

**Government of West Bengal**  
**Department of Health and Family Welfare**  
**Swasthya Bhawan, GN- 29, Sector-V,**  
**Salt Lake Kolkata -700091**

No. HF/O/MERT/959/HFW-23099/321/2021

Dated; Kolkata, the 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2021

**Notification regarding provision of in-service quota in post graduate medical and dental and post doctoral medical counseling for State Quota Seats in Government / Private Colleges, for such courses, in West Bengal.**

In terms of the judgement & Order dated 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020, passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition (Civil) no.- 196 of 2018 (Tamil Nadu Medical Officers Association and Ors. -Vs.- Union of India and Ors.), upholding the 40% State Quota for the in-service medical /dental officers and teachers and 50% of post graduate medical diploma seats for in-service medical officers, under the Dept. of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of West Bengal issued vide memorandum number HF/O/MERT/433/W-43/13, dated 18th April 2013, the aforesaid practice and procedure will henceforth continue until further order.

Provision is also hereby made that, all vacant seats of any post graduate degree / diploma course, arising out of the open quota, if any, may also be filled up by in-service candidates, in case open category candidates are unavailable and vice versa, on the basis of overall merit position obtained in open quota through open counseling process.

The earlier notifications No. HFW-23099/29/2019/373, dated 26th February 2020 and No. HFW-23099/29/2019/27 dated 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and No. HF/O/MERT/296/HFW-23099/29/2019 dated 4th March 2020, of the Dept. of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of West Bengal, stand modified to the extent that, henceforth, the earlier introduced marks incentive, for rendering service in rural/remote/difficult area, will be done away with.

However, in pursuance of the observations of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in the aforesaid judgment, in order to avail in-service quota, the in-service candidates of this Department rendering service in WBHS/WBMES/WBPH&AS/WBDS/WBDES, shall have to serve in rural/remote/difficult area for a minimum period of 3 years (taken together) as on 30<sup>th</sup> April of the academic year, before being considered as eligible, for such in-service quota.

The definition of rural/remote/difficult area, shall be the same, as per the earlier departmental notification No. HFW-23099/29/2019/373 dated 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 and No. HFW-23099/29/2019/27 dated 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 subject to modification from time to time, as per the demanding situation.



After completion of the course by the in-service doctors, who have earlier completed the specified minimum duration of rural/remote/difficult service, before availing the in-service quota, shall have to render such compensatory duration of rural/remote/difficult service, for additional three years, which has been categorically stated in the foregoing paragraphs.

The penalty of the indemnity bond shall be @ Rs 10 lakh, per year, for non rendering service, after completion of such course, for in-service candidates, as stated above.

In case of saturation of a particular post in rural/remote/difficult area, of a particular discipline, such in-service candidates on bond posting may be placed in other non saturated area, in any position, as the Dept of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of West Bengal, may deem fit and proper in the interest of public service.



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