

Important Advisory: Caution Urged for MBBS Admissions in Philippines Amid CHED Updates –Beware of Fraudulent Consultants

CHED Implements Changes to Streamline MBBS Pathway, Warns Against Misleading Admission Practices

Salem: Students of a private engineering college in Namakkal on Wednesday ransacked class rooms and thrashed the principal over allegations that he sexually harassed girl students.

Police said Kumar Charlie Paul, principal of SSM Engineering College in Kumarapalayam had misbehaved with girl students, particularly those, who were staying in the hostel.

On Wednesday, the students turned furious and thrashed the principal. They also ransacked class rooms by smashing the glass windows. When the students attempted to resort to a road roko, the Kumarapalayam police Inspector Veludevan and other cops rushed to the spot and held talks with them.

Meanwhile, the college management issued an order dismissing the principal from service. Police said Kumar Charlie Paul fled from the spot in a car and a search is on to nab him. The college has declared five days holidays following tension in campus.

Chennai, Tamil Nadu Jun 5, 2024 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - CHED Announces Updated Requirements for MBBS in Philippines: Important Advisory for Prospective Medical Students

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) of the Philippines has recently announced significant changes to the medical education curriculum that will impact all prospective medical students. As per the new guidelines, the medical education program in the Philippines will now consist of 5 years of Medical Education followed by 1 year of Internship. These changes are part of a broader effort to bring the Medical Act of 1959 into alignment with 21st-century educational standards and international trends.

Key Changes Impacting MBBS in Philippines:

- Elimination of the BS Bridging Course:
 - The BS bridging course, previously a prerequisite, is no longer valid or mandatory. This move aims to streamline the education process and eliminate unnecessary financial burdens on students.

- Students and parents are advised to be cautious of any educational consultants or institutions that insist on the BS bridging course as a requirement. Such claims are unfounded and are often motivated by profit.

- <https://www.deccanchronicle.com/nation/crime/240817/tamil-nadu-students-thrash-principal-for-sexually-harassing-girls.html>

University Transfers During the 60-Month Program:

- According to CHED, transferring between universities during the 60-month medical education program will invalidate the student's progress.
- Students must complete their education at a single institution to ensure their qualifications remain recognized and valid.

- <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/chennai/varsity-debars-faculty-for-faking-qualification/article26738731.ece>

Amendments to the Medical Act of 1959 Affecting Philippines MBBS Programs:

Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid has introduced a bill (S. No. 2678) to amend Republic Act No. 2382, also known as the Medical Act of 1959. The key amendments include:

1. Integrated Medical Curriculum:

- The new curriculum for the Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree will be six years in duration, including a one-year internship.
- This change aims to eliminate the requirement for a full bachelor's degree as a prerequisite, making the Philippines MBBS program more globally competitive.

2. Admission Requirements:

- Enhanced admission requirements for the MD program include:
- Completion of the Senior High School or K-12 program.
- Certificate of eligibility for admission.
- Certificate of good moral character.
- Favorable results from the NMAT or its equivalent for international students.

3. Practice of Medicine:

- No person can practice medicine in the Philippines without a valid certificate of registration and professional identification card issued by the PRC.

4. Licensure Examination:

- All applicants must pass the licensure examination for physicians.
- Applicants must possess qualifications such as a degree from a CHED-recognized institution, good moral character, no criminal record, and completion of a one-year post-graduate medical internship.

5. Foreign Practitioners:

- Foreign medical practitioners can be granted special temporary, provisional, or conditional permits to practice in the Philippines under specific regulations.

Advisory Against Fraudulent Admission Consultants:

Prospective students and their families are urged to exercise due diligence and verify the credentials and claims of educational consultants. With the changes in CHED regulations, it is crucial to avoid falling victim to fraudulent practices. Ensure that the consultancy you choose is reputable and transparent in its operations.

<https://www.annauniv.edu/cai/Kumar.pdf>

The spokesperson for CHED, emphasized, “The revised curriculum is designed to enhance the quality of medical education in the Philippines. We strongly advise students to adhere to the new guidelines and be wary of misinformation. The CHED is committed to supporting students in their educational journey and safeguarding them from deceitful practices.”

For more information on the updated medical education requirements and a list of accredited institutions, please visit the official CHED website at [[House lauded for Medical Act changes \(tribune.net.ph\)](http://House.lauded.for.Medical.Act.changes(tribune.net.ph))].

About CHED:

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) is the governing body responsible for ensuring the quality and accessibility of higher education in the Philippines. CHED aims to foster a culture of excellence and innovation in the education sector.



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