

Information Bulletin
for
International Fellowship in
Minimal Access Surgery/
Surgical Oncology
(2018- Admission Session)



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1. INTRODUCTION

National Board of Examinations India is an organization in the field of post graduate medical education. NBE administers postgraduate and postdoctoral courses in 69 disciplines and subspecialties of modern medicine and surgical specialties. NBE awards the prestigious Diplomate National Board & Fellow National Board after exit level examination at National level.

The Christie NHS Foundation Trust is the largest single site cancer hospital in Europe and serves a population 3.2 million people in the North West of England. The Trust comprises the Hospital (a designated teaching Hospital of the University of Manchester), the Paterson Institute for Cancer Research and North Western Medical Physics.

Sir Ganga Ram Hospital is a tertiary care hospital at New Delhi. Department of Surgical Gastroenterology and liver Transplant is one of the largest and eminent department in the country. The first DNB Course in Surgical Gastroenterology in India was started here and the department is a pioneer centre in India to perform Laparoscopic and Robotic GI cancer Surgery. The hospital has been accredited by NBE for DNB-Surgical Gastroenterology and FNB- Minimal Access Surgery.

International Fellowship in Minimal Access Surgery/ Surgical Oncology

National Board of Examinations in association with Christie NHS Foundation Trust, Manchester, UK & Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi is offering a unique opportunity of an International Fellowship in Minimal Access Surgery/ Surgical Oncology.

Programme Features:

- Number of seats for the program: 1 or 2 (subject to availability of seats).
- One Year training at the Christie NHS Foundation Trust, UK.
- One year training at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi
- At the end of training candidate shall be eligible to write FNB(MAS) examination of NBE and depending on candidate experience) of Edge Hill University,UK.
- Stipend during training in India shall be paid by Sir Ganga Ram Hospital as per NBE norms.
- Stipend during training in UK shall be paid by Christie NHS Foundation Trust as per norms of MTI Scheme.- Approximate Stipend: (Specialist registrar level 3) £46, 208/ year with oncall supplement
- Appointment carries a requirement to register for the MCh Programme with Edge Hill University. Candidate shall have to pay for university fees. Stipend during training in UK shall cover university fees which will be deducted from salary.
- Approximate University fees:. If the candidate has completed MRCS then sponsorship for GMC registration is available without additional sponsorship requirement. In this case the course fees for the MCh programme is the same as the local student fees appx £15000 over two years. International students fees (Without MRCS): £35,000 paid over two years of the programme
- Selected candidates shall make his/her own arrangement for Boarding/ lodging/ medical insurance/ professional identity insurance etc. NHSLA provides professional indemnity.
- Selected candidates are required to complete IELTS VI before entry into UK with a Minimum score of 7 in each of the 4 categories with an overall score of 7.5

2 . INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- i. The course duration of this programme is that of 2 years.
- ii. Registration form for submission of Expression of Interest for admission to the programme should reach NBE by the cut off date. There is no provision for condoning any kind of delay including technical failure, etc.
- iii. Statements made by the candidate in the registration form shall have to be supported by the relevant documents.
- iv. Applications of candidates producing false or fabricated records shall not be considered and candidates may be further debarred from appearing in any future examinations.
- v. Candidates should go through the bulletin carefully for eligibility criteria before contacting the NBE Office. Queries pertaining to eligibility and other issues shall only be entertained if the information requested is not given in bulletin or on NBE website
- vi. Incomplete applications or applications not in accordance with instructions will not be considered.
- vii. **The admission process fee will not be refunded.** Fee shall neither be carried forward to a future date nor refunded under any circumstances.
- viii. Candidate found to be ineligible at any stage of admission scheme shall not be permitted to appear in the further process. In an unlikely event of any ineligible candidate appearing and/or being successful, the results/candidature of such candidate shall be cancelled and/or are deemed to be cancelled.
- ix. Instructions in the information-bulletin are liable to changes based on decisions taken by NBE from time to time.
- x. NBE reserves the right to withdraw permission, if any, granted inadvertently to any candidate who is not eligible to appear in the qualifying examination and/or interview process even though the admit card/roll number has been issued or name/roll number is displayed on NBE website.
- xi. Candidates' eligibility is purely provisional & is subject to the fulfillment of meeting eligibility criteria as prescribed by NBE.

