

FAT 2026



Formative Assessment Test 2026 (Only for DNB Post Diploma Courses)

Formative Assessment Test

- Theory Examination
- Work Place Based Clinical Assessment

IMPORTANT DATES

Processes	Timelines
Online Submission of Applications & Payment of Examination Fee by NBEMS Accredited Institutions	04 th May 2026 (3 PM Onwards) to 24 th May 2026 (Till 11:55PM)
Online Submission of Applications by NBEMS Trainees	04 th May 2026 (3 PM Onwards) to 25 th May 2026 (Till 11:55PM)
Issue of Admit Card to NBEMS Trainees	06 th June 2026
Intimation of Test City to Trainees	By 28 th May 2026
Theory Examination Date	<p style="text-align: center;">Paper - I : 10th June 2026 (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Paper - II: 10th June 2026 (2:00 PM - 5:00 PM)</p>
Work Place Based Clinical Assessments	<p style="text-align: center;">July 2026 /August 2026 / September 2026</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Schedule shall be communicated through NBEMS website</p>
Communication of Result of Theory Examination	By 10 th July 2026
Communication of Result of WPBCA	By 30 th September 2026

ABBREVIATIONS:

NBEMS	National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences
FAT	Formative Assessment Test
GoI	Government of India
MoHFW	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India
EEC	Examination Ethics Committee
WPBCA	Work Place Based Clinical Assessment
NDA	Non-Disclosure Agreement
UMC	Unfair Means Case

CONTACT NBEMS

- ❖ The information bulletin & website (<https://natboard.edu.in>) shall guide you through the entire process of application submission and help to answer most of your queries. In case you are still facing issues, then NBEMS helpdesk is available by phone and e-Portal.
- ❖ **FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses Helpdesk:** A helpdesk for FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses related queries shall be available as per details mentioned below:

Helpline Number	+91-7996165333
Helpline Portal	For queries related to application form submission/ Refund of failed transactions/ Payment Gateway related issues etc: Portal can be accessed through applicant login after registering an application for FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses This portal shall be managed by NBEMS technology partner. Only relevant queries should be addressed to this portal by the institute. This portal will be accessible through institute login only.
	For queries related to Eligibility/ Documents/ Images: NBEMS Communication Web Portal accessible through NBEMS Website (Contact Us tab)
Official Website	https://natboard.edu.in

- ❖ **Phone support** will be available during these times:
 - **04th May 2026 to 25th July 2026:** 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM
 - **10th June 2026 (Examination day):** 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM

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1. Introduction

The Government of India established the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS) in 1975 with the objective of improving the quality of the Medical Education by establishing high and uniform standards of postgraduate examinations in modern medicine on an All India Basis and utilizing existing healthcare infrastructure for capacity building.

The prime objectives of NBEMS is to elevate the standards of post graduate medical education in modern medicine and conducting examinations of high standard on an all India basis.

NBEMS provides a common national standard for evaluation of minimum level of attainment of the knowledge and competencies of post graduate and doctoral training. NBEMS conducts the following examinations:

Name of Examination	Remarks
NEET - PG	Single window entrance examination for admission to MD/MS/PG Diploma and Post MBBS DNB Courses, Direct 6 Year DrNB Courses & NBEMS Diploma Courses
NEET - MDS	Single window entrance examination for admission to MDS Courses
NEET - SS	Single window entrance examination for admission to DM/MCh and DrNB Super specialty Courses
DNB-PDCET (Post Diploma CET)	Single window entrance examination for admission to Post Diploma DNB Broad specialty Courses
FELLOWSHIP ENTRANCE TEST (FET)	Single window entrance examination for admission to various Fellowship (FNB) Courses of NBEMS for Indian and International students
FMGE	Screening Test for Foreign Medical Graduates conducted as per Screening Test Regulations, 2002

Name of Examination	Remarks
FDST	Screening Test for Foreign Dental Graduates & Post Graduates
MRE/DRE	Medical Registration Examination/Dental Registration Examination for Republic of Mauritius
FELLOWSHIP EXIT EXAMINATION (FEE)	Exit Examination for award of FNB (Fellow National Board) Qualifications in various sub-specialties
DNB/DrNB/NBEMS Diploma FINAL (Theory & Practical)	Exit Examination for award of DNB (Broad) & DrNB (Super Specialty) and NBEMS Diploma Qualifications

2. Formative Assessment Test

- 2.1. NBEMS conducts Formative Assessment Test (FAT) for DNB/ DrNB/ FNB/ NBEMS Diploma trainees who are under training as per below given details:

NBEMS Course	FAT conducted by NBEMS
Broad Specialty Courses	In 2 nd year of training
Super Specialty Courses	In 2 nd year of training
DNB Post Diploma Courses	In 1 st year of training
Fellowship Courses	In 1 st year of training
Direct 6 years Courses	In 2 nd & 4 th year of training
NBEMS Diploma Courses	In 1 st year of training

- 2.2. The assessment scheme consists of Three Parts which has to be essentially completed by the trainees. The scheme includes: -

PART – I	Conduct of Theory Examination	Trainee has to appear for Theory Exam and is held for One day.
PART – II	Work Place Based Clinical Assessment	After Theory Examination, Trainee has to appear for Clinical Assessment.
PART – III	P e r f o r m a n c e Counselling Session On The Theory Performance	Trainee has to appear for his/her Theory Exam Assessment Workshop.

- 2.3. It includes various formal and informal assessment procedures by which evaluation of student's learning, comprehension, and academic progress is done by the teachers/ faculty to improve student attainment.

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- 2.4. FAT is integral part of the effective teaching. The goal of Formative Assessment is to collect information which can be used to improve the student learning process.
 - 2.5. The nature of evaluation to be followed should be on Formative Norms Only as it shall aim to give feedback on teaching and learning and become an integral part of the effective teaching.
 - 2.6. The end goal should be to collect information which can be used to improve the student learning process. The purpose of the exercise is to assist the NBEMS accredited hospitals/ institutions to develop in to a center of academic excellence. This would further add value to the services being rendered in these accredited hospitals/institutions.
 - 2.7. It is essentially positive in intent, directed towards promoting learning; it is therefore part of teaching. Validity and usefulness are paramount in this exercise and should take precedence over concerns for reliability.
 - 2.8. **Benefits for the faculty:** They can be able to determine what the students already know and to what extent. They can decide what minor modifications or major changes in training programme are to be introduced so that all trainees can succeed in upcoming assessments. They can create appropriate lessons and activities for groups of learners or individual students and also inform students about their current progress and guide them.
 - 2.9. **Benefits for Trainees:** They can be motivated to learn and take responsibility for their own learning. They can learn valuable lifelong skills such as self-evaluation, self-assessment, and goal setting and become more adept at self-assessment.

3. Information for Trainees

- 3.1. The Formative Assessments are being conducted as per the scheme outlined below:

Course Type	FAT Conducted by NBEMS	Internal Appraisal conducted by Training Institutes
Broad Specialty Courses (3 Years)	In 2 nd year of DNB Training	1st & 3rd Year of DNB Training
Super Specialty Courses (Direct 6-Year)	In 2 nd and 4 th year of DrNB Training	1st, 3rd and 5th Year of DrNB Training
Super Specialty Courses (3 Years)	In 2 nd year of DrNB Training	1st & 3rd Year of DrNB Training
Post Diploma Courses (2 Years)	In 1 st year of DNB Training	2nd Year of DNB Training
Fellowship Courses (2 Years)	In 1 st year of FNB Training	2nd Year of FNB Training
NBEMS Diploma Courses (2 Years)	In 1 st year of Diploma Training	2nd Years of NBEMS Diploma training

- 3.2. As per NBEMS norms as notified vide NBEMS web notice dated 26.11.2019, appearance in minimum required numbers of Formative Assessment Test is mandatory towards eligibility for appearing in Final Examinations.

