

# NEET PG COUNSELLING 2026

Complete Guide to MCC, State Counselling,  
Rounds & Choice Filling

A practical, step-by-step guide for MBBS graduates planning MD, MS and other  
eligible postgraduate medical admissions.

UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS • PREPARE YOUR DOCUMENTS • FILL CHOICES  
STRATEGICALLY

[Prepared as an informational planning resource • Updated for the 2026 counselling cycle](#)

**Important: Counselling rules, dates, eligibility, fees, seat matrices and round-specific conditions can change. Always follow the latest official MCC notice and the relevant state counselling authority's bulletin.**

# 1. NEET PG Counselling at a Glance

NEET PG counselling is the seat