



**MEDICAL COUNCIL OF INDIA**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Medical Council of India issues Eligibility Certificate to an Indian citizen who intends to obtain primary medical qualification from any foreign nation within the statutory framework laid down under section 13 (4B) of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 and the Eligibility Requirement for Taking Admission in an Undergraduate Medical Course in a Foreign Medical Institution Regulations, 2002.

The Medical Council of India has received communication from the Indian Mission in Caracas, wherein the Indian Mission has raised serious apprehension regarding the credibility of medical courses offered by the St. Martinus University, Faculty of Medicine, Curacao and Avalon University, School of Medicine, Curacao. The Embassy has also expressed doubts about other Medical Universities granting degree in Curacao. The Indian Embassy has inter alia stated in its communication that allowing more and more such graduates to practice in India without actually verifying the credentials of their alma mater will be risky and a burden to our healthcare system.

In view of this, the Board of Governors in Super-Session of the Medical Council of India decided to seek prior approval of the Central Government regarding discontinuation of issue of Eligibility Certificate to an Indian citizen candidates who wish to obtain primary medical qualification (MBBS or its equivalent) from St. Martinus University, Faculty of Medicine, Curacao and Avalon University, School of Medicine, Curacao. The Government of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India vide its letter dated 12.12.2012 has approved the proposal of the Board of Governors of the Council to discontinue issuing of Eligibility Certificate to the candidates who wish to study MBBS course at St. Martinus University, Faculty of Medicine, Curacao and Avalon University School of Medicine, Curacao.

Therefore, with effect from the date of issue of this public notice the Medical Council of India shall not issue any Eligibility Certificate to those who wish to study MBBS course (or its equivalent course) at St. Martinus University, Faculty of Medicine, Curacao and Avalon University School of Medicine, Curacao.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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