Course	Minimum Number of Mandatory FATs
Broad Specialty Courses (3 Years)	Two
Super Specialty Courses (Direct 6-Year)	Three
Super Specialty Courses (3 Years)	Two
Post Diploma Courses (2 Years)	One
Fellowship Courses (2 Years)	One
NBEMS Diploma Course	One

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- 3.3. As per NBEMS web notice dated 05.05.2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses, following shall be applicable for NBEMS trainees who are admitted to any course of NBEMS, **2024 admission session onwards**:
- Amongst the above-mentioned minimum mandatory FATs, the Formative assessments conducted by NBEMS during the training period shall be mandatorily required to be attended to by NBEMS trainees for the purpose of their eligibility to appear in respective Final exit examinations.
- 3.4. NBEMS Accredited Institutions and NBEMS trainee should go through this bulletin carefully for eligibility criteria before registering the examination.
- 3.5. The process of online application submission for FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses requires both the NBEMS training institutions and NBEMS trainees to complete their components of application process. Whereas the training institutions shall be required to add the trainees who would be appearing in the FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses and make the necessary payments of examination fee, the NBEMS trainees who are added by the institution to appear in FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses shall be required to upload their photograph, signature and select the test cities. **The application process is completed only when both the components of the application are successfully completed within the prescribed application window.**
- 3.6. Trainees may kindly note that appearance in FAT does not confer any automatic rights towards eligibility for final summative examinations. The appearance in DNB/ DrNB/ NBEMS Diploma Final Examinations is subject to fulfilling the eligibility criteria as may be prescribed in the information bulletin of respective final examination in which the trainee wishes to appear in.
- 3.7. Trainees and training institutions are advised to read the Information Bulletin carefully and go through the instructions regarding

submission of online application form given in the information bulletin as well as on FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses index page on NBEMS website <https://natboard.edu.in> before starting online submission process for FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses.

- 3.8. Trainees and training institutions are deemed to have read, agreed and accepted the Information Bulletin and the terms and conditions in the Information Bulletin for FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses on completing the online submission of application form.
- 3.9. Trainees and training institutions should ensure that all the information entered during the online submission of application form is correct and factual. Information provided in the online application form shall be treated as correct. The option of editing information entered in the application form shall NOT be available once the application window closes. **NBEMS will not entertain, under any circumstances, any request for change in the information provided after closure of the application window.** Please refer Chapter on Instructions to fill Application Form for details of application submission process.
- 3.10. **NBEMS itself does not edit /modify/alter any information entered by the Trainees at the time of online submission of application form under any circumstances.** There is no provision of accessing the application form to make any changes in the information provided in the application form after closure of application window. Such requests to make any changes shall not be entertained.
- 3.11. Please refer Chapter on *Instructions to Fill FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses Application Form*. **It shall be the sole responsibility of the applicant trainee and training institution to ensure that the application submitted is complete in all aspects as per the information bulletin.** If the trainee completes his/her component of application process by way of uploading the images and selection of test cities, however, the training institution fails to complete the application process such as payment of examination fee within the prescribed application window or vice

versa, it would not create any equity in favour of the trainee to allow him/her eligibility to appear in FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses. If a trainee is left out of being added to appear in the FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses by his/her training institution, this would also not create any equity in favour of the trainee to allow him/her eligibility to appear in FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses.

- 3.12. All training institutions are strongly advised to complete the application process well before the last date of submission. The NBEMS trainees are also advised to closely coordinate with their training institution for completion of application submission process within the prescribed application window. **The online application window shall not be extended for either the trainees or the training institutions. No representation in this regard shall be entertained.**
- 3.13. Application for FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses can only be submitted online through NBEMS website <https://natboard.edu.in> There is no other methodology for application submission. Application submitted through any other mode shall be summarily rejected.
- 3.14. A training institution can access the online application form any number of times during the application window. The institution is at liberty to make the payment of examination fee for trainees scheduled to appear in FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses in “one go” or in “multiple parts”. Once the institution makes the payment of examination fee for a set of trainees, no further changes in their details shall be permissible. A trainee can also access his/ her application form any number of times during the application window, even before the institution makes the payment of examination fee. The last submitted images and choice of test cities shall be saved in the database. Details regarding application submission process can be seen under the chapter *“Instructions to Fill Application Form”*
- 3.15. Trainees who would fail to submit duly completed applications with requisite information and/or for whom the respective training

institutions would fail to make the payment of examination fee by the last date prescribed for application submission, shall be declared ineligible. **Admit Card shall not be issued to trainees who are declared ineligible before conduct of examination.** In the event of rejection of the application form, no correspondence/request for re-consideration will be entertained.

- 3.16. The information of trainees furnished by their training institutions shall be accessible to respective trainees in their application forms. Applications of trainees with false or fabricated information will not be considered and such trainees will be further debarred from appearing in the future examinations of NBEMS. Action as deemed appropriate by NBEMS will be taken if false or fabricated information is submitted or any unfair means are used.
- 3.17. Trainees should ensure before applying for the examination that they are duly registered with NBEMS to pursue the NBEMS training programme. The provisional registration with NBEMS to pursue the training programme is confirmed by way of a letter of registration issued by NBEMS to the trainee. This letter bears a registration number which will be required to be mentioned in the application form.
- 3.18. List of trainees who are scheduled to appear in the FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses shall be pre-populated in the online application form of training institutions. The institutions shall be able to deselect a trainee who has discontinued the course or has been relocated to some other NBEMS training institution for completion of his/her training. Trainees who are otherwise scheduled to appear in FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses cannot be deselected for reasons other than these. The instituton can also add additional trainees who are otherwise not listed in the pre-populated list and eligible to appear in FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses. Copy of application form should be retained by the institutes for future reference.
- 3.19. Trainees and training institutions should go through this bulletin carefully for eligibility criteria before applying. Queries pertaining to eligibility and other issues will only be entertained if the information

requested is not given in the bulletin of information or NBEMS website. No Queries of the Guardians/Parents will be entertained on telephone with regard to the eligibility and disclosure of the results.

- 3.20. Submission of incomplete online application form either by the trainee or the training institution which is not in accordance with prescribed instructions shall invite rejection of the application. In such cases, the examination fee shall not be refunded.
- 3.21. Trainee found ineligible at any stage of FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses, will not be permitted to appear in the examination. In an unlikely event of any ineligible trainee appearing in the FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses, the results/candidature of such trainee shall be cancelled and/or is deemed to be cancelled, even if result has been communicated. The appearance of such a trainee in FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses shall be treated as null and void.
- 3.22. NBEMS reserves the right to withdraw permission, if any, granted inadvertently to any trainee who is not eligible to appear in the FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses even though the admit card/roll number has been issued or name/roll number is displayed on NBEMS website.
- 3.23. Fee shall neither be carried forward to a future exam nor refunded under any circumstances. Application once submitted cannot be withdrawn.
- 3.24. Trainee's eligibility is purely provisional & is subjected to the fulfilment of eligibility criteria as prescribed in this Information Bulletin.
- 3.25. Instructions in the Information Bulletin are liable to change based on decisions taken by the NBEMS from time to time. There is no equity or any rights that are /or deemed to be arising in favor of trainee. Trainees are required to refer to the latest bulletin or corrigendum that may be issued to incorporate these changes. Refer NBEMS website <https://natboard.edu.in> for latest updates or corrigendum.

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- 3.26. The existing schedule, pattern, policy and guidelines are for ready reference only but in no way, they are or are ought to be treated as representative or acknowledgment of fact that NBEMS is bound to follow the same in future. NBEMS reserves its absolute right to alter, amend, modify or apply any or some of the instructions/ guidelines contained in this information bulletin.
- 3.27. In case of any ambiguity in interpretation of any of the instructions/ terms/ rules/criteria regarding the determination of eligibility/ conduct of examinations/ registration of Trainees/information contained herein, the interpretation of the NBEMS shall be final and binding in nature.
- 3.28. Request shall not be entertained for change in date/center of examination under any circumstances. Trainees are advised not to canvass for such representation.
- 3.29. Admit Cards for FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses shall be available to download at NBEMS website <https://natboard.edu.in> from **06th June 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses onwards**. Trainees found ineligible before conduct of the examination shall not be issued admit cards.
- 3.30. Result of FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses shall be communicated to respective training institutions at registered email ID. Trainees shall be able to download their scorecards from applicant login portal.
- 3.31. FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses Theory Examination shall be conducted by NBEMS at various exam centers engaged for the purpose. Trainees are advised to familiarize themselves with the route and location of the exam center well in advance to avoid any last minute delay in arrival to the exam center. Please refer Chapter on details of Test Day Procedures.
- 3.32. The examination test center staff on duty is authorized to verify the identity of trainees and may take steps to verify and record the identity of trainees. Trainees are required to extend requisite cooperation.