- xii. NBE reserves its absolute rights to alter the examination schedule, pattern, policy and guidelines at any time during the continuation or after the completion of training. The candidate shall have no right whatsoever for claiming /deriving any right from past or present schedule, policy and guidelines of NBE.
- xiii. The existing schedule, pattern, policy and guidelines are for ready reference only but in no way they are or are ought to be treated as representative or acknowledgment of fact that NBE is bound to follow the same in future.
- xiv. In case of any ambiguity in interpretation of any of the instructions/terms/rules/criteria regarding the determination of eligibility/ conduct of examinations/registration of candidates/information contained herein, the interpretation of the National Board of Examinations shall be final and binding.
- xv. Request will not be entertained for change in date/center of examination under any circumstances.
- xvi. Absentees from the examination/interview process will **forfeit** their admission process fee.
- xvii. Photocopy of the filled in registration form may be retained by the candidate for future use/correspondence.
- xviii. Result and Roll number for qualifying examination and/or interview process will be notified to the candidates.
- xix. Candidates **MUST** bring to the test centre the following documents. Unfair means case shall be registered against the candidates submitting false/ forged documents:

Any one of the following authorised photo IDs** (must be original and non-expired):

- Aadhar Card
- PAN Card
- Driving Licence
- Voter ID
- Passport

**The name on photo identification must match the name as shown on Admit Card. If the name has been changed due to events such as marriage, candidate must show the relevant document mentioned below at all stages of the admission process.

- Marriage Certificate
- Divorce Decree
- Legal Name Change Document

- xx. Candidates should ensure before applying for the fellowship that the Medical Council of India recognizes their MBBS and MD/MS/DM/MCh degree. If it is found at any time that MCI does not recognize the Degree, then NBE shall have the right to cancel the candidature/registration of the candidate.
- xxi. Admission to the International Fellowship in Minimal Access Surgery/ Surgical Oncology shall be done only through Admission Scheme process conducted by National Board of Examination as per prescribed guidelines.
- xxii. The validity of the merit position shall be for the same admission session. The merit position/score obtained shall not be carried forward.
- xxiii. All the correspondence should be addressed to the Executive Director, National Board of Examinations, Mahatma Gandhi Marg, Ansari Nagar, Medical Enclave, and New Delhi-110029.
- xxiv. **The jurisdiction for court cases/disputes shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of competent courts at Delhi/New Delhi.**

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Essential

i. Category-I (Exempted from the Qualifying Examination)

The candidates must be in possession of any of the following qualifications post DNB/MS (General Surgery):

- a. DNB (Surgical Gastroenterology)
- b. DNB (Surgical Oncology)
- c. FNB (Minimal Access Surgery)
- d. FRCS
- e. MCh (Surgical Gastroenterology)
- f. MCh (Surgical Oncology)

OR

Category II (Shall have to appear in the qualifying examination)

DNB (General Surgery)/ MS (General Surgery) with 2 years experience as Senior Resident/ Registrar/any above position in the department for surgical discipline.

- ii. Candidates who do not come under Category-I or Category-II shall not be eligible to apply for the programme.
- iii. Valid IELTS Score of 7.5. Candidates who do not possess a valid IELTS Score shall be required to obtain one in the required time if selected for the course.

DESIRABLE

- Successful completion of MRCS- helps to obtain GMC registration. In this case the candidate may be eligible for Medical training initiative (MTI scheme) where process can be facilitated by The Christie NHS Foundation Trust.
- IELTS. UK VTS with a Minimum score of 7 in each of the 4 categories with an overall score of 7.5.

