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Important Advisory on Applicability of NMC's FMG Licentiate Regulations 2021

1. In response to Embassy's query, the National Medical Commission (NMC), India has confirmed that **ONLY those students who have taken admission for the MD COURSE in the Philippines before 18 November 2021** would be considered to be fulfilling the eligibility criterion for registration to practice medicine in India.
2. NMC has further clarified that BS and MD courses are two separate degrees in the Philippines and thus cannot be equated to the MBBS course in India.
3. The Embassy has issued advisories on this subject dated 8 December 2021, 15 December 2021 and 4 January 2022, based on formal confirmation from NMC. Important points are hereby reiterated :
 - (a) The bridging/BS course of 1.5-2 years before the MD course will **NOT** be included in calculating the duration of the medical course.
 - (b) The FMG Licentiate Regulations 2021 **ARE APPLICABLE** to all students who seek/take admission for the MD course from the date of publication of these Regulations (18 November 2021).
 - (c) The FMG Licentiate Regulations 2021 **ARE APPLICABLE** to students who are currently pursuing bridging/BS course and will commence the MD course only after 18 November 2021.
4. Indian students seeking to pursue medical education in the Philippines are once again strongly urged to take due note to avoid academic/financial loss in future.

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