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The Foreign Medical Graduates Examination (FMGE) is a pivotal step for medical graduates who have earned their degrees abroad and wish to practice medicine in India. Conducted by the National Board of Examinations (NBE), this screening test is mandatory for any Indian citizen or Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) who has completed their MBBS degree from a foreign institution not recognized by the Medical Council of India (MCI). Clearing the FMGE exam qualifies the candidate to apply for a provisional or permanent registration with the National Medical Commission (NMC) or State Medical Councils, allowing them to practice medicine in India.

As the FMGE exam for 2024 approaches, understanding the eligibility criteria, application process, and other essential details becomes crucial for aspiring candidates. This blog delves into the eligibility requirements, step-by-step application process, preparation tips, and more.

What is the FMGE Exam?

The FMGE exam is a screening test that assesses the knowledge and competency of Indian and OCI candidates who have earned their <u>medical degrees from abroad</u>. It ensures that these graduates meet the required standards to practice medicine in India. The exam is held twice a year—in June and December—and candidates must score at least 50% to pass.

Eligibility Criteria for FMGE 2024

Before applying for the FMGE 2024 exam, candidates must ensure they <u>meet the eligibility criteria</u> set by the National Board of Examinations (NBE). The key requirements are:

- 1. Nationality: The applicant must be either an Indian citizen or an Overseas Citizen of India (OCI).
- 2. Medical Qualification: The candidate must possess a primary medical qualification (MBBS or equivalent) that is recognized by the respective medical regulatory authority of the country where the institution is located. The degree must also be listed in the World Directory of Medical Schools (WDOMS).
- 3. Graduation: The applicant must have completed the MBBS course and obtained the degree by the application date.
- 4. Internship Completion: If the candidate has completed their medical degree abroad, they must have completed an internship that is mandatory as part of their medical education.
- 5. Recognition of the University: The foreign medical university from which the degree is obtained must be recognized by the medical education authorities of that country and listed in the World Directory of Medical Schools.
- 6. Non-Applicability: If the candidate's medical degree is from the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, or the United States of America, they are exempted from taking the FMGE as these degrees are recognized by the Medical Council of India (MCI).

How to Apply for FMGE 2024

The application process for the FMGE 2024 exam is entirely online. Here is a detailed, step-by-step guide on how to apply:

Step 1: Registration

- Visit the official NBE website (https://nbe.edu.in).
- Click on the FMGE 2024 exam link.
- Create an account by entering basic information like name, email ID, mobile number, and date of birth. Make sure the details match those in your official documents.
- Upon successful registration, you will receive a login ID and password via email and SMS.