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## PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

**Subject:** Revision of Eligibility Criteria for Registration of Medical and Health Professionals with the Medical and Health Professionals Council (MHPC), Bhutan Qualifications and Professionals Certification Authority (BQPCA), MoESD.

The Bhutan Qualifications and Professionals Certification Authority (BQPCA), Ministry of Education and Skills Development (MoESD), hereby notifies the general public that the eligibility criteria for registration of medical and health professionals with the Medical and Health Professionals Council (MHPC) have been revised.

The earlier criteria were notified vide:

- Notification No. **BQPCA/MHPC/CPD/26/658** dated **25 May 2023**
- Notification No. **BQPCA/MHPC/CPD/26/1228** dated **1 August 2023**

The revision aims to facilitate smoother academic and professional progression for students aspiring to careers in allied health, nursing and midwifery, medicine, dentistry, and other health-related professions, while aligning with emerging international practices in health professional education and regulation.

### **1. Registration Criteria for Allied Health Programmes, including Nursing (Bachelor and Diploma)**

#### **Previous Criteria:**

- Diploma/Advanced Diploma in Nursing and Midwifery:** Class XII Pass Certificate in any stream (Science, Arts, or Commerce) was eligible.
- Direct admission to B.Sc Nursing and Midwifery and Allied Health programmes:** Only students with a Science background with a minimum of **40 marks each in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics** were eligible.



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### Revised Criteria:

- Diploma/Advanced Diploma in Nursing and Midwifery:** Class XII Pass Certificate in any stream/subjects is eligible.
- Direct admission to B.Sc Nursing and Midwifery and Allied Health programmes:** Class XII Pass Certificate in any stream/subjects is eligible.

## 2. Registration Criteria for MBBS and BDS

### Previous Criteria:

- Students from the Science stream were required to obtain a minimum of **50 marks each in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics** for MBBS and BDS admission.

### Revised Criteria:

- Class XII Pass Certificate in the Science stream** is eligible for MBBS and BDS admission.

While the Council has revised the eligibility requirements for registration, it is important to note that the Council does not have the authority to compel or mandate universities, colleges, or training institutes, either within or outside Bhutan, to adopt or implement these criteria for admission. Each institution retains the autonomy to determine and enforce its own minimum admission requirements in accordance with its academic policies, programme structures, and institutional regulations.

However, the council reserves the right to assess the competency of the applicants prior to granting registration and scope of professional practices in the country.

This notification supersedes all previous notifications related to the eligibility criteria and shall come into force with immediate effect.

For further clarification, please contact the **Medical and Health Professionals Council** at: [mhpc@bqpc.gov.bt](mailto:mhpc@bqpc.gov.bt)

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