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- 3.33. Possession/Use of mobile phones/Electronic devices is strictly prohibited in the premises of NBEMS test Centres. Trainees shall be liable for penal action for Possession/ Use of Mobile phones/ Electronic devices. Resorting to use of any unfair practice in FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses shall be dealt with as per the Unfair Mean Guidelines of NBEMS. Such Trainees shall be imposed academic and/or criminal punishments as may be applicable. Please go through guidelines detailed in Chapter on use of unfair means in the examination.
- 3.34. The Trainees and training institutions should communicate with NBEMS regarding matters related to FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses as per prescribed Protocols only, detailed under Chapter on Communication Protocols.
- 3.35. Trainees and training institutions are encouraged to communicate for FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses through “Helpdesk” tab which can be accessed after the applicant login to its application account. The correspondence through post should be addressed to the Executive Director, National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, Medical Enclave, Mahatma Gandhi Marg, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi-110029. Trainees are requested to super scribe the envelope with the subject matter of the correspondence for expeditious processing.
- 3.36. The jurisdiction for court cases/disputes shall be at New Delhi only.**

4. Examination Fee

4.1. Examination Fee:

Category of Trainee	Examination Fee
Examination Fees	Rs.6000/- per trainee <i>To be paid by Training Institutions only through NBEMS Online Gateway integrated in FAT application form</i>

* Excluding charges as may be applicable by various payment gateways.

- 4.2. The fees for Formative Assessment has to be deposited by NBEMS accredited institution only and is not to be charged from the Trainees as it has already been submitted by them as a part of Annual Academic Fees to their institution.
- 4.3. Applications forms once submitted cannot be withdrawn. Fee shall neither be carried forward to a future date nor refunded under any circumstances. Any claim for refund, adjustment or carrying forward of Application fee will not be entertained.
- 4.4. **How to pay:** The prescribed exam fee should be remitted by the training institution through payment gateway provided using one of the below mentioned modes as made available in the payment gateway. **Fee cannot be deposited through any mode other than the payment gateway available while submitting online application form submission.**
- Internet Banking
 - BHIM UPI
 - Credit Card/ Debit Card
 - NEFT (For Non SBI Account Holders only)
 - SBI Branch Payment (For SBI Account Holders only)

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- 4.5. Examination fees in respect of Trainees who are absent or have been declared ineligible due to any reason shall be forfeited. Trainees are advised to read the information bulletin for FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses carefully and satisfy the terms and conditions for fulfilment of eligibility criteria before proceeding for payment of fees.
 - 4.6. Kindly ensure that the payment made for examination fee is successful and confirmation of the same can be seen in the application form under payment status reflected as “Payment Success”. In case the status is shown as pending, the payment might be stuck with your bank and might be cleared at a later date. The application submission process is not completed till such time the application status is reflected as “Process Completed” in application form. NBEMS shall not be responsible for rejection of your application due to delay in settlement of the payment by your bank to NBEMS.
 - 4.7. It is at the discretion of the applicant to make another payment for completing the application submission process. In an event of receipt of duplicate/multiple examination fees towards the same application ID, NBEMS shall refund the excess fees received for an application retaining the prescribed examination fee, after closure of application window.

5. Eligibility Criteria

- 5.1. A candidate registered with NBEMS as a DNB/DrNB/NBEMS- Diploma trainee of below mentioned admission sessions may appear for the FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses

S.No.	Speciality Group/ Course	Trainee year	Admission Session
1	DNB Post Diploma	1st Year	2025

- 5.2. Trainees of DNB Post Diploma who could not appear in their scheduled FAT in the past due to any exigencies but otherwise fulfil the eligibility to appear in Formative Assessment Test can also be added as additional trainees by training institutions.
- 5.3. Trainees found to be ineligible at any stage of FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses will not be permitted to appear in the examination. In an unlikely event of any ineligible trainee appearing and/or being successful in the FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses, the results/candidature of such trainee shall be cancelled and/or are deemed to be cancelled.
- 5.4. Trainees are advised not to canvass with NBEMS for eligibility in FAT or issuance of admit card. Queries, if any, can be submitted through Communication Web Portal only. Canvassing in any form shall invite rejection of the application.

6. Scheme of FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses

- 6.1. Assessment scheme consists of Three Parts which has to be essentially completed by the trainees. The scheme includes: -

PART – I	Conduct of Theory Examination	Trainee has to appear for Theory Examination and is held for one day.
PART – II	Work Place Based Clinical Assessment	After Theory Examination, trainee has to appear for Clinical Assessment.
PART – III	Performance Counselling Session on The Theory Performance	Trainee has to appear for his/her Theory Exam Assessment Workshop.

- 6.2. As per NBEMS norms, appearance in minimum required numbers of Formative Assessment Tests is mandatory towards eligibility for appearing in Final Examinations.
- 6.3. An eligible trainee is permitted to appear in both FAT Theory Examination and Work Place Based Clinical Assessment.
- 6.4. Those who fail to appear in the Theory Examination shall not be allowed to appear in the Work Place Based Clinical Assessment.
- 6.5. Absenteeism from Work Place Based Clinical Assessment after appearing in the Theory Examination shall not be counted towards appearance in Formative Assessment Test.
- 6.6. Any exemption from appearing in FAT is not permissible. Any scheduled trainee who would fail to appear in FAT for any reasons shall be considered ABSENT in FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses. Such trainees can appear in FAT of next year as and when it is

conducted in order to fulfil the minimum eligibility requirements of appearance in FAT as stipulated by NBEMS notices dated 26.11.2019 and 05.05.2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses.

6.7. The list of Specialties in which Formative Assessment Test 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses shall be held are mentioned at **Annexure-I**.

6.8. **Part I: - Conduct of Theory Examination**

6.8.1. The Theory Exam of FAT is conducted on an annual basis.

6.8.2. **Mode of Examination:** Descriptive (Hybrid). Question paper is displayed on a computer screen and answers are written in hard copy answer scripts.

6.8.3. The theory examination comprises of two papers, maximum marks 100 each.

6.8.4. There are 10 short notes of 10 marks each, in each of the papers. The number of short notes and their respective marks weightage may vary in some subjects/some papers.

6.8.5. Maximum time permitted is 3 hours for each paper.

6.8.6. The work place based clinical assessment shall assess the trainees on parameters such as:

- o Case Discussion
- o Case Presentation
- o Case Management
- o Investigation Techniques
- o Investigation Interpretations
- o Instrument handling
- o Viva Voce
- o Ward rounds
- o Assessment of Log Book
- o Assessment of Thesis Work

6.8.7. Scheme of work place based clinical assessment

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
<p>Clinical Examination (Case Preparation & Presentation)</p>	<p>Maximum 2 cases for each trainee (30 minutes of preparation & 30 minutes for presentation)</p> <p>The examiner may allot the same case to two trainees for case preparation. However, the trainee shall have to present the case individually before the examiners.</p> <p>In case of unavailability of patients for case presentation, Manikin or dummy or a healthy volunteer may be used for demonstration of clinical examination skills and for simulated cases.</p>
<p>Viva- Voce</p>	<p>Shall be conducted by all the Examiners together in a group</p>
<p>Investigation Techniques/ Investigation Interpretations/ Instrument handling /Ward Round/ Clinical Investigations/ Spots</p>	<p>Wherever required.</p>
<p>Assessment of Thesis Work (wherever applicable)</p>	<p>The Thesis work of the trainee shall be evaluated by the examiner on the following parameters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thesis Protocol Submission • Assessment of Thesis Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Purpose • Review of Literature • Data collection and analysis • Analysis and interpretation of Findings • Conclusion and Recommendations • Referencing • Readiness for Thesis Completion • Thesis Viva

6.9. Part III: - Performance Counselling Session On the Theory Performance

- 6.9.1. The Accredited Hospital is required to organize a Workshop so that the performance of each Trainee is discussed and deliberated at length.
- 6.9.2. During the course of this Workshop, Trainees who have performed well shall share their Learning, Training and Answering skills with other Trainees.
- 6.9.3. Head of Departments and Faculty Members shall also share their knowledge, and also the key words / skills Assessors look for, in each answer.
- 6.9.4. Such Workshops shall motivate Trainees, augment the DNB training being given by the Hospital, help in enhancing overall performance of the Trainees, so that they are able to plan & attempt the DNB Theory Examination in an effective manner.
- 6.9.5. The hospitals shall also carry out a thorough Review of the performance of each Trainee who appeared in the FAT. Such a review will certainly help in identifying the weaknesses / shortcomings and positive aspects of each Trainee.