4. ADMISSION SCHEME

Mere submission of the registration form does not entail admission to the fellowship programme, this is an assurance that the applicant may be considered for admission to the fellowship programme

- i. The application forms received shall then be screened for eligibility for the programme and shall be divided into the following categories:

Category	Criteria	Conditions met
Category I	Exempted from the Qualifying Examination	Candidates in possession of any of the following qualifications post DNB/MS (General Surgery): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FRCS • DNB (Surgical Gastro) • DNB (Surgical Oncology) • MCh (GIS) • MCh (Surgical Oncology) • FNB (MAS)
Category II	Shall have to appear in the qualifying examination	Candidates with 3 years of post graduate training (MS (General Surgery) or DNB(General Surgery)) must possess 2 years of experience in the department for Surgical discipline.
Category III	Considered Ineligible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications which do not come under Category I or Category II • Applications received after cutoff date

- iii. Candidates who fall under the ambit of Category I shall be exempt to appear in the Qualifying Examination and shall be assessed during the Credentials/Assessment Process.
- iv. Candidates who qualify under Category II shall have to appear and pass the Qualifying Examination conducted by NBE for the Credentials/Assessment Process.
- v. Candidates whose applications come under Category III shall not be considered for admission scheme and their applications shall be rejected at that stage only.
- vi. **Qualifying Examination:**
- a. Qualifying examination for candidates who fall under Category II as denoted above shall be conducted on **10th August, 2018** at **New Delhi**.

- b. The candidates who shall be declared passed in the Qualifying examination shall undergo a two tier process of Credentials/Assessment.

vii. **Credentials/Assessment Process.**

- a. The following candidates shall undergo a Two tier process of Credentials/Assessment at New Delhi:
 - i. The candidates who shall be declared passed in the Qualifying examination.
 - ii. Candidates from Category I.

5. PAYMENT OF FEES

i. **Admission Process Fees: Rs. 4,500/-**

The Admission Process Fees has to be submitted by **25th July, 2018**.

Please Note: This fees shall be charged from all applicant candidates irrespective of the fact that whether they fall under the ambit of Category I or Category II.

ii. **Deposition of Fees:**

Through NEFT/ RTGS: Candidate can deposit the fees through NEFT/ RTGS to the following account:

Name of Account: NBE FEE COLLECTION ACCOUNT
Account No.: 830641451
Bank Name: INDIAN BANK
Bank Branch: DWARKA BRANCH, NEW DELHI - 110075
IFS Code: IDIB000DO46

iii. **Candidates shall have to submit a details of NEFT/RTGS to NBE through email to cpd4@nbe.edu.in latest by 25th July, 2018.**

Kindly Note:

- i. Fee submitted through demand draft shall not be accepted.
- ii. Fees cannot be deposited at NBE office.
- iii. Candidates remaining absent from the examination will forfeit their examination fee. Candidates are advised to read the rule position carefully and satisfy the terms and conditions for fulfillment of eligibility criteria.

6. PATTERN OF QUALIFYING EXAMINATION:

- a. The Qualifying Examination shall be a MCQ based paper possessing the following features:
 - i. 100 Questions
 - ii. 2 hours duration
 - iii. No negative Marking
 - iv. Syllabus: Surgical Oncology, Minimal Access Surgery and GI Surgery (Exit Level)
 - v. Qualifying Criteria: 50% Score

- b. The date of conduct of Credentials/ Assessment Process shall be intimated to eligible candidates only.

- c. The questions will be of multiple choice and objective in nature.

- d. The answers have to be given in the specially designed answer sheet (OMR type), which will be provided in the examination hall.

- e. Candidates are not allowed to take copy of question booklet/ OMR Sheet under any circumstances.

