



**INDIAN NURSING COUNCIL  
COMBINED COUNCILS BUILDING  
KOTLA ROAD, TEMPLE LANE  
NEW DELHI-110 002**

**(Circular)**

F.No. 1-5 CB(cir)/2009-INC

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To,

1. All the Health Secretary of State Govt. Director of Medical Education, Director of Health Services and all the State Govt./Union Territory
2. The Registrar, All the State Nursing Council/Examination Boards/Bodies.
3. The Registrar, all the Universities

**Sub: Relaxation of various norms reg:**

Dear Sir/madam,

Indian Nursing Council has relaxed the following norms in order to cater the growing need for nurses to meet the shortage of nurses.

1. INC has kept in abeyance the letter with regard to upgrading of School of Nursing into College of Nursing i.e. Instt. Can start GNM programme.
2. Essentiality certificate/NOC/Government order is not required for enhancement of seats
3. G.O/NOC is exempted for upgradation of schools of nursing to B.Sc(N)/P.B.BSc(N) programme
4. Institutions can start nursing programme(GNM/B.Sc(N)) with affiliation or parent Hospital with minimum of 120-150 beds.
5. The land area requirement from 3/5 acres has been relaxed for all nursing programmes. The institution should have constructed area of 54,000 sq. ft. (**Annex-I enclosed**) inclusive of teaching and hostel building.
6. Qualification and Experience of the Nursing Teachers has been relaxed up to 2012 to start B.Sc. (N) Programme (**Annex-II enclosed**).
7. Atleast 2 M.Sc(N) qualified teaching faculty along with other requisite teaching faculty to be recruited to start the B.Sc(N) programme. And one has to be recruited every year till the first batch comes to the final year. I.e. atleast 5 M.Sc(N) qualified faculty should be available before the first batch passes out.

8. Indian Nursing Council has introduced new programmes i.e, post basic diploma programmes in various speciality courses designed to prepare speciality trained nurses.

The institutions are exempted from NOC/Essentiality certificate from respective state if the institution is recognized for GNM/B.Sc(N) programme subject to the condition that the institution has parent hospital. **(Annex-III enclosed)**

9. Super specialty Hospital\* can start M.Sc. (N)/post basic diploma programme without having under graduate programme subject to the NOC/Essentiality certificate from State Govt and having respective speciality parent hospital **(Annex-IV enclosed)**
10. Admission for all Nursing programmes are allowed for married candidates.
11. There is no sex bar for the admission to nursing Course. Male candidates can also be admitted.
12. Age for Teaching Faculty has been increased to 70 years
13. Maximum of 100 seats will be given to those having parent hospital with 300 beds
14. Maximum Distance from school/college of nursing to hospital has been relaxed from 15 km to 30 km
15. Eligibility Criteria for admission has been relaxed i.e, ANM- 10<sup>th</sup> pass, GNM - 40%, B.Sc(N). - 45%

Further, all the resolutions are updated regularly on the website.

Yours faithfully,

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SECRETARY