6.10. Steps for a Hybrid Theory Examination

Submit Online Application Form

Download Admit Card

Report at Test Centre on Schedule Date & Time

Security Check-in Process

Registration for Test + Face ID & Biometric Capture

Hard Copy Answer Sheet provided for writing answers

Question Paper is displayed on Computer Screen

Examination Begins

During Exam FaceID/Biometric Verification

Examination Ends

7. Date of Examinations & Result

7.1. Theory Examination:

7.1.1. The Theory Examination of FAT for DNB Post Diploma Courses shall be held as per below given schedule:

Paper	Date	Exam Time
I	10th June 2026	09:00 AM to 12:00 PM
II		02:00 PM to 05:00 PM

7.2. Work place Based Clinical Assessment (WPBCA):

7.2.1. The date, time and venue of Work Place Based Clinical Assessment shall be intimated to all trainees who have appeared in the Theory Examination through their registered email ID.

7.2.2. The WPBCA for DNB Post Diploma Courses are likely to be scheduled from July 2026 onwards till September 2026.

7.2.3. The center for Work Place Based Clinical Assessment is likely to be allotted at a center which is nearest to the training Institute of a trainee. However, NBEMS reserves its rights to allot any center anywhere in the country; the trainees shall make their own arrangement for travel. Change in center of the Work Place Based Clinical Assessment is not permitted under any circumstances. Trainees are advised not to make any representations/not to canvass in this regard.

7.2.4. Any exemption from appearing in the Work Place Based Clinical Assessment is not permissible. A trainee who would fail to appear in WPBCA shall be marked ABSENT for FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses irrespective of whether he/she has appeared in theory examination. Trainees are advised to go through the minimum appearance requirement in FAT for the purpose of their

eligibility in Final Summative Assessment carefully in order to avoid rejection of their applications for Final Summative Assessment.

7.3. Result for Formative Assessment:

7.3.1. The result of this theory Examination shall be declared by 10th **July 2026.**

7.3.2. Trainees shall be able to see their result through their login at Index page of FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses at NBEMS website.

7.3.3. Trainees shall be able to access their evaluated Answer sheets along with their results.

7.3.4. The result of WPBCA shall be apprised to each trainee at their registered email ID.

7.3.5. The result of NBEMS Trainees along with their evaluated answer sheets shall be communicated to their respective Training Institutions also.

7.3.6. On receipt of the result for both theory (along with evaluated answer sheets) & WPBCA, the institutions shall conduct Performance Counselling Sessions like Seminars/Group Discussions in each Specialty to appraise the trainees about their performance and help them to enhance their knowledge & skills, so that they are able to plan & attempt the Final Theory & Practical Examinations in an effective manner. A report to this effect shall be apprised to NBEMS by each training institution as per prescribed format which shall be shared by NBEMS to each training institution at their registered email.

8. Admit Card & Test Day Procedures

8.1. Admit card for FAT Theory Examination:

8.1.1. The admit card of the Trainees shall be available for download by **06th June 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses** at NBEMS website through candidate login. Admit cards will not be sent through post or through email.

8.1.2. The admit cards can be downloaded only by the NBEMS Trainees using their login credentials at index page of FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses at NBEMS website. Admit cards will not be shared with the training institutions also.

8.1.3. The Trainee(s) shall appear at exam centre with one of the following original and valid/non-expired ID proof along with the admit card:

- ❖ PAN Card
- ❖ Driving License
- ❖ Voter ID
- ❖ Passport
- ❖ Aadhaar Card (with Photograph)

8.2. **TEST DAY PROCEDURES FOR THEORY EXAMINATION:** NBEMS shall be conducting the **Computer Based Test (CBT)** in safe and secure environment maintaining social distancing norms wherever needed. NBEMS reserves its rights to review the test day processes of conduct of CBT in hybrid mode.

8.3. Trainees reporting late or beyond the prescribed time shall not be allowed to appear in the exam under any circumstances. NBEMS shall not be responsible for any delayed arrival of the trainee in reaching the center due to any reason.

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- 8.4. **Test Centre Location:** Exact address and location of the test centers shall be indicated in the admit card. Trainees are advised to familiarize themselves with the test center locations at least one day prior to the examination day and ensure that they report for the exam as per scheduled time only.
- 8.5. Please note that only the Trainees who have been issued admit card will be allowed entry inside the examination center premises subject to fulfilment of documentary requirements.
- 8.6. Friends or relatives accompanying the Trainees will not be allowed entry in the examination center premises under any circumstances and will not be allowed to contact the trainee while the examination process is ongoing.
- 8.7. **Barcode/QR Code Reader at Entry Points:** The trainee will flash the admit card and ID proof for verification to the exam functionary standing across the table with barcode/QR code reader. Trainee shall be informed about the assigned lab number.
- 8.8. Identity checks will be made upon arrival at the test center to ensure that there are no unauthorized Trainees appearing for the exam.
- 8.9. Trainees **MUST bring** to the test center the following documents:
- 8.9.1. Printed copy of Barcoded/QR Coded Admit card.
- 8.9.2. Any one of the below mentioned Govt. issued photo IDs**
(must be **original** and **valid/non-expired**):
- ❖ PAN Card
 - ❖ Driving License
 - ❖ Voter ID
 - ❖ Passport
 - ❖ Aadhaar Card (With Photograph)

Please bring at least one but as many of the above mentioned Photo IDs which are issued to you and details of which have been provided in the application form.

8.10. In case, any trainee reports to the test center with e-Aadhaar Card with Aadhaar number printed on it as proof of identity, the e-Aadhaar Card should be a good quality colour print out with clearly visible photograph. The photograph should not have kinks, scratches and stains, and should definitely match with the trainee presenting the e-Aadhaar Card. Decision of NBEMS in this regard shall be final”.

*** The name on the photo identification must match with the name as shown on the Admit Card. If name has changed due to marriage etc, trainee must show the relevant document to substantiate claim for change in name (Marriage Certificate/ Divorce Decree/ Legal Name Change Document/ Gazette notification for name change).*

8.11. Trainees without **original hard copy valid ID** proof shall not be allowed to enter the examination premises. Photocopies of Govt. issued ID proofs shall not be accepted. Identity proof shown in Digi Locker shall also not be acceptable as Trainees shall not be allowed to carry electronic devices inside the exam centre.

8.12. Unfair means case shall be registered against the Trainees producing false/forged documents/ID Proofs.

8.13. **SECURITY AT THE TEST CENTRE:** Trainees will **not be allowed** to take the following items **beyond security check point** in examination premises under any circumstances:

- Any stationery item like bags, non-transparent pouches, textual material (printed or written), notes, Calculator, Pen Drives, writing pads etc. **Pen, pencil, coloured pens, rulers, erasers etc. shall be permitted only in a transparent pouch.**
- Any electronic device like Mobile Phone, Bluetooth, Earphones, Microphone, Pager, wrist watch/Health Band, Calculator, Electronic Pen/Scanner etc.

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- All ornaments like bracelets, Ring, Earrings, Nose-pin, Chain/Necklace, Pendants, Necklace with pendants, Badge, Brooch etc.
 - Other items like Wallet, Goggles, Handbags, Belt, Cap etc.
 - Any eatable item opened or packed, soft drinks, water bottle etc.
 - Any other item which could be used for unfair means, for hiding communication devices like wireless/Bluetooth device, spy camera etc.

8.14. Trainees will be compulsorily required to carry following items with them to the examination lab:

- Exam related documents (Admit card, ID Card etc)
- PwD certificate issued by the Competent Authority, if claiming scribe/ extra-time as per provisions of the RPwD Act, 2016.

Please read the admit card carefully for items permitted to carry inside the examination centres.

8.15. No arrangement will be made at the centres for keeping any articles/ items belonging to the Trainees. In case any trainee is found in possession of any of the barred items inside the centre beyond the security check point, it will be considered as use of unfair means and action will be taken against the trainee in accordance with the relevant provisions. To avoid any hardship Trainees are advised not to bring prohibited items along with them at the test Centre.

8.16. Frisking (Hand Held Metal Detector and Body Pat) will be done at entry to test centre (secure zone) premises.

8.17. **Finger Biometrics** of Trainees **shall be captured** at the time of registration for the test at test venue. In addition, Photograph of the Trainees shall also be captured on the exam day at the centre at the time of registration, at each bio-break and during the exam. **Face ID shall be verified** against the photograph(s) captured on the exam day

and photograph(s) uploaded in the application from. Therefore, it is **essential to upload a recent photograph** in the application as per image upload guidelines prescribed, in order to avoid mismatch in Face ID verification process. Trainees are requested to cooperate with this essential activity to avoid any cases of impersonation. This is a security feature which will ensure that only genuine trainee appear for the exam. Any trainee not adhering to the aforementioned security measures will not be allowed to take the test. Manual Attendance with signature and manual thumb impression shall also be done.