7. CENTRES FOR QUALIFYING EXAMINATION & INTERVIEW PROCESS

QUALIFYING EXAMINATION

- a) The Qualifying Examination shall be conducted on **10th August, 2018** at **New Delhi**.
- b) **Candidate shall have to submit their fees with the details of NEFT/RTGS to NBE by 25th July, 2018.**
- c) The exact venue shall be informed to the eligible candidates through admit card.
- d) National Board of Examinations reserves the right to cancel/add any other centre .The final centers shall be informed to the candidates by means of admit card.
- e) The candidate shall appear at the center allocated by the National Board at his/her own cost.
- f) **REQUESTS FOR CHANGE OF CENTER WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED.** Candidates are advised not to canvass with NBE for change of center.

CREDENTIALS/ ASSESSMENT PROCESS

- a) The process of Credentials/ Assessments shall be conducted at New Delhi only.
- b) The exact date and venue shall be informed to the eligible candidates through email.
- c) The candidate shall appear for the Credentials/ Assessment Process at his/her own cost.

8. ADMIT CARD:

- a) Admit card shall be issued to all candidates who fulfill the prescribed eligibility criteria.
- b) The list of eligible candidates along with the centre allotted to them shall also be displayed at NBE website.
- c) Candidates are advised to carefully go through the instructions mentioned on the admit card.
- d) Candidates **MUST** bring to the test centre the following documents. Unfair means case shall be registered against the candidates submitting false/ forged documents:

Any one of the following authorised photo IDs** (must be original and non-expired):

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9. DECLARATION OF RESULTS :

- a) The results will be posted on NBE website and all the selected candidates will be individually informed.
- d) There is no provision for retotalling / Re-evaluation/Re-checking.

10. CONTACT NBE/ PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

Candidate Care Helpline Number	011-45593000
Toll Free No.	1800-11-1800
E-mail	cpd4@nbe.edu.in

PROGRAMME DIRECTORS-

1. Dr Saumitra Rawat
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11.

GUIDELINES FOR COMMUNICATION

- a. The e-mail query shall be addressed only if it is not anonymous and contains the name, postal address and contact telephone number of sender.
- b. An e-mail containing vague or general queries that are contained in the information Bulletin shall not be entertained.
- c. The following information shall not be revealed:
 - Internal movement of file
 - Any claim/counter claim thereof.
 - Names of the staff/officers dealing.
 - Any information which in the opinion of NBE cannot be revealed.
- d. Queries shall not be entertained from person claiming themselves to be representative, associates or affiliates of the applicant/candidate.

12. CAUTION NOTICE, NON DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT, UNFAIR MEAN & DISCLAIMER

12.1 Caution Notice

- a) Candidates are advised to refer to website and Information Bulletin for authentic information and periodic updates about the fellowship programme and conduct of admission process.
- b) Candidates are advised not to be allured by claims of any party or person or institute for qualifying the examination or securing seat as per the regulations.
- c) Candidates are advised to bring any such information to the notice of NBE by e-mail: mail@natboard.edu.in.

12.2 Non Disclosure Agreement

The qualifying examination is a proprietary examination and is conducted by National Board of Examinations. The contents of this test are confidential, proprietary and are owned by National Board of Examinations. NBE explicitly prohibits the candidate from publishing, reproducing or transmitting any or some contents of this test, in whole or in part, in any form or by any means verbal or written, electronic or mechanical or for any purpose.

By registering for and /or appearing in qualifying examination the candidate explicitly agrees to the above Non Disclosure Agreement and general terms of use for qualifying examination as contained in this Information Bulletin, website. Violation of any act or breach of the same shall be liable for penal action and cancellation of the candidature at the bare threshold.

12.3 Unfair means – If during the course of admission process, a candidate is found indulging in any of the following, he/she shall be deemed to have use unfair means.

- If a candidate is found to have made a wrong statement in his/her registration form for admission to the fellowship programme /training or has attempted to secure or has secured admission to any of the examinations of NBE by making a false statement or by production of a false document
- If at any stage a candidate has tampered with any entry in the certificate or statement of marks or any certificate issued by any governmental or non-governmental body or any other document that has been issued to him/ her by the Board.

