**NATIONAL BOARD OF EXAMINATIONS**
**NEW DELHI**

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# NOTICE

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**Subject: Extension of training of candidates due to COVID-19 pandemic**

1. NBE deeply appreciates the role of trainees of all the departments across all the specialties in the management of COVID-19 pandemic as front-line warriors.

2. Notwithstanding the above, it is well known that the **"specialty specific training"** of DNB, DrNB and FNB trainees has been adversely impacted in the entire country due to COVID-19 pandemic and consequent lockdown for 6 – 9 months.

3. The Governing body, NBE has decided to extend the training of all the candidates of below mentioned batches, by a period of "three months" beyond their scheduled date of completion of training, across all courses (DNB/DrNB/FNB) to compensate for the loss of the **"specialty specific training"** due to COVID-19 pandemic.

4. This extension of training shall be applicable to the following batches of trainees whose scheduled tenure is ending in 2021:

| Course | Admission Session | Duration of Extension |
|---|---|---|
| DNB Broad Specialty (Post MBBS) | 2018 | 3 Months |
| DrNB Super Specialty | 2018 | 3 Months |
| DNB Broad Specialty (Post Diploma) | 2019 | 3 Months |
| FNB | 2019 | 3 Months |

5. It is mandatory for all the hospitals to pay the stipend to the trainees (as per NBE stipend guidelines) for this three-month period of extension of training.

6. This extension of training being done under special circumstances would not interfere with the eligibility of the candidates to appear in their respective exit examinations as the cut-off dates for the purpose of eligibility determination for the exit examinations shall also be modified accordingly.

7. This extension would not in any way affect the eligible candidates to appear in the NEET-SS 2021/FET 2021.

8. The period of extension shall be further aligned to the training period, if and when extended by the National Medical Commission (NMC) for its courses, if the extension of training undertaken by NMC exceeds three months.

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