- 8.18. After verification of ID and capture of photograph, Trainees will be escorted to the designated computer terminal at the test centre ensuring social distancing and an Invigilator will assist the trainee for check-in process of the test.
- 8.19. Trainees are required to keep their admit card and photo identification with them at all times during the conduct of examination.
- 8.20. Trainees are required to listen to the invigilator's instructions to begin the exam. Each workstation will be blocked from three sides – front, left and right. Trainees are advised not to look around at other Trainees as there will be surveillance cameras also that will record video. No rough paper for rough work or pen/pencil shall be provided by the test centre.
- 8.21. Any suspicious or disruptive behaviour on part of the trainee may lead to cancellation of candidature. For any clarification during the exam, Trainees are required to raise their hand to call the invigilator. Under no circumstance, they should talk to the fellow trainee or peep into the computer systems of the fellow trainee.
- 8.22. In case of any technical disruption during the test, rest assured that a registered trainee will get complete allocated examination time.

Case	Description of failure	Standard actions taken
1	Disruption happens (e.g Power Failure) during the exam time after the Trainees have logged in (either for one or more Trainees)	No action necessary. The timer will stop when the failure occurs and will resume when the failure is rectified. There will be no time loss in allocated examination time due disruption/failure.
2	Trainee machine is locked during the exam. (e.g Loss of connectivity with the Primary Server)	IT Manager in each exam room verifies and unlocks the Trainees account and the timer starts from the same point where the trainee had left. There will be no time loss in allocated examination time due to this locking.
3	Trainee complains of any specific issues in the machine (e.g screen flickering, mouse issue, system getting locked/hanged repeatedly etc)	On reporting of the issue , IT Manager/Invigilator verifies and locks the trainee machine. The trainee may be shifted from their allotted seat to buffer seat in same or other lab during the examination, if required. There will be no time loss in allocated examination time due to this shifting

8.23. Admit Card for Work Place Based Clinical Assessment:

8.23.1. The admit card for WPBCA shall be issued only to those trainees who have appeared in the Theory Examination.

8.23.2. Admit cards shall be accessible to download from Online Portal for Formative Assessment Test (<https://www.natboard.edu.in/fat/index>) using OTP based login. OTP shall be sent at registered mobile numbers of the trainees. Admit card will not be sent to the Trainees by Post/Email.

8.23.3. The Trainee(S) shall appear at exam centre with one of the following original and valid/non-expired ID proof along with the admit card:

- ❖ PAN Card
- ❖ Driving License
- ❖ Voter ID
- ❖ Passport
- ❖ Aadhaar Card (with Photograph)

9. Centres for FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses

- 9.1. The tentative list of cities where FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses shall be conducted is as follows:

Sr. No.	State	City
1	Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam
2	Assam	Guwahati
3	Bihar	Patna
4	Chhattisgarh	Bhilai
5	Delhi	Delhi
6	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
7	Jammu and Kashmir	Jammu
8	Jharkhand	Ranchi
9	Karnataka	Bengaluru
10	Kerala	Ernakulam
11	Madhya Pradesh	Indore
12	Maharashtra	Mumbai
13	Punjab	Patiala
14	Rajasthan	Jaipur
15	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
16	Telangana	Hyderabad
17	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
18	West Bengal	Kolkata

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- 9.2. NBEMS reserves its right to add or remove a test city from the list above due to logistic, administrative or other reasons.
 - 9.3. The exact venue will be informed to the Trainees through admit cards. The Trainees shall make their own arrangement for travel/boarding etc.
 - 9.4. At the time of online submission of application form, the trainee will be required to indicate his/her FIRST and SECOND choice of the exam city in which he/she wants to take the exam. NBEMS will make all efforts to allocate the exam centre in the city of FIRST choice.
 - 9.5. Trainees will be informed regarding their test cities through email by **28th May 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses** and regarding test venue through the admit card.
 - 9.6. The list of test cities is purely tentative. In an extraordinary situation where the particular city chosen by the Trainees could not be considered for conduct of examination due to security audit issues at test centres or other logistic issues/unforeseen reasons, Trainees who would have opted for such test cities shall be accommodated at test centres in nearby cities available. Such change of test cities, if any, shall be intimated through email in advance to concerned Trainees. **NBEMS reserves its right to allocate test centre anywhere in the country irrespective of the test city chosen by the trainee to maintain the sanctity of examination.**
 - 9.7. Requests for change of testing centre / city shall not be entertained on any ground. Trainees are advised not to canvass for the same.

10. Instructions to Fill Online FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses Application Form

- 10.1. The application form for FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses is a joint application to be filled in by the training institution and trainees registered at that institute. Whereas the institute will select the trainees who would be appearing in the FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses, the selected trainees will be required to upload their photograph, signature and choose the test cities where they would like to appear in FAT theory examination.
- 10.2. Both the institute and the trainee shall login to their applications using separate set of login credentials. Applications for institutions and trainees shall be available as per schedule indicated under “Important Dates”. No extension of the prescribed timelines shall be permissible.
- 10.3. **Registering an application for FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses by the institute:** The SPoC of the institute will have to begin with by registering an application for its trainees. The details of SPoC are pre-populated in the application form. An application ID starting with FATH will be issued to the institute. One hospital can register only once to submit application for FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses. The UserID/Application ID and password so generated shall be sent to the registered email ID of the institute for login to the application again. An application ID starting with FATC will be issued to each trainee selected by the hospital appear in FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses.
- 10.4. After successful registration of an application by the hospital, the successful submission of application for FAT has following 3 steps. An application is successfully completed only when all these 3 steps are completed. Whereas Step - 1 & 2 shall be completed by the training institute, Step - 3 shall be completed by the trainee:

- **Step - 1: Add trainees for FAT (To be completed by the Institute)**

A list of trainees scheduled to appear in FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses is pre-populated in the application form from the database of NBEMS. Any trainee whose name is not reflected in the pre-populated list and who is otherwise eligible to appear in FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses can be added using the tab "Add Additional Trainee".

Trainees in pre-populated list, however, can be deselected, if required, under "Confirmation and Payment Page". The reason for deselection could *only be* discontinuation of training programme or relocation to other NBEMS accredited institute.

- **Step - 2: Confirmation and Payment (To be completed by the Institute)**

Clicking on Confirmation and Payment will open up a window in a new tab.

Such trainees who have been relocated to some other institute or have discontinued training at your institute can be deselected. **Trainees who are otherwise scheduled to appear in FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses cannot be deselected for any other reasons such as being on leave, unwilling to appear, unauthorized absence, etc. They shall be marked as ABSENT if they fail to appear in the FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses.**

The institute shall be required to pay the fee for all those trainees who are selected to appear in the FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses.

The application can be accessed any number of times during the application window and fee can be paid in multiple application login sessions during the application window for the set of selected trainees.

- **Step - 3: Upload photograph, Upload signature and Selection of test city (To be completed by the Trainee)**

The trainee shall upload his/her recent photograph as per image upload guidelines of NBEMS. He/she shall also be required to capture his/her LIVE photograph as per Image upload guidelines of NBEMS.

The trainee shall provide his two preferred test city choices.

The trainee whose name are already in the pre-populated list shall be shared their login credentials at their registered email IDs at the start of application window. They can start completing their component of application form irrespective of whether the institute has completed the payment process or not. However, those trainees who are added as additional trainees by the institute will get their login credentials at their registered email ID only after being added by the institute.

