

10.05.2023

To

**Respected Shri Narendra Modi Ji,  
Honb'le Prime Minister of India,  
152, South Block,  
Raisina Hill,  
New Delhi-110011**

**Sub: - Advisory for Indian students planning of studying medicine in Uzbekistan**

**Ref.:**

Following were sent to Embassy of India in Uzbekistan by me -

- ❖ Emails dated Sep 1, 2022; Sep 3, 2022; Oct 5, 2022; Oct 7, 2022; Nov 22, 2022; February 19, 2023
- ❖ RTI application Registration No. MEATK/R/E/23/00004 dated 15.04.2023
- ❖ RTI first appeal registration No. MEATK/A/E/23/00001 dated 15.04.2023

**Subject: Clarification on Indian Medical students planning of studying medicine in Uzbekistan**

**Respected Sir,**

I am writing to you about my previous emails and RTI applications sent to the Embassy of India in Uzbekistan, which have not received a proper response yet. I wanted to get information about medical education in Uzbekistan for Indian students from our embassy, as they are responsible for providing such guidance.

Twice I received the reply stating almost similar reply - "The Embassy of India has approached concerned Ministry of Uzbekistan for clarification of all the queries you conveyed to us. Once the reply is received the same would be transmitted"; **but that never ever was transmitted to me.**

**I believe that we cannot solely rely on foreign universities or institutions for accurate information about medical education, especially when the students' future is at stake. It is crucial to receive an official advisory from our embassy.**

I had asked the Embassy of India in Uzbekistan the questions, which could serve as an advisory for Indian students planning to study medicine in Uzbekistan; and now I request the Embassy of India in Uzbekistan to reply **eleven** questions as mentioned below:

**1. What is the duration of a Medical Doctor Degree (equivalent to MBBS in India) in Uzbekistan for local students?**

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2. What is the duration of a Medical Doctor Degree (equivalent to MBBS in India) in Uzbekistan for foreign students?
3. What is the language of instruction for a Medical Doctor Degree (equivalent to MBBS in India) in Uzbekistan?
4. What are the provisions and duration of internships in Uzbekistan?
5. Can an Indian student obtain a license to practice in Uzbekistan, and is it equivalent to the registration for license to practice granted to local citizens?
6. What is the complete process of registration for license to practice as medical practitioner granted to local citizens in Uzbekistan to practice as a medical practitioner?
7. Can Indian students obtain a license to practice as a Medical Practitioner in Uzbekistan and is this at par with the Registration granted to local citizens of Uzbekistan?
8. Will the Indian students be allowed to have 12 months of internship after 5 or 6 years of medical education in Uzbekistan?
9. Are there any licensing exams for medical doctors in Uzbekistan, and if yes, in which language?
10. Do Uzbekistan have any licensing exam for local or foreign citizens to obtain a license to practice as a Medical Practitioner in Uzbekistan and if Yes, in which language?

**11. MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION** - in your advisory (see page 3 of enclosures) following is mentioned - **Any student during the stay in Uzbekistan requires treatment for any complicated ailment/major surgery etc., he/she is advised to go to India or elsewhere.**

Does it indirectly mean that the medical education and the health system in Uzbekistan is such quality that a student has to go to some other country for treatment and not the country he or she is studying medicine. **Kindly clarify.**

**Each country has a set of rules and regulations regarding medical education and licensing for medical practice for their local students.** I believe that the Embassy of India, in Uzbekistan can access this information officially, while I, as a common person, cannot.

**Students are going to Uzbekistan in bulk even after FMGL 2021 in the absence of clarity on the rules and regulations of medical education there** and the students can face problems here in India after the completion of the course duration of 5 or 6 or 7 years.

Advisory already on the official website as attached is too old as it gives reference to the Erstwhile Medical Council of India website not the Existing National Medical Commission.

**Let us together educate the students about the rules and regulations governing medical education in Uzbekistan before they join Medical Doctor Degree program in Uzbekistan;** so I kindly request your assistance in obtaining answers to above questions from the Embassy of India in Uzbekistan. **It would be**

helpful if the information could be posted as a detailed advisory on the official website of the Embassy as well.

