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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Sub: Applications for MBBS/BDS/B.E./B.Pharmacy, diploma in Engineering & Pharmacy under Self-financing Scheme for Foreign Student for the academic year 2015-16.**

 Government of India invites Applications from foreign students for nominations to undergraduate courses in **MBBS/BDS, Bachelor of Engineering (B.E), Bachelor of Pharmacy, Diploma in Engineering and Diploma in Pharmacy** under Self-Financing Scheme for the academic year 2015-16. **Foreign students having PIO/OCI Card and NRIs are not eligible to apply for above seats.**

**2. Three (3) sets of applications** completed in all respects and duly supported by the following documents in triplicate (with authentic English translations, wherever required) by interested students **should be submitted to the Embassy of India, Kuwait latest by** **30 April 2015**. Applications will be accepted from only those candidates who possess the minimum qualifications as given below and are willing to join the above courses:

i)          Three copies of candidate’s recent photographs pasted at prescribed places in the application;

ii)         Three copies of candidate’s certificates and **marks sheets with percentage of marks** of the qualifying examination should be **indicated and grades like A, B, C, D, E, etc should be avoided**. **(A certificate from the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi that the candidate’s qualifying examination is equivalent to 10+2 standard of CBSE in India for the purpose of admission to MBBS/BDS/B.E/B. Pharmacy/Diploma in Engineering/Diploma in Pharmacy courses must be enclosed. The website of Association of Indian Universities (**<http://www.aiuweb.org/Evaluation/evaluation.asp>**) may be consulted in this regard**

iii)        Three attested copies of candidate’s:

a)      first four pages of the passport;
b)      citizenship certificate;
c)      birth certificate;
d)      character certificate from the Head of Institution last attended;

**3. Eligibility criteria for various courses:**

(a) **For admission to MBBS/BDS courses**: A candidate must have secured a minimum of 60% aggregate marks with at least 60% in Physics, Chemistry and Biology (Botany & Zoology) separately and 50% in English in the qualifying examination. **(equivalent to 10+2 standard of CBSE in India - equivalence certificate from AIU, New Delhi as requested in para 2(ii) above must be enclosed).**

(b) **For B.E.course**: A candidate must have secured a minimum of 60% aggregate marks with at least 60% in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics separately and 50% in English in the qualifying examination. **(equivalent to 10+2 standard of CBSE in India - equivalence certificate from AIU, New Delhi as requested in para 2(ii) above must be enclosed).**

(c) **For B.Pharmacy/Diploma in Pharmacy courses**: A candidate must have secured a minimum of 60% aggregate marks with at least 60% in Physics, Chemistry, Biology (Botany & Zoology)  separately and 50% in English in the qualifying examination. **(equivalent to 10+2 standard of CBSE in India - equivalence certificate from AIU, New Delhi as requested in para 2(ii) above must be enclosed).**

(d) **For Diploma in Engineering Course**:  A candidate must have secured a minimum of 60% aggregate marks  with at least 60% in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics separately in the first attempt  and 50% in English in 10th as well in 12th Grade examination. **(equivalence certificate from AIU, New Delhi as requested in para 2(ii) above must be enclosed)**

(e) **For admission to 1st year Diploma in Engineering course**, the age limit of the candidate should be below 21 years as on 1.8.2015.

4. Foreign students can also apply for nomination pending final declaration of their qualifying examination results equivalent to 10+2 standard of CBSE. **Nomination of such candidates will, however, depend upon their being eligible on the basis of merit.**

5. Selected candidates are expected to comply with admission formalities and procedures of the respective colleges/universities. These may include specific medical examinations including Aids test in India.

7. Blank application forms can be downloaded from the following link :- (<http://www.indembkwt.org/SFS15.pdf>)

 The list of colleges for MBBS/B. Pharmacy courses and Engineering courses is given at Annexure-I, II & III respectively in the link. ((<http://www.indembkwt.org/SFS15.pdf>)

**The seats are generally allocated in these Colleges / Institutes but may vary depending on final allocation by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Human Resource Development respectively.**

8. **It may please be noted that above seats are on self-finance basis and Students Cell in this Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India does not provide any financial aid/scholarships to foreign students selected under above Scheme.**

9. Acceptance of the applications at Embassy of India, Kuwait should not be treated as assurance for admission. The applications of candidates will be considered for admission in the order of merit and preference. The decision of the appropriate authorities in India in this regard will be final

10. Last date for receipt of completed applications, in the prescribed proforma, in the Ministry of External Affairs (Students Cell), Jawaharlal Nehru is **11thth May 2015. Interested candidates may submit their, duly filled in application forms, to Shri A.K. Srivastava, Second Secretary (PIC) , Embassy of India, Kuwait latest by 30 April, 2015.**

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