offline admission or admission without counseling (Central/State/UT), and any admissions in contravention of this shall not be approved (except foreign nationals).

22. Seats allotted by the respective counseling authorities to the individual institutes, the original documents of the candidates must be verified by the institutes for fulfilling the eligibility criteria, failing which the admission shall not be approved by NCISM/NCH.

23. Admission made in violation of the NCISM / NCH directives will be treated as invalid, and action will be initiated under NCISM Act, 2020 / NCH Act, 2020.

24. Institutes will be held responsible in case students face hardship due to admission irregularities such as offline admissions, admission without counseling and admission beyond sanctioned intake capacity. In such case, students shall be discharged from the course and institution, and the institute will be subjected to face consequences as per the provision laid down under the sub-section (1)(a)(f) of section 28 of NCISM Act 2020/NCH Act 2020, and the person responsible will be prosecuted as per the section of IPC concerned.

25. Admissions made after the cut-off date by any means, shall not be approved NCISM/NCH.

26. No authority has the power to extend or modify the cut-off date of admission specified by NCISM/NCH, and such admissions shall not be approved.

27. No authority has the power to modify the intake capacity for admission into UG courses in ASU&H colleges sanctioned by MARBISM/NCISM/MARBH/NCH/GOI.

28. State/UT Counseling Authorities may direct ASU&H colleges/institutes to ensure the eligibility of the candidate as laid down in respective NCISM (MSE-UG) Regulations 2022 for Ayurveda, Siddha & Unani for admissions in ASU-UG courses and NCH (Homoeopathy Graduate Degree Course – Bachelor of Homoeopathic Medicine and Surgery (B.H.M.S). Regulations- 2022 for admissions in Homoeopathy-UG courses by proper scrutiny of the relevant certificates and documents at the time of admission.

29. AACCC, M/o Ayush will circulate the list of ineligible candidates to the State/UT counseling Authority during the 2nd, 3rd & Stray Vacancy Round of AACCC-UG counseling to prevent them from participating in the State/UT counseling. State/UT Counseling Authorities are requested to ensure that such candidates have not been allotted any seat through any round of State/UT counseling for admission in ASU&H-UG courses.

30. State/UT Counseling Authorities may direct ASU&H colleges/institutes to ensure the authenticity and correctness of the details of admitted students before completing the admission procedures. No modifications/ corrections after the cut-off date and time of admission as specified by NCISM/NCH shall be entertained.

31. Central/State/UT Counseling authorities have to submit a list of allotted students (i.e. college-wise consolidated list of allotted students through all rounds of counseling) to NCISM/NCH within 15 working days from the cut-off date of admission in the format and in manner as prescribed by NCISM/NCH.

32. All State/UT Counseling Authorities are requested to see the website of AACCC, M/o Ayush (www.aaccc.gov.in), from time to time for AACCC-UG counseling scheme & FAQs, Schedule and any updates/notices uploaded regarding All India Quota-ASU&H-UG counseling for the A.Y 2023-24.

33. State / UT counseling for ASU&H, UG Courses shall be started only after Central Counseling has commenced, in accordance with the schedule issued by NCISM/NCH.

Admission of foreign national candidates:

34. The admission of ICCR (Indian Council for Cultural Relations) sponsored foreign national candidates shall be made through Ministry of Ayush.

Determination of fees and other charges in case of ASU&H colleges/institutes under NCISM/NCH:

35. The fee for 50 percentage (50%) of total sanctioned/permitted seats in Private ASU&H medical colleges/institutes and deemed universities which are governed under the NCISM Act, 2020/NCH Act, 2020, is to be determined by Fee fixation/Regulatory Committee (FRC)

of the respective State/UT/Deemed University as per the directive for “Determination of fee and all other charges” prescribed by NCISM (BUSS/Fee/ASU/2022-23 dated 16-09-2022), and NCH (F.No 1-11/2022/NCH/10322-10331 dated 23.11.2022) which has been implemented from the A.Y 2022-23 onwards.

Tuition fee:

36. All State/UT Counseling authorities are requested to ensure that the tuition fee, as laid down and fixed by respective governing or fee fixation committees as applicable, shall be charged in each academic session for four and half years only by the institutes. No tuition fee shall be charged for an extended duration of study in case of failing in examinations or for any other reasons, and there shall not be any fee for internship training at the same institute.

37. All State/UT Counseling authorities are requested to ensure that the college should display tuition fees, hostel fees, and other fees if any on institute’s website as well as on the Institute profile while uploading to central/state/UT counseling Portal. The same is to be charged from student at the time of admission. No other charges other than the displayed fees should be charged/collected.