10.5. **Application Submission Status:** Application submission status shall be available for viewing both to the institute and the trainee. Application can have any of the following four status:

Application Status (Trainee_Institute)	Inference
Application Pending_Payment Pending	Neither the trainee nor the institute have completed the application submission process
Application Submitted_Payment Pending	The trainee has completed Step - 3 but the institute is yet to complete the payment
Application Pending_Payment Success	The trainee has not yet completed the Step - 3 but the institute has completed both the Steps 1 & 2
Application Submitted_Payment Success	Both the trainee and the institute have successfully completed the application submission process
Application Pending_Payment Fail	The trainee has not yet completed the Step - 3 and payment failed due to Technical issue
Application Submitted_Payment Fail	The trainee has completed Step - 3 and payment failed due to Technical issue

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- 10.6. **Email ID:** Email ID of trainee and the SpOC shall be pre-populated in the application. Email ID of the SpOC shall be verified through an OTP at the time of registering an application. Please note that all email correspondence with the trainee and the institute shall be done at their registered email IDs only. Trainees and institutes shall also be able to communicate with NBEMS through these registered emails only. Correspondence received from any other email ID of the trainee shall not be entertained.
- 10.7. **Mobile No:** Mobile number of the SPoC and trainees shall also be pre-populated in the application form NBEMS database. Mobile number shall NOT be the primary means to communicate with the trainee or the institute for examination purposes. Mobile number of SPoC shall not be verified through an OTP.
- 10.8. Should there be any change in the contact details of SPoC of a hospital, please update the details using hospital login credentials at OAAP (Online Accreditation Application Portal) under "Update Profile" Tab, before you can submit FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses applications with updated details. Also, please inform NBEMS through email at fat@natboard.edu.in regarding this update so that the updated details of SPoC can be populated in the FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses application
- 10.9. The index page of FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses at NBEMS website [https:// natboard.edu.in](https://natboard.edu.in) provides a quick link, "**To Register (Hospital)**". This link allows a hospital to register an application for all its trainees. The quick link "**Already Registered? To login**". The online application form for FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses can be accessed by training institute through this quick link after successful registration of an application by the institute. The trainees can login using the quick link "**Candidate Login**" at this index page.

The application submission process can be completed either in a single sitting or in multiple sittings, as per the trainee's/ institute's choice,

during the application submission window. The last submitted information shall be saved in database. No changes in the application shall be permissible after the application window is closed. No additional trainee can be added or payment for already added trainees can be made after the application window is closed for the institute.

- 10.10. NBEMS does not edit/modify/change any information provided by the Trainees in their applications of its own.
- 10.11. **Upload of Prescribed Images (Photograph and Scanned Signatures):** Please refer Image Upload Instructions available at NBEMS website <https://natboard.edu.in> and at the end of this information bulletin for details of specifications for uploading photograph and signatures. Images which are not as per prescribed specification shall not be considered and may lead to rejection of the application. Please ensure that uploaded photograph is a RECENT photograph and in any case **should have not been taken more than 3 months before the date of application submission**. Uploading a photograph which is not a recent one or which is not as per prescribed image upload guidelines as detailed in this information bulletin shall invite rejection of the application.
- 10.12. At the time of online submission of application form, the trainee will be required to indicate his/her FIRST and SECOND choice of the exam city in which he/she wants to take the exam. NBEMS will make all efforts to allocate the exam centre in the city of FIRST choice.
- 10.13. **Acknowledgement of Application Submission:** A n acknowledgement email shall be sent to the registered email ID of the trainee confirming submission of an application by the trainee. Submission of application shall be completed only after successful payment of examination fee by the institute and successful submission of application by the trainee. The status would be reflected as Application Submitted_Payment Done (i.e. Process Completed).

Summary of Steps in Online Application Form Submission

10.15. The following steps summarises the application submission

Institute Application:

- *SPoC to register a FAT application for the entire institute. An Application ID starting with FATH will be generated.*
- *User ID and Password will be shared with the institute to login to this application.*
- *Institute will see a pre-populated list of trainees who are scheduled to appear in FAT. In case the institute wishes to add additional trainees, they can be added at this stage.*
- *Institute will then deselect any trainee by unchecking the box whom it would like to drop from appearing from FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses. Reason to be chosen for deselection.*
- *The list of finally selected trainees to be pre-viewed before making the payment.*
- *Agree to the declaration.*
- *Click proceed to payment for making the payment. Payment can only be made through the online payment gateway.*

Trainee Application:

- *The trainee will get their login credentials at their registered email IDs.*
- *An Application ID starting with FATC will be displayed.*
- *Trainee will upload his/her photograph, capture his/her photograph using webcam and upload signature in the application form.*
- *Trainee will also select the test cities of his/her choice. First and Second choices are to be given*
- *Agree to the declaration and submit the application.*
- *Take a print out of the filled Application form with application status printed on it. Application Submitted_ Payment Done (Process Completed)*

11. Caution Notice and Unfair Means

A. Caution Notice

- 11.1. The official website of NBEMS are <https://natboard.edu.in> Trainees and training institutes are advised to refer for any information about NBEMS and Examinations conducted by NBEMS only through this website link. Please refer FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses index page on NBEMS website <https://natboard.edu.in> and Information Bulletin uploaded therein for authentic information and periodic updates about the FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses.
- 11.2. Trainees are hereby advised not to be allured or misled by unscrupulous agents /touts making false and bogus claims of helping any trainee in any means by such spoofed emails/SMS or forged documents.
- 11.3. NBEMS does not send any email or SMS to Trainees regarding securing good marks/merit position in any of the exams conducted by NBEMS.
- 11.4. Be aware when getting any email or SMS in the name of NBEMS, please cross verify information received through SMS in name of NBEMS with a corresponding Email/NBEMS Website update.
- 11.5. Trainees are also advised to use the email IDs/contact numbers for communication with NBEMS which are provided on the NBEMS websites time to time.
- 11.6. In case Trainees are approached by any unscrupulous agents/touts promising any such undue favour through any spoofed emails/SMS or telephone call or forged documents or personally the same may be reported to NBEMS through its Communication Web Portal available under Contact us tab on NBEMS website or to the local police for further investigation.

B. Unfair Means

If during the course of training / examination, a candidate is found indulging in any of the following, he/she shall be deemed to have used unfair means.

- 11.7. Candidate undergoing DNB/DrNB/NBEMS Diploma training if by himself or in connivance with the accredited Institute authorities tries to abstain himself from DNB/DrNB/NBEMS Diploma training or submits false/ forged certificate towards DNB/ DrNB/NBEMS Diploma training.
- 11.8. Maintaining incomplete/incorrect log book, attendance records, training schedule, thesis work etc.
- 11.9. Submission of DNB/DrNB/ NBEMS Diploma training certificate with wrong dates of joining and completion of training.
- 11.10. Candidate misbehaving or using abusive language with other DNB/DrNB/NBEMs Diploma trainees or patients or staff of accredited institute or with the faculty of the accredited institute.
- 11.11. Candidate who has resigned from DNB/DrNB/NBEMS Diploma course (after joining the DNB/DrNB/NBEMS Diploma course) if appears for DNB/DrNB/NBEMS Diploma entrance during the scheduled duration of training.
- 11.12. If a candidate is found to have made a wrong statement in his/her online application form for admission to the examinations / counseling / training or has attempted to secure or has secured admission to any of the examinations of NBEMS by making a false statement or by production of a false document.
- 11.13. If at any stage a candidate has tampered with any entry in the certificate or statement of marks or any certificate issued by any

governmental or non-governmental body or any other document that has been issued to him/ her NBEMS.

- 11.14. In the answer book, a candidate is not permitted to write his/her name or put his/her signature (except on the jacket of the answer sheet) or put any sign or mark which may disclose his/her identity to the examiner.
- 11.15. Use/possession of any kind of electronic gadgets including mobile phones with or without internet (whether the gadgets are actually used or not).
- 11.16. Having in possession of any note-book(s) or notes or chits or any other unauthorized material concerning the subject pertaining to the examination paper.
- 11.17. Anything written on any part of clothing, body, desk, table or any instrument such as set square, protractor, blotting paper and question paper etc.
- 11.18. Giving or receiving assistance directly or indirectly of any kind or attempting to do so.
- 11.19. Change of seat without the permission of Examination Superintendent/ In charge Computer Laboratory.
- 11.20. Writing questions or answers on any material other than the answer.
- 11.21. Tearing of any page of the answer book or supplementary answer book etc.
- 11.22. Contacting or communicating or trying to do so with any person, other than the Examination Staff, during the examination time in the Examination center/Computer Laboratory.

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- 11.23. Consulting notes, books or any other material or outside person while going out of the examination hall/Computer Laboratory to toilet or to any other place.
 - 11.24. Impersonation.
 - 11.25. Candidate appearing multiple times with same or different identity in different sessions of same examination conducted on Computer Based Testing platform.
 - 11.26. Using or attempting to use any other undesirable method or means in connection with the examination.
 - 11.27. Taking away the answer book out of the examination hall/room. Smuggling out Question Paper or its part; or smuggling out answer book/supplementary answer sheet or part thereof.
 - 11.28. Running away or swallowing or destroying any note or paper or material found with him/her.
 - 11.29. If the answer books show that a candidate has received or given help to any other candidate through copying.
 - 11.30. Threatening any of the officials connected with the conduct of the examinations or threatening of any of the candidates.
 - 11.31. Found exchanging answer book or question paper with solution or copying from unauthorized material.
 - 11.32. Peeping into the computer monitor screen of the other candidate.
 - 11.33. Disclosing his/her identity or making distinctive mark in the answer book for that purpose or fails to deliver his/her answer book/ continuation sheet before leaving the examination hall.

