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## Govt medical colleges to have more PG seats

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THE number of post-graduate medical seats for clinical courses might be increased in state government medical colleges for the academic year 2018-19.

The State Department of Medical Education is all set to submit a proposal to the Medical Council of India (MCI) under the "one-time increase of seats", announced by the Central government recently. Following an official communication from MCI, the officials of medical education department are preparing individual proposals for each college.

The deadline to apply is January 19. The MCI will also reject any incomplete proposal.

As per information available from the department, of the 16 government medical colleges, 10 offer post graduate courses and all have clinical courses. "As the increase will be based on the teacher student ratio, we are submitting a detailed proposal individually for each college," a department official said.

"We have to be careful while submitting the proposal. In case there is a small error or any incomplete data, then we will lose the opportunity to get a one-time increase, and we will get rejected," the official added.

At present, the total number of PG seats available for MS (Master of Surgery) and MD (Doctorate in Medicine) in government medical colleges in the state is 747, while in PG diploma it is 175. According to the officials, this will double the number of seats.

### Colleges eligible for increasing PG seats

- Mandya Medical College
- Hassan Institute of Medical Sciences
- Shimogga Institute of Medical Sciences
- Bangalore Medical College
- Mysore Medical College
- Bellari Institute of Medical Sciences
- Karnataka Institute of Medical Sciences (Hubballi)
- Raichur Institute of Medical Sciences
- Bidar Institute of Medical Sciences
- Belagavi Institute of Medical Sciences

(Apart from these medical colleges, Jayadeva Institute of Cardio Vascular Sciences, Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology and Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health can also apply.)

As the teacher student ratio has been increased, where the ratio has been revised for professors from the earlier 1:2 to 1:3 and for associate professors from 1:1 to 1:2, the student intake will be doubled. The major subjects under clinical courses are anaesthesia, paediatrics, gynaecology, radiology, and general surgery.

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# AICTE caps number of research scholars per guide

## Technical school professor can only take four at a time

**NEW DELHI: The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has put a cap on the number of research scholars that the faculty of technical institutes can guide.**

As per revised rules, a professor will guide a maximum of four research scholars while an associate professor just two

at a time.

This is the first time that the council has put a cap on the number of research scholars per guide.

The revised rules will be applicable to all engineering colleges and other technical institutes from the academic session 2018-19.

"This has been done in the

best interest of the students. Prescribed number of research scholars per guide is expected to improve quality in the academic work of the research scholars," an AICTE official told *DH*.

Last year, the University Grants Commission (UGC) had put a cap on the number of students per guide, drawing a stiff opposition from students of some of the central universities, including the Jawaharlal Nehru University.

"Research supervisor/co-

supervisor who is a professor, at any given point of time, cannot guide more than three MPhil and eight PhD scholars. An associate professor as research supervisor can guide up to a maximum of two MPhil and six PhD scholars and an assistant professor as research supervisor can guide up to a maximum of one MPhil and four PhD scholars," the UGC's 2016 regulations stipulated.

The students claimed that the move will cut down the MPhil and PhD seats as a large

number of faculty positions in their respective varsities were lying vacant.

A section of faculty also criticised the move after the JNU administration implemented the revised regulations of the UGC.

The AICTE in its revised rules has stipulated that institutions should have at least 50% and 25% of the full-time faculty members with PhD if the institutions have applied for approval of 20 seats and 10 seats in each of the pro-

grammes, respectively.

Such faculty can include a fellow from the technical institutes approved by the Council, those from the universities recognised by the Association of Indian University (AIU) and those from "reputed" foreign universities.

"These faculty members should have at least two papers published in referred indexed cited international or national journals in the last three years," the council added.

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