

Six-year post-MBBS course is back

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NEW DELHI: The National Board of Examination (NBE) has re-introduced the direct six-year, post-MBBS super speciality programme. The courses will be conducted in neuro surgery, plastic surgery, cardio-thoracic surgery and paediatric surgery. A Speciality Advisory Board in the respective specialities is looking into the existing curriculum and assessment scheme for the direct course.

Introduced on the recommendations of the M.K. Bhan Committee, the students will have to qualify the Central Entrance Test (CET) conducted by the NBE to enter the programme. The results of this academic year's CET were declared a few days ago and the admission process is under way.

The courses will begin in March. The super speciality courses will be conducted in 40 NBE-accredited hospitals across the country, including the Lok Nayak Jaya Prakash government Hospital in New Delhi and the Narayana Hrudayalaya hospital in Bangalore. A fresh set of admission guidelines have been finalised. The hospitals that will be given the option of holding either a post Diplomate of National Board (DNB degree granted by the NBE)/MS three-year course or post-MBBS six year course.