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- 11.34. Hacking or attempting to hack or causing interference with the website of NBEMS or its Technology Partner(s) or their Information Technology systems.
- 11.35. Tampering with Information Technology systems of NBEMS or Technology Partner(s) or Computer Laboratory.
- 11.36. Damaging the computer systems of computer Laboratory.
- 11.37. Candidate found to have attempted or trying to attempt personally or through another person to influence or pressurise an examiner, or any officer or official connected with the examinations of the NBEMS or its technology partner, either at the Board or at the office of technology partner or their respective residence(s), in any matter concerned with the examinations.
- 11.38. If at any stage if it is found that the candidate has appeared multiple times in the same session of examination or has appeared in same or different examination of NBEMS with different names, unfair means case shall be registered against such candidate and dealt accordingly.
- 11.39. Any act of candidate/any person which is detrimental to safe, secure and smooth conduct of examination and the decision of EEC in this regard shall be final.
- 11.40. Candidate is found talking/peeping to another candidate during the examination hours in the examination room.
- 11.41. A candidate who refuses to obey the Superintendent of Examination center/ Computer Lab and changes his/her seat with another candidate and/or creates disturbance of any kind during the examination and/or otherwise misbehaves in the examination hall.

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- 11.42. A candidate found copying from notes written on any part of his/her clothing, body, desk or table or instrument like set squares, protractors, scales etc. or who is found guilty of concealing, disfiguring, rendering illegible, swallowing or destroying any notes or papers or material found with him/her or found exchanging answer book or question paper with solution or talking to a person or consulting notes or books outside the Examination Hall, while going to the toilet or in the toilet.
- 11.43. Any candidate found guilty of having adopted anyone or more of the above Unfair means/misconduct is liable to be penalized with a penalty by the Ethics Committee, which may vary from cancellation of the examination/ expulsion up to next 14 attempts or 7 yrs and/or cancellation of candidature as may be decided by Examinations Ethics Committee after considering each case.
- 11.44. The above list is purely indicative. If any act of omission or commission attributed to the candidate/intent by the candidate to vitiate the sanctity of the examination in decision of NBEMS shall be taken up as unfair means.

12. Communication Protocols

- 12.1. Information in this information bulletin & NBEMS website <https://natboard.edu.in> will guide you through the entire process and help answer most of your queries.
- 12.2. In case you are still facing issues, then you can contact NBEMS through any of the following modes:

- **NBEMS Trainee Care helpline (Preferred mode):**

Helpline Number	+91-7996165333
Helpline Portal	For queries related to application form submission/ Refund of failed transactions/ Payment Gateway related issues etc: Portal can be accessed through applicant login after registering an application for FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses.
	This portal shall be managed by NBEMS technology partner. Only relevant queries shall be addressed to this portal by the institute. This portal will be accessible through hospital login only.
	For queries OTHER THAN application form submission/ Refund of failed transaction etc: NBEMS Communication Web Portal accessible through NBEMS Website (Contact Us tab)
Official Website	https://natboard.edu.in

- **By Post:**

Honorary Executive Director
National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences,
Medical Enclave,
Ansari Nagar,
New Delhi -110029

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- 12.3. Emails related to FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses sent at any email ID of NBEMS shall not be processed. Institutes and Trainees are requested to communicate to NBEMS only through Communication Web Portal.
- 12.4. Queries shall only be processed if same are sent through email ID of trainee registered with NBEMS.
- 12.5. Following Information must be provided in communications addressed to dedicated FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses helpdesk regarding FAT:
- *Name of the Trainee/ Name of Institute*
 - *Course Name*
 - *Year of Admission*
 - *Specialty*
 - *Email ID*
 - *Mobile Number*
 - *Correspondence Address*
 - *Application ID/Roll Number for FAT 2026 for DNB Post Diploma Courses*
 - *Session of Examination*
- ❖ **Communications sent without aforesaid information may not be entertained.**
- 12.6. Do not send the same communication multiple times, as it will delay the response process.
- 12.7. Queries shall not be entertained from persons claiming themselves to be representative, associates or officiates of the trainee.

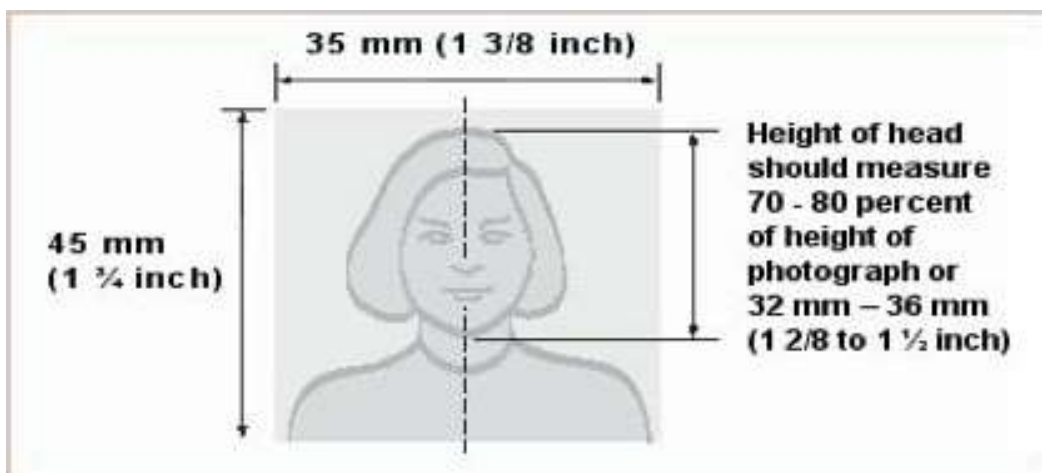
Image Upload Instructions

Note: Kindly go through the guidelines carefully. Images uploaded in the application form which are not in accordance with the guidelines shall invite rejection of application.

Before applying online, a trainee will be required to have a scanned (digital) image of his/her photograph and signature per the specifications given below. Your online application will not be registered unless you upload your photograph, signature and thumb impression as specified.

A. PHOTOGRAPH

Processes for photo upload:



The trainee shall be required to upload **TWO photographs**:

1. A **REAL TIME PHOTOGRAPH** taken by the webcam/in-built camera of the computer system while filling the online application form:
 - a. Confirm that the system used to fill the form has an in-built camera/webcam.
 - b. Be properly dressed in a formal attire.
 - c. Stand/sit against a **white background** (Avoid distracting backgrounds)
 - d. There should be bright light falling on your face but not on the webcam.

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- e. No objects should be behind you while capturing the photograph through web cam). The image **must not include other objects or additional people**. Ensure that you are only one person in picture.
 - f. The image must contain the full face, ears, neck, and shoulders of the entrant in frontal view with a neutral, non-smiling expression and with eyes open and directed at the camera.
 - g. The image must not contain any parts of the body below the entrant's shoulders.
 - h. Click on “Capture Photo” button in the application form.
9. Upload a **RECENT PHOTOGRAPH** (Not more than 3 months old) which can be prepared in following way:

CLICKING YOUR RECENT PHOTO USING DIGITAL CAMERA:

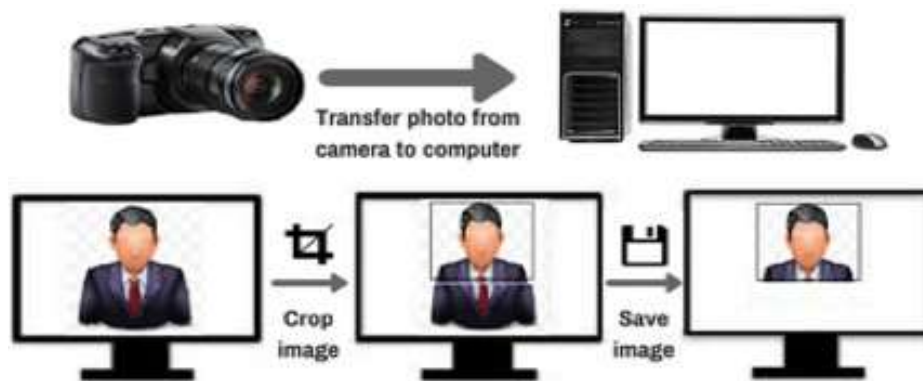
- ❖ **DO NOT UPLOAD MORE THAN 3 MONTH OLD PRE-
SAVED PHOTOGRAPH OF YOURS. Uploading a
photograph which is not a recent one shall invite rejection
of application.**