II. Directive for State/UT counseling for admission in 15% of AIQ-UG seats under Private ASU&H colleges/institutes/State Universities (other than Deemed Universities established under the Central Act)

1. The State/UT Counseling authorities shall conduct counseling for 15% of AIQ-UG seats under Private ASU&H colleges/institutes/State Universities (other than Deemed Universities established under Central Act).

2. State/UT Counseling Authorities have to conduct counseling for admission in 15% of AIQ-UG seats under Private ASU&H colleges/institutes/ State Universities (other than Deemed Universities established under Central Act) in adherence with directive/schedule provided by NCISM/NCH to **avoid the overlapping** of the Schedule of AACCC counseling and State or UT counseling.

3. State/UT counseling authorities shall conduct 2 Rounds of counselling for admission in 15% All India Quota (AIQ) UG seats of Private ASU&H Institutes/Private State Universities (other than Deemed Universities established under the Central Act). The AIQ seats that remain vacant after the second round of State/UT counselling may be transferred and converted to the State/UT Government quota seats, and the same shall be filled up in further rounds as per State Government norms/ rules.

4. State/UT counseling authorities should give wider publicity among NEET(UG)- 2023 qualified ASU&H-UG aspirants regarding the registration process of counseling & provide sufficient time for registration before each round of counseling for admission in AIQ-UG seats of Private ASU&H Institutes.

5. State/UT may decide on an all-inclusive application Cost/Non-refundable Registration Fee for counseling for admission in ASU&H-UG seats for all category students. However, the maximum ceiling limit for this fee will be Rs 2000/-.

6. State/UT may decide on refundable security money, which will be refunded to candidates after joining the allotted college or if the candidate does not get any seat during counseling. However, the maximum ceiling limit for this fee will be Rs. 50,000/- for UG seats.

7. The Security money will be forfeited if a candidate does not join the allotted seat of Round-2 or surrender/withdraw the seat allotted in Round-2 based on the candidate's request. Further, the Security money will also be forfeited if the allotted seat of Round-2 is cancelled due to any unforeseen reason from the candidate's end. For example, the candidate gives wrong information at the time of registration on the basis of which a seat may be allotted and later cancelled by the Admission Authorities at the time of reporting or fails to produce the required documents at the time of admission (within the stipulated time).

8. Make a provision to Round-2 admitted candidates of All India Quota Private (UG) counseling so that they can withdraw/surrender their admitted seat by forfeiting of security money only during a specific time period provided by State/UT authority (State/UT authorities can decide this time period to withdraw/surrender the admitted seat of Round-2 as per their counseling schedule). After the said period, candidates will not be allowed to withdraw/surrender their admitted seats of Round-2. If they do so, they will be ineligible for any further AYUSH counseling conducted by Central/State/UT.

9. No domicile certificate is required for allotment of AIQ-UG seats of Private ASU&H Institutes.

10. Reservation for allotment of 15% AIQ-UG seats in Private ASU&H Institutes:- all AIQ-UG seats of Private ASU&H Institutes are open in nature (all category candidates are eligible). However, as mentioned in relevant regulations, the relaxation in qualifying criteria may be provided category-wise.

11. For PwD candidates, the PwD certificate should be as per the directive issued by Central Government and notified by the NCISM/NCH. (available on counseling website (www.aaccc.gov.in) under Counseling Scheme & FAQs.

12. State/UT Counseling authority shall run an effective Query Redressal System to facilitate the counseling and admission process of UG courses and provide email ID & Phone no of the same on the State/UT counseling Authority's website.

B. DIRECTIVE FOR UNIVERSITIES

1. In case of admission in Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy courses, University shall approve the admissions made by any college/institute with proper permission from the MARBISM/MARBH/NCISM/NCH Government of India for the academic session 2023-2024.

2. University shall not approve offline admissions; admissions without counselling (Central/State/UT); admissions after cut-off-date and beyond sanctioned intake capacity.

3. AACCC, M/o Ayush conducts three rounds of online counseling for ASU&H-UG seats under Deemed Universities. The seats that remain vacant after 3rd Round of AACCC-UG counseling will be reverted to the respective Deemed Universities (established under Central Act) to conduct Stray Vacancy Round at the institute level, for which the AACCC, M/o Ayush will provide the list of registered eligible candidates and is to be exercised strictly in order of merit. Only candidates registered in the AACCC-UG counseling are eligible for the Stray Vacancy Round, conducted by Deemed Universities.

