

# MCI releases +2 syllabus for CET aspirants

## New Syllabus Prepared By NCERT Will Be On MCI Website Till August 11 For Public Comments

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**New Delhi:** The Medical Council of India (MCI) has prepared and uploaded an all new higher secondary syllabus, required to be followed by class XI and XII students, to appear for the Common Entrance Test (CET).

Come next academic session, students seeking to get into a medical school for an MBBS degree, will have to appear for the CET.

The Union health ministry and the MCI reached a consensus last week to roll out CET for admission to all government and private medical colleges and deemed uni-

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versities for undergraduate medical education.

The new syllabus of physics, chemistry and biology, prepared by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), will be on the MCI website till August 11 for public com-

ments. According to MCI governing body member Dr Purushottam Lal, all modalities will be worked out, including printing public advertisements to announce the CET, by November.

Dr Lal said, "Admissions for undergraduate medical degree will be open in 335 medical colleges - 185 private and 150 in the government sector in the 2012 academic session, which starts in May. Now, the new syllabus is in public domain, and we are waiting for comments. Around 8-10 lakh students are expected to take the country's first medical CET."

About 17 entrance tests are be-

ing held across India, which is a tedious exercise for aspiring MBBS students. According to the MCI, the new syllabus for physics, biology and chemistry for the higher secondary students has been developed keeping in mind the recommendations of National Curriculum Framework, 2005.

"It is expected that the syllabus will help to develop an interest in the learners to study physics and inculcate in them useful concepts of physics in real-life situations for making learning relevant," MCI says. As far as chemistry and biology is concerned, MCI says "attempt has been made to see that

the subjects do not remain only the science of facts but becomes related to modern applications in the world around us." Dr Lal said, "The new syllabus aims to be more practical and applicable to our daily lives."

Last week's meeting also talked about bringing institutes like AIIMS under CET's ambit. If the proposal is implemented, AIIMS won't be able to conduct its own undergraduate entrance exam. "The students can choose to join AIIMS. More discussions will be held on this matter. The idea is to have a single medical entrance exam in the country," he added.