

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

No. Health.177/2025/02

Dated: Shillong, the 30th July, 2025

Whereas, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its judgments in T.M.A. Pai Foundation & Ors. vs. State of Karnataka & Ors. [(2002) 8 SCC 481] and Islamic Academy of Education & Anr. vs. State of Karnataka & Ors. [(2003) 6 SCC 697], upheld the autonomy of private unaided professional institutions to fix fees, while mandating that States constitute an independent Fee Fixation Committee to regulate such fees and ensure that they are not excessive, exploitative, or involving capitation;

And whereas, it is necessary to ensure transparency, reasonableness, and non-commercialization of medical education in the private sector while safeguarding the sustainability of the institutions;

Now, therefore, the Government of Meghalaya is pleased to constitute a **Fee Fixation Committee** for determining and regulating the fees chargeable from students admitted to P.A. Sangma International Medical College & Hospital (PIMC), as follows:

1. Composition of the Committee

Sl. No.	Name & Designation	Role
1.	Smti M. N. Nampui, Retd. IAS.	Chairperson
2.	Prof. Shirwin May Sungoh Retd. Pro Vice-Chancellor, NEHU	Member
3.	Representative from Health & Family Welfare Department (not below the rank of Joint Secretary)	Member
4.	Representative from Finance Department (not below the rank of Joint Secretary)	Member
5.	Dr. L. Myllemumlong, Director of Health Services (Medical Education & Research), Shillong.	Member Secretary
6.	Shri Shyam Chettri, CA	Member

2. Objectives of the Fee Fixation Committee (FFC)

The Fee Fixation Committee shall be guided by the following objectives:

- To ensure that the fee structure proposed by private unaided institutions is affordable, non-exploitative, and commensurate with the services rendered, in accordance with the principles laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
- To maintain a fair balance between the financial sustainability of institutions and the need to safeguard access and equity in medical education, particularly for meritorious and economically weaker students.
- To prevent commercialization, profiteering, and collection of capitation fees in any form, either directly or indirectly.
- To promote transparency, accountability, and financial propriety in the operations of private medical colleges through structured scrutiny and objective assessment.

3. Step-by-Step Procedure for Fee Determination by the Fee Fixation Committee

a. Step 1: Submission of Fee Proposal by Institutions

1. PIMC shall submit a comprehensive and duly certified proposal for fee determination to the Fee Fixation Committee (FFC) for the Academic Year 2025-26, within the prescribed timeline as notified by the Government.

b. Step 2: Scrutiny and Verification of Proposal

- Compliance with applicable regulatory norms of the National Medical Commission (NMC), particularly in relation to faculty strength and infrastructure
2. The FFC may, for the purpose of verification, initiate any of the following actions:
 - Conduct of spot inspection(s) of the institution
 - Cross-verification of payroll records, service contracts, and procurement documents
 - Examination of appointment records, salary disbursements, and student enrolment registers
- c. Step 3: Hearings and Clarifications**
1. The FFC shall provide the concerned institution an opportunity of being heard, either in person or through authorized representatives, to substantiate the proposed fee structure and provide clarifications, if sought.
 2. The Committee may seek justifications on:
 - Claims regarding infrastructure or faculty expenses
 - Proposed increase in fee vis-à-vis previous academic year
 - Any discrepancy in human resource deployment or financial reporting
 3. Stakeholder representations, if permitted by the State, including those from students or parents, may also be taken into consideration before finalization.
- d. Step 4: Categorization of Fee Structure (Subject to Government Policy)**
1. Subject to applicable State Government policy, the FFC may determine differentiated fee structures for:
 - Government Quota Seats: Subsidised fee level.
 - Management Quota Seats: Regulated fee at a higher slab.
 - NRI Quota Seats: Higher fee ceiling subject to full disclosure and absence of capitation.
 2. Cross-subsidization, if permitted, shall be explicitly documented and disclosed, and shall be subject to regulatory oversight.
- e. Step 5: Issuance of Fee Determination Order**
1. Upon finalization, the FFC shall issue a speaking order (reasoned and self-contained order) specifying:
 - The approved tuition fee for each seat category
 - The period of validity of such approval (generally for three academic years, unless otherwise stated)
 - Conditions of compliance, including minimum infrastructure and faculty requirements
 2. The fee so determined shall be binding upon the institution and any deviation shall be treated as a regulatory violation.
- f. Step 6: Notification and Implementation**
1. The approved fee order shall be:
 - Uploaded on the official websites of the Govt of Meghalaya.
 - Compulsorily published by the college on its institutional website, admission brochures, and notice boards.
 2. Non-disclosure or publication of unapproved fee structures shall be liable for penal action.
- g. Step 8: Redressal and Appeal Mechanism**
1. An institution aggrieved by the decision of the FFC may:

2. Any complaint regarding overcharging or violation of the approved fee may be submitted by students or guardians to the FFC or Directorate of Health Services-Medical Education & Research for inquiry and remedial action.

4. Guiding Financial Principles for Fee Fixation

Principle	Legal Interpretation
i. No Capitation Fee	Prohibited under SC rulings and NMC regulations; violation may attract criminal liability
ii. Reasonable Surplus	Capped at 6–15%; to be used only for institutional development and not for profit generation
iii. Depreciation on Assets	Permitted using standard accounting practices (20–25 year life cycle)
iv. Academic Cost Allocation	Only expenditure directly attributable to MBBS programme is admissible
v. Staff Cost Validation	Faculty and staff costs must match actual sanctioned appointments and salary disbursements

5. Prohibited Practices (Attracting Disqualification or Penalty)

Institutions shall not engage in the following practices:

- Charging any amount over and above the approved fee as notified by the FFC
- Collection of capitation fee, donation, or advance payments unaccounted in audited statements
- Inclusion of related party interest or personal loans from promoters as legitimate expenditure
- Charging arbitrary amounts under building fund, library fund, or development fund without justification or documentation

Such actions, if established, shall be treated as a gross violation and may attract penal, administrative, and legal consequences, including de-recognition or withdrawal of affiliation.

6. Validity and Review

The Committee shall review the fee structure for the Academic Year 2025–26, as deemed necessary, and may permit annual adjustments based on inflation or other relevant economic indices, subject to justification and supporting documentation provided by the institution.

7. Logistics and Remuneration

The Chairperson and external Members of the Committee shall be entitled to honorarium as per the applicable Government norms. The Directorate of Health Services – Medical Education & Research (DME) shall be responsible for extending all necessary logistical and administrative support for the functioning of the Committee.

8. Applicability

The fee structure as approved by the Committee shall be final, mandatory, and binding on P.A. Sangma International Medical College (PIMC) for all MBBS admissions undertaken under all quota categories for the academic year 2025-26. The institution shall ensure prominent display of the approved fees in its prospectus, official website, and admission-related communications, including its admission portal.

Sd/-

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Health & Family Welfare Department.

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- b. The Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Health & Family Welfare Department for kind information of the Principal Secretary
- c. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Health & Family Welfare Department for kind information of the Commissioner & Secretary.
- d. The Chancellor, University of Science and Technology Meghalaya, Baridua for information and necessary action.
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By order, etc.,


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