C. DIRECTIVE FOR COLLEGES/INSTITUTES

1. No candidate who has failed to obtain the minimum eligibility marks in NEET (UG)-2023 shall be admitted to ASU&H Undergraduate courses, for the academic year 2023-24.
2. No Authority or Institution shall admit any candidate to the Undergraduate courses in contravention of the criteria or procedure in respect of admissions, and any admissions made in contravention shall be cancelled by the NCISM/NCH.
3. Admissions made beyond/ over and above the intake capacity sanctioned/ permitted by MARBISM/NCISM/MARBH/NCH/GOI for the said academic session shall not be approved.
4. There shall not be any offline admission or admission without counseling (Central/State/UT) or admission beyond sanctioned intake capacity, and any admissions in contravention of this shall not be approved.
5. Admission made in violation of the NCISM / NCH directives will be treated as invalid, and action will be initiated under NCISM Act,2020/NCH Act, 2020.
6. Institutes will be held responsible in case students face hardship due to admission irregularities such as offline admissions, admission without counseling and admission beyond sanctioned intake capacity etc. In such case, students shall be discharged from the course and institution, and the institute will be subjected to face consequences as per the provision laid down under the sub-section (1)(a)(f) of section 28 of NCISM Act 2020/NCH Act 2020, and the persons responsible will be prosecuted as per the section of IPC concerned.
7. Admissions made after the cut-off date by any means, shall not be approved NCISM/NCH.
8. No authority has the power to extend or modify the cut-off date of admission specified by NCISM/NCH, and such admissions shall not be approved.
9. No authority has the power to modify the intake capacity for admission to UG courses in ASU&H colleges sanctioned by MARBISM/NCISM/ MARBH/ NCH/GOI.
10. ASU&H colleges/institutes should ensure the eligibility of the candidate as laid down in respective regulations as mentioned in this directive (Sl.No:15).
11. It is requested that all participating institutes must visit Central (AACCC-UG portal: www.aaccc.gov.in), and concerned state/UT counselling portal from time to time for counseling scheme & FAQs, Schedule and any updates/notices regarding UG counseling 2023-24.
12. ASU&H colleges/institutes should ensure the authenticity and correctness of the details of admitted students before completing admission procedures. No modifications/ corrections after the cut-off date and time of admission as specified by NCISM/NCH shall be entertained.
13. The colleges should follow the central/state/UT counseling schedule and upload the details of admitted students and vacant seats if any for each round on the concerned counseling authority portal even on holidays.
14. The list of all admitted students with all details shall be uploaded and submitted to NCISM/NCH in the format prescribed by NCISM/NCH **on or before 6 pm on the cut-off date (20-11-2023)** for admission as specified by NCISM/NCH.

Determination of fees and other charges in case of ASU&H colleges/institutes under NCISM/NCH:

1. The fee for 50 percentage (50%) of total sanctioned/permitted seats in Private ASU&H medical colleges/institutes and deemed universities which are governed under the NCISM Act, 2020/NCH Act, 2020, is to be determined by Fee fixation/Regulatory Committee (FRC) of the respective State/UT/Deemed University as per the directive for “Determination of fee and all other charges” prescribed by NCISM (BUSS/Fee/ASU/2022-23 dated 16-09-2022), and NCH (F.No 1-11/2022/NCH/10322-10331 dated 23.11.2022) which has been implemented from the A.Y 2022-23 onwards.

Tuition fee.-

2. The tuition fee, as laid down and fixed by respective governing or fee fixation committees as applicable, shall be charged in each academic session for four and half years only. No tuition fee shall be charged for an extended duration of study, in case of failing in examinations or for any other reasons, and there shall not be any fee for internship training at the same institute.

3. The college shall display tuition fees, hostel fees, and other fees if any on institute’s website as well as on the Institute profile while uploading on central/state/UT counseling portal as applicable. The same is to be charged from student at the time of admission. No other charges other than the displayed fees should be collected from the candidates.

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Abbreviations:-

1. ASU&H - Ayurveda, Sidha, Unani & Homoeopathy.
2. AIQ - All India Quota
3. AACCC - Ayush Admission Central Counselling Committee
4. FAQ - Frequently Asked Question
5. G.O.I - Government of India
6. MARBISM - Medical Assessment and Rating Board for Indian System of Medicine
7. MARBH - Medical Assessment and Rating Board for Homoeopathy
8. NCISM - National Commission for Indian System of Medicine
9. NCH - National Commission for Homoeopathy
10. NRI - Non Resident Indian
11. NEET - National Eligibility cum Entrance Test
12. UT - Union Territory
13. UG - Undergraduate