Sincerely Yours,

**Ravi Kumar Koul**

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**Enclosures - 17 PAGES**

- ❖ Embassy of India Uzbekistan Advisory for Indian Medical students 01.12.2022
- ❖ Embassy of India Uzbekistan Advisory for Indian Medical students
- ❖ Email to Embassy of India, Uzbekistan dated Sep 1, 2022
- ❖ Email to Embassy of India, Uzbekistan dated Sep 3, 2022
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Through E-mail to -

**Embassy of India, Tashkent**

[amb.tashkent@mea.gov.in](mailto:amb.tashkent@mea.gov.in), [cons.tashkent@mea.gov.in](mailto:cons.tashkent@mea.gov.in)

(For information and quick reply to all questions please)

CC. E-mail to -

**Dr. S. Jaishankar**

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External Affairs Minister, INDIA

**Republic of India; Bhārat Gaṇarājya**

(For information)

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<https://eoi.gov.in/tashkent/?17439?000>

Advisory for Indian students desirous of pursuing Medicine Course in  
the Republic of Uzbekistan

On the request of Embassy of India, Tashkent, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan has informed the following in connection with Medical studies in Higher Medical Institutions/Universities in Uzbekistan:

The National Medical Council of India has made a number of changes to the system of recognition of foreign medical qualifications and diplomas of higher medical education. At the same time, the main indicator (by 2022) is "these diplomas and skills must be recognized and valid in the country, where the higher education institution that issued them is located".

Hence, as on date, the 5-year MBBS educational program required by India is not included in the classification of higher medical education, and the mechanisms for issuing a diploma in this specialty and its recognition in Uzbekistan have not yet been worked out.

Moreover, in accordance with the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No.PF-78 dated Feb 24, 2022, the duration of the educational field of General Medicine is set at 6 years.

Therefore, Indian students are fully enrolled in 6-year "Therapeutic Work" programs. The 6-year program meets all the requirements established by the National Medical Commission of India (duration of training and periods allotted for practice). After completing this educational program, the graduate will have the right to practice medicine in the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Once the 5-year MBBS educational program is included in the classification of higher medical education of the Republic of Uzbekistan, all Indian students will be invited to study under this program.

Tashkent  
01.12.2022

<https://eoi.gov.in/tashkent/?9123?000>

Advisory to Indian students intending to study in the Republic of Uzbekistan

Embassy of India  
Tashkent

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**Advisory to Indian students intending to study in the Republic of Uzbekistan**

All Indian students intending to join universities and colleges in the Republic of Uzbekistan for higher studies are advised to make necessary inquiries and consider following before they apply for admission:

- It is mandatory that all the Certificates and mark sheets issued in India are to be apostilled at Ministry of External Affairs (CPV Division Patiala House), New Delhi for seeking admission. For more information, please click on the following link: <http://mea.gov.in/apostille.htm>
- Documentation is extremely important and you must ensure that the relevant papers are in order. Please make sure that any contract signed is in English language or bilingual and go through it carefully before signing it. Please do not sign a contract which is only in Russian or Uzbek language and the contents are not clear.
- Students should ensure that the medium of instruction for the course is English.
- Browse through the websites of the respective university. It is in the interest of aspiring students who wish to study in Uzbek universities to do thorough survey & satisfy themselves about the credibility of courses offered by these universities and also about their agents involved, if any. Some of the self-styled agencies of these Universities may be advertising through their own website (s) and/or through electronic and print media and offering admission in these universities. These advertisements do not often present the correct picture and in most of the cases, they are exaggerated. Please thoroughly cross-check the authenticity of information circulated by them.
- Get full and accurate details of actual costs involved such as Tuition Fee/Boarding/Lodging/Other Expenses. Also cross check and verify what the agent quotes.
- Students must check in advance the availability hostel facilities at the University where they are seeking admission.
- Passport and original testimonials are the property of the concerned student and should not be given to agents or any other authorities for safe custody. It is the personal responsibility of individual concerned to keep the passports and testimonials safely.
- Ensure that visa formalities are arranged by respective authorities in the university well in advance to avoid last minute hassles. Before exiting Uzbekistan for short term vacation or leave, ensure that the visa is sufficiently validated to re-enter Uzbekistan.
- Any student during the stay in Uzbekistan requires treatment for any complicated ailment/major surgery etc., he/she is advised to go to India or elsewhere.