- Use/possession of any kind of electronic gadgets including mobile phones with or without internet (whether the gadgets are actually used or not).
- Having in possession of any note-book(s) or notes or chits or any other unauthorized material concerning the subject pertaining to the examination paper.
- Anything written on any part of clothing, body, desk, table or any instrument such as setsquare, protractor, blotting paper and question paper etc.
- Giving or receiving assistance directly or indirectly of any kind or attempting to do so.
- Change of seat without the permission of Examination Supervisor
- Writing questions or answers on any material other than the answer book given by the Examination Supervisor for writing answers.
- Tearing of any page of the answer book or supplementary answer book.etc.
- Contacting or communicating or trying to do so with any person, other than the Examination Staff, during the examination time in the examination center
- Consulting notes, books or any other material or outside person while going out of the examination hall to toilet or to any other place.
- Taking away the answer book out of the examination hall/room.
- Impersonation.
- Using or attempting to use any other undesirable method or means in connection with the examination.
- Smuggling out Question Paper or its part; or smuggling out answer book/supplementary answer sheet or part thereof.
- Running away or swallowing or destroying any note or paper or material found with him/her.
- If the answer books show that a candidate has received or given help to any other candidate through copying.
- Threatening any of the officials connected with the conduct of the examinations or threatening of any of the candidates.
- Found exchanging answer book or question paper with solution or copying from unauthorized material.
- Peeping into the answer sheet of the other candidate

- Disclosing his/her identity or making distinctive mark in the answer book for that purpose or fails to deliver his/her answer book/ continuation sheet before leaving the examination hall.
- Hacking or attempting to hack or causing interference with the website of NBE or its Technology Partner(s) or their Information Technology systems.
- Tampering with Information Technology systems of NBE or Technology Partner(s)
- Candidate found to have attempted or trying to attempt personally or through another person to influence or pressurize an examiner, or any officer or official connected with the examinations of the NBE or its technology partner, either at the Board or at the office of technology partner or their respective residence(s), in any matter concerned with the examinations.
- Any act of candidate/any person which is detrimental to safe, secure and smooth conduct of examination and the decision of EEC in this regard shall be final.
- Candidate is found talking/peeping to another candidate during the examination hours in the examination room.
- A candidate who refuses to obey the Superintendent of Examinationcenter and changes his/her seat with another candidate and/or creates disturbance of any kind during the examination and/or otherwise misbehaves in the examination hall.
- A candidate found copying from notes written on any part of his/her clothing, body, desk or table or instrument like setsquares, protractors, scales etc. or who is found guilty of concealing, disfiguring, rendering illegible, swallowing or destroying any notes or papers or material found with him/her or found exchanging answer book or question paper with solution or talking to a person or consulting notes or books outside the Examination Hall, while going to the toilet or in the toilet.
- Any candidate found guilty of having adopted anyone or more of the above Unfair means/misconduct is liable to be penalized with a penalty by the Ethics Committee, which may vary from cancellation of the examination/expulsion up to next 14 attempts/7 yrs and/or cancellation of candidature as may be decided by Examinations Ethics Committee after considering each case.

The above list is purely indicative. If any act of omission or commission attributed to the candidate/intent by the candidate to viciat the sanctity of the examination in decision of NBE shall be taken up as unfair means.

12.4 Disclaimer – The decision of NBE shall be final and binding for declaration of any person /candidate guilty of foregoing or such offence as shall be classified as Unfair Means Case.

12.5 The candidate by indulging in unfair means, may in addition to rendering himself liable to criminal prosecution, be liable:-

- a) To be disqualified by the NBE from the Examination for which he is a candidate; and/or
- b) To be debarred either permanently or for a specified period:-
 - a. By the NBE, from any examination or selection held by them;
 - b. By the Central /State Government from any employment under them; and
- c) To disciplinary action under the appropriate rules if he is already in service under Government.