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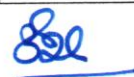
CORRIGENDUM - 2

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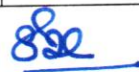
New Delhi, the 13th May, 2026

It is hereby notified that the following corrections are made in the Competency based curriculum for **Optometry** released vide notice dated 24.04.2025 and subsequent Corrigendum-1 issued on 29.10.2025 (uploaded on the Commission's website). The revised entries shall be read in place of the existing ones as indicated below:

SN	Details	Pg No	Para No	Existing	Revised
1.	Stipend	25	-	Stipend of reasonable amount must be paid for internship students.	All students shall be paid stipend during their internship as decided by the respective State allied and Healthcare Council.
2.	Bachelor of Optometry (B.Optom.) Eligibility for admission	48	1	Selection Procedure: He/she has passed the Higher Secondary (10+2) or equivalent examination recognized by any Indian University or a duly constituted Board with pass marks (50% marks) in physics, chemistry, biology/ mathematics. Admission is done based on the NEET exam / equivalent exam conducted by the Government of India (for both UG and PG programs) followed by a counselling session.	Selection Procedure: • Candidate must have passed Senior Secondary (10+2) or equivalent with Physics, Chemistry, Biology /Mathematics with 50 % Marks. • Admission on the basis of Senior Secondary (10+2) Merit.
3.	Selection procedure	48	1	To be inserted under selection procedure (Para 1, Page 48)	• Medical fitness certificate is mandatory to submit and it is to be endorsed by Government medical officer. • Reservation policy for admission in under graduate programs shall be as per the State/ Centre Government norms. • Foreign students' admission process in



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					Under Graduate(UG): i. Foreign national students intending to study UG program in India, shall have to take equivalence certificate of eligibility from respective State Allied and Healthcare Council. ii. For Under Graduate admission of foreign national students, merit list will be based on University Entrance Exam. iii. Verification of Valid Visa and valid Visa duration of foreign national students, to be verified by respective institution & University before enrolling students for program. - The admission criteria shall be updated by the Commission from time to time. - Admission process shall be conducted by State/Union Territory/ University.
4.	Selection procedure	49	4	He/she has attained the age of 17 years as on 31st December of the year of admission.	He/she has completed 17 years of age at the time of admission or will complete that age on or before 31 December of the year of his/her admission to the first year of the Undergraduate Allied and Healthcare Course.
5.	Provision of Lateral Entry	49	-	Lateral entry to second year of undergraduate optometry programme for candidates who have passed diploma in Optometry/ vision technician/ ophthalmic assistant programs from the Government Boards and recognized by	Lateral Entry to the candidates in second year (3rd semester) who have passed Diploma in Optometry / Ophthalmic Assistant.



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				State/Central University, fulfilling the conditions specified and these students are eligible to take admission on lateral entry system only if the related subjects have been studied at diploma level with appropriate transfer of credits.	
6.	Stipend	59	-	An appropriate nominal amount shall be paid as stipend for the intern students. This should be revised periodically.	All students shall be paid stipend during their internship as decided by the respective State allied and Healthcare Council.
7.	Stipend	187	-	An appropriate nominal amount shall be paid as stipend for the intern students. This should be revised periodically.	All students shall be paid stipend during their internship as decided by the respective State allied and Healthcare Council.
8.	Master of Optometry (M.Optom.) Eligibility for admission	189	-	Bachelor of Optometry or equivalent from a recognised university with minimum 5.5 CGPA.	• Candidates must have passed Bachelor of Optometry (B. Optom) on regular mode from recognised university. • Admission on the basis of entrance exams by respective University • Post Graduate entrance criteria requires to be compulsory registered member of National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP). • Medical fitness certificate is mandatory to submit and it is to be endorsed by Government medical officer. • Reservation policy for admission in post graduate programs shall be as per the State/ Centre Government norms. • Foreign students' admission process in

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					Post Graduation (PG) : i. Foreign national students intending to study PG program in India, shall have to take equivalence certificate of eligibility from respective State Allied and Healthcare Council. ii. Admission of foreign national students, merit list will be based on University Entrance Exam. iii. Verification of Valid Visa and valid Visa duration of foreign national students, to be verified by respective institution & University before enrolling students for program. Admission process shall be conducted by State/Union Territory/ University.
9.	Ph.D. Guidelines	246	-	A 2-year/4-semester Master's degree programme, (after 4 year undergraduate degree) with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) or an equivalent degree from a foreign educational institution accredited by an Assessment and Accreditation Agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit	- Candidates must have passed Master of Optometry (M.Optom) with 55% marks. - Admission on the basis of entrance exams by respective University.

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				or assure quality and standards of educational institutions.	
10.		247	-	All Universities shall admit Ph.D. Scholars through a National Eligibility Test (NET) or National Entrance Test or an Entrance test/exit exam conducted by NCAHP.	To be deleted as covered at SN 9 (Page 246)
11.		247	-	To be inserted under Ph. D guidelines (Page 246)	- Foreign students' admission process in Ph.D: i. Admission of foreign national students, merit list will be based on University Entrance Exam. ii. Verification of Valid Visa and valid Visa duration of foreign national students, to be verified by respective institution & University before enrolling students for program. - Admission process shall be conducted by State/Union Territory/ University.


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