- Uzbekistan is fairly safe, secure and friendly especially towards Indian nationals. There is a great deal of goodwill for India. However, caution is always advised for foreigners particularly students while spending late night hours in public places and mingling with strangers.
- Temperatures across Uzbekistan can get very cold (with temperature sometimes dipping upto -10 degree Celsius during November-March). The students are advised to equip themselves with sufficient woolen clothing and winter shoes.
- Always keep a list of important telephone numbers and copies of your passport, visa endorsement and residence permit, and University ID Card with you in person. Police authorities on streets sometimes demand these documents for verification.
- Once the course is completed, all the degrees, certificates awarded by Universities in Uzbekistan are required to be apostilled with the Ministries of Education. This requirement is mandatory before their submission to Indian organizations such as MCI and other State Medical Councils etc. for registration purposes.
- All Indian nationals including students coming to Uzbekistan for long term stay are advised to register themselves with the Indian Embassy in Tashkent immediately upon arrival on link- <https://eoi.gov.in/tashkent/?7199?000>.
- In case of emergency, Embassy Official can be contact on following emergency number: +998 - 93 - 3875242.
- "Advisory/Information for students desirous of Pursuing Medical Studies abroad"

Over the years, there has been an increase in the number of Indian students going abroad to pursue medical education. Earlier, all students interested in taking a medical qualification from outside India were required to get an eligibility certificate from the government before leaving for their studies. However, since 2019, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has made mandatory for the students to clear the NEET-UG (National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test-Under Graduate) exam, which is the entry examination for undergraduate medical education in India, as a prerequisite to pursue medical education abroad.

- Beginning 2019, only those students who appear for the NEET-UG for admission to Undergraduate medical education in India will be eligible to appear for the screening test, namely, the Foreign Medical Graduates' Exam (FMGE). This step has been an important advancement in screening of students and has been well received by the host countries as well. However, as the quality of education in various countries differs considerably; continued and systematic efforts in providing guidance to students regarding selection of course and institution to gain maximum academic exposure is needed.
- As per the IMC (Indian Medical Council) Act, 1956, all students who acquire a medical qualification from countries outside India are required to clear the FMGE in order to practice in India. The Exam is conducted by the National Board for Examination (NBE) twice (i.e. in June and December) every year.
- It may be noted that the number of students, having medical degrees from Institutions abroad, appearing for FMGE in 2009 was 6170, which has increased to 21,351 in 2018. However, the pass percentage of students appearing for the FMGE has been very low, and continues to be below 20%. NBE has published a list of

country-wise performance of Indian candidates in FMGE for the period 2015-2018 (copy attached).

- All Indian students desiring to undertake medical education abroad should take into account the above mentioned information. In case they need any clarification about any particular institution, they may contact Indian Mission in the country where they seek to take admission. The students are also advised to visit official website of Medical Council of India (<https://www.mciindia.org>) constantly to know the list of accredited foreign medical institutions/universities for MBBS or equivalent courses; and other important useful information.

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To

Sep 1, 2022

**Embassy of India, Tashkent**  
16 Kara-Bulak (Vakhshskaya) Street  
Mirzo Ulugbek district  
Tashkent-100 052 (Uzbekistan)

Subject: Clarification on Registration for a Foreign Medical Students who study medicine in **Uzbekistan**

Dear Sir

The National Medical Commission has issued a **Gazette Notification on the 18th of Nov. 2021 – the Foreign Medical Graduate Licentiate Regulations, 2021** (copy attached).

Because of the above lot of questions have come up about Foreign Medical Education & we are not able to decide about the future of our kids in the absence of facts about Medical Education Abroad.

We have only one source to get answers to various questions on Medical Education in India and that is **National Medical Commission**, the regulator of medical education in India.

Since the information required by me is about **Foreign Medical Education** in a country abroad and for that only authentic source to get proper information of the questions is only & only the Indian Embassy in that country

Sir, every year a large number of Indian students join Medical Education in **Uzbekistan** and it is really difficult for a student or his or her parents to know about the facts of Medical Education on foreign soil before actually joining the institution in that country; it is really difficult for both the student and his or her parents.

You as the representative of our country on that foreign soil are our & trust and guardian of Indian citizens there; you can become a guiding force for these students with every possible proper authentic information and save them from getting trapped by false information from the Medical Education Consultants here in India.