- ❖ **IN CASE OF GROSS DIFFERENCE IN YOUR
APPEARANCE IN REAL TIME PHOTOGRAPH AND UPLOADED
PHOTOGRAPH, THE APPLICATION WILL BE REJECTED.**
- a. Preference to be given to upload a photograph taken in a photo-studio in last 3 months to avoid any likely error in photograph. If you decide to take the photograph at home, please follow the instructions mentioned below.
 - b. Be properly dressed in a formal attire.
 - c. Click colour photograph in **bright light** using any high resolution digital device (preferably with > 5-megapixel resolution). Avoid using flash as it tends to create a shadow on the white background. Images which are taken in with improper light shall be rejected.
 - d. Avoid selfie; ask someone else to take the picture for you. They might also help to direct you a bit, like telling you to straight your head or tuck your hair behind your ears. Selfies shall be rejected.
 - e. Do not wear spectacles (to avoid reflection in the glass), cap, goggles, stethoscope around neck, makeup, ornaments while getting the photo shot.
 - f. Stand/sit against a **white background** (Avoid distracting backgrounds)

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- g. No object should be in the background. The image must not include other objects or additional people. Ensure that you are only one person in picture. Images having any object in the background shall be rejected.
 - h. The image must contain the full face, ears, neck, and shoulders of the entrant in frontal view with a neutral, non-smiling expression and with eyes open and directed at the camera.
 - i. The image must not contain any parts of the body below the entrant's shoulders. Images having parts of body below the shoulder shall be rejected.

Checklist for editing & uploading the digital photograph:



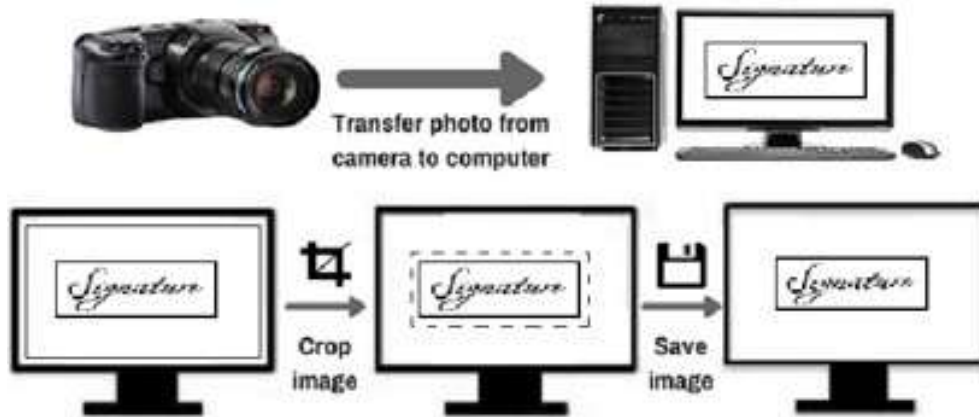
- a. Transfer the photograph from the digital device to a computer/laptop.
- b. Photograph is in colour with white background.
- c. Your face is clearly visible.
- d. The size of image should be less than 80kb. Size of the image can be checked by right click on the image and then go to "Properties" link. (Maintain aspect ratio, i.e. height and width ratio to avoid distortion of image)
- e. Image is in .jpg/.jpeg format.
- f. Image is not blurred in the process of editing.
- g. Digital enhancement or other alterations or retouching are not permitted.
- h. Make sure your face takes up at least 70-80% of the frame.

B. SIGNATURE

Digital image of your Signature can be made in two ways:

- Using a digital device to directly image (i.e. camera)
- Scanning the signature

I.



PREPARING DIGITAL IMAGE OF SIGNATURE USING A DIGITAL DEVICE (CAMERA)

Clicking image of signature using a digital device:

- Draw a box of size 1.5 cm (height) x 3.5 cm (width). Use a black or dark blue ink pen to sign within this box.
- Click the signature within the box in bright light conditions using any digital device (preferably with > 5-megapixel resolution). Avoid using flash.



- Check the shadow of your hands/camera/smartphone etc. does not fall on the sheet.













Editing digital image of the signature:















- a. Transfer the digital image to a computer/laptop.
- b. If required, use **auto-correct feature** of image editing software so that the signature is clear against a white background.
- c. **Crop** the image such that borders of box are reached.
- d. **Resize** the image to 20 – 100 Kb (maintain aspect ratio, i.e. height and width ratio to avoid distortion of image)








II. SCANNING THE SIGNATURE:



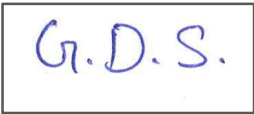
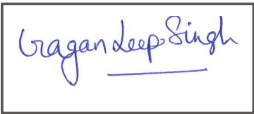


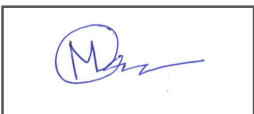



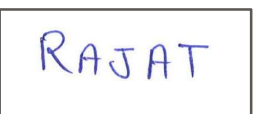
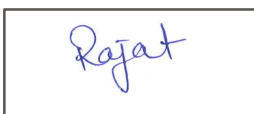



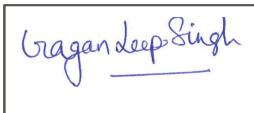


- a. The trainee should provide his/her complete signatures and not just initials.
- b. The signatures should be **done by the Trainees only** as it may be checked any time frequently.
- c. Signature done on the blank **white page without lines only** will be accepted
- d. Take the white sheet and mark the box size of 3.5 x 1.5 cm (width x height)
- e. Sign inside the box with **blue/black pen**.
- f. If the Trainee's signature on the answer script, at the time of the examination, does not match the signature on the Attendance Sheet, the trainee will be disqualified.
- g. Set the scanner to 200 dpi
- h. The scanned image should be saved in .jpeg/.jpg format.
- i. Crop only box area and not the complete white page.
- j. The size of image should be less than 80kb.

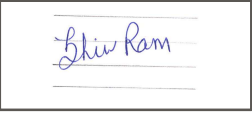







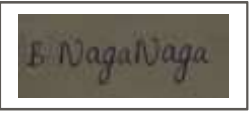



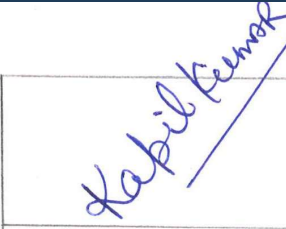
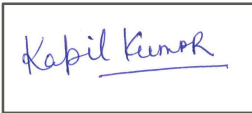



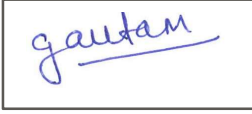


INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACCEPTABLE PHOTOGRAPHS


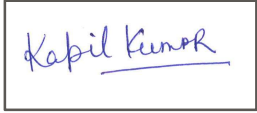






Not Acceptable	Reason for Rejection	Acceptable
	Cropped image	
		
	Not looking straight into camera	
		
	Black & White Photographs	
		

	<p>Improper flash or improper lighting</p>	
		
	<p>Photo taken with mobile phone (including "selfies") resulting in distorted face</p>	
		
	<p>Distortion due to enlargement of an original smaller image</p>	
		
	<p>Improper Background or Sunglasses</p>	

					
		Too much glare on spectacles			
					
		Spectacle rim over eyes			
					
INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACCEPTABLE SIGNATURES					
Not Acceptable Signature		Reason for Rejection		Acceptable	
		Signature not in rectangle box			

		
	Signature not in full	
		
	Initials are unacceptable	
		
	Signature in Capital	
		
	Signature is smaller in size. Instead of the box, entire page is scanned and uploaded.	
		

	<p>Signature not in plain white background</p>	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">   </div>		
	<p>Signature and thumb impression in same box</p>	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">   </div>		
	<p>Signatures with dark background</p>	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">   </div>		
	<p>Signature outside the rectangle</p>	
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	<p>Signature in other than blue or black ink</p>	
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		Photograph uploaded in place of Signatures	
			
		Thumb Impression Uploaded in place of Signatures	
			

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7. Orthopaedics
8. Otorhinolaryngology (ENT)
9. Paediatrics
10. Psychiatry
11. Radio Diagnosis
12. Radiation Oncology
13. Respiratory Medicine
14. Pathology
15. Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation



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