Sir, look forward to answering the following seven questions from your good self.

1. **What is the duration of a Medical Doctor Degree or MBBS in Uzbekistan for local students?**
2. **What is the duration of a Medical Doctor Degree or MBBS in Uzbekistan for foreign students?**
3. **What is the Language of instruction (English or other language)?**



**4. What is the provision & Duration of Internship?**

5. One of the major points of the FMGL Regulations 2021, is that Indian students need to be: "4 (b) registered with the respective professional regulatory body or otherwise, competent to grant license to practice medicine in their respective jurisdiction of the country in which the medical degree is awarded and at par with the license to practice medicine given to citizen of that country".

This means that an Indian Student who studies medicine in **Uzbekistan** and then wishes to register in India; first needs to Register with the **Uzbekistan** Medical Licensing Regulatory Body & that Registration must be at Par with the Registration given to a citizen of **Uzbekistan**.

**Can an Indian student obtain a license to practice in Uzbekistan and is this at par with the Registration granted to citizens of Uzbekistan?**

**6. What is the Process of Registration?**

- 7. Do they have any licensing exam and if Yes, in which language?**

I look forward to your support.

Sincerely Yours,

**Ravi Kumar Koul**

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Enclosed:

- ✓ Copy of Gazette Notification on the 18th of Nov. 2021 - the Foreign Medical Graduate Licentiate Regulations, 2021



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**Clarification on Registration for a Foreign Medical Students who study medicine in Uzbekistan**

Ravi Kumar Koul <koulravikumar@gmail.com>  
To: Ambassador of India Tashkent <amb.tashkent@mea.gov.in>

Sat, Sep 3, 2022 at 11:36 AM

Dear Respected Sir / Madam,

Thank you for your quick reply.  
But to my bad luck the reply does not contain any text or any attachment.

Request you to kindly resend the reply please.

Sincerely Yours,  
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Prime Minister's Office

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Sub: Petition of SHRI RAVI KUMAR KOUL  
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RAMPRASTHA GREENS SECTOR 7  
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GHAZIABAD  
UTTAR PRADESH - 201010

A letter/gist of oral representation dated 10/05/2023 received in this office from Shri RAVI KUMAR KOUL is forwarded herewith through online mode on PMOPG portal for action as appropriate. Reply may be sent to the Petitioner and a copy of the same may be uploaded on the portal.

*Shikha Sharma*

[SHIKHA SHARMA]  
SECTION OFFICER

SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PMO ID No.: PMOPG/D/2023/0102-83 Dated: 18/05/2023

Copy for information to :  
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Note:- Status of the grievance can be tracked through internet at <https://pgportal.gov.in/status> after entering registration no. PMOPG/D/2023/0102-83



RAVI KUMAR KOUL <koulravikumar@gmail.com>

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**Consular Section** <cons.tashkent@mea.gov.in>

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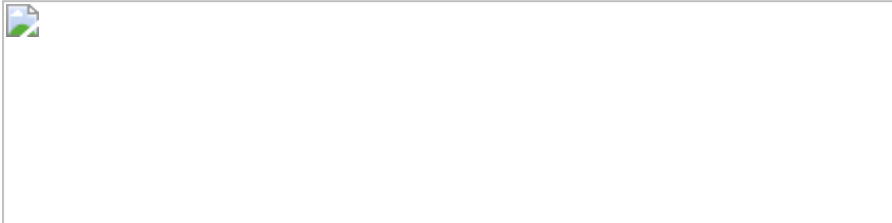
To: koulravikumar@gmail.com

Dear Mr Ravi

The Embassy of India has approached concerned Ministry of Uzbekistan for clarification of all the queries you conveyed to us. Once the reply is received the same would be transmitted.

Regards.

Consular Section  
E/I Tashkent





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Thu, Oct 6, 2022 at 12:52 PM

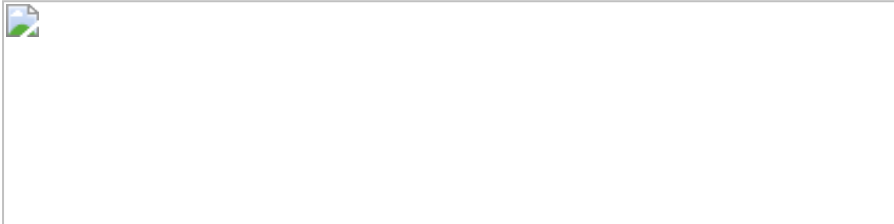
To: koulravikumar@gmail.com

Dear student

The Embassy of India has approached the concerned in the government of Uzbekistan about the issue and waiting for their reply. On receipt of the reply, we would be happy to inform you accordingly.

Regards

Consular section  
E/I Tashkent.





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**Consular Section** <cons.tashkent@mea.gov.in>  
To: koulravikumar@gmail.com

Fri, Oct 7, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Dear Mr Ravi

We have been approaching and reminding the Ministry of Health through Ministry of Foreign Affairs regularly and waiting for their reply. Until and unless we receive concrete and written reply from official channel we can not pass it.

Regards

Consular Section

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## RTI First Appeal

1 message

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**Ambassador of India Tashkent** <amb.tashkent@mea.gov.in>

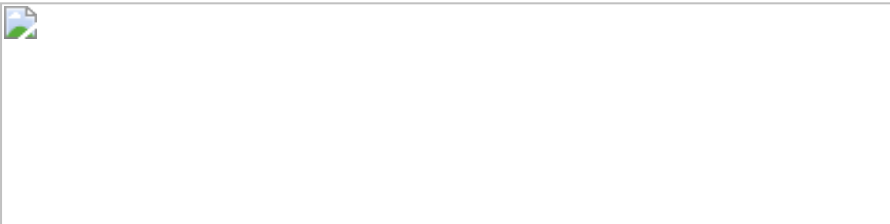
Fri, May 12, 2023 at 4:55 PM

To: koulravikumar <koulravikumar@gmail.com>

Cc: "hoc.tashkent" <hoc.tashkent@mea.gov.in>, Consular Section <cons.tashkent@mea.gov.in>

RTI First Appeal reply attached.

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Manish Prabhat



AMBASSADOR OF INDIA  
TASHKENT

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ताशकन्द



12 May 2023

To  
Shri Ravi Kumar Koul  
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Pin 201010

Dear Shri Ravi Kumar Koul,

Please refer to your first appeal vide registration number MEATK/A/E/23/00001 dated 15 April 2023 regarding advisory for Indian students planning to study in Uzbekistan.

2. The answer to the question under the RTI Act are limited to the information available with the Embassy in its record. It does not foresee any authority to investigate to get answers. It is our submission to please access our advisory for any solution to the issues. We are forwarding relevant questions to the Ministry of Health of Government of Uzbekistan. In the above background the following replies, ad seriatim, to your questions may be noted:

- (1) Information not available with the Mission.
- (2) Information not available with the Mission.
- (3) Mission's advisory dated 1.12.2022 available on the website <https://eoi.gov.in/tashkent/?17439?000> provides answer to this question.
4. Information not available with the Mission.
5. Information not available with the Mission.
6. Information not available with the Mission.

Regards,

Yours sincerely

( Manish Prabhat )

## Details for registration number : PMOPG/D/2023/0102-83

<b>Name Of Complainant</b>	Shri RAVI KUMAR KOUL
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<b>Current Status</b>	Under process
<b>Date of Action</b>	18/05/2023
<b>Officer Concerns To</b>	
<b>Officer Name</b>	SHRI T. ARMSTRONG CHANGSAN (Joint Secretary PSP and CPO)
<b>Organisation name</b>	External Affairs
<b>Contact Address</b>	PSP Division, Patiala House Annexe, Tilak Marg, New Delhi
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<b>Officer Name</b>	Shri Suresh Kumar C (Welfare Officer)
<b>Organisation name</b>	Embassy of India Tashkent- Uzbekistan
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<b>Remarks</b>	Available information was given and applicant was already informed on 12.05.2023 through his email.
<b>Officer Concerns To</b>	
<b>Officer Name</b>	SHRI T. ARMSTRONG CHANGSAN (Joint Secretary PSP and CPO)
<b>Organisation name</b>	Ministry of External Affairs
<b>Contact Address</b>	PSP Division, Patiala House Annexe, Tilak Marg, New Delhi
<b>Email Address</b>	jscpo@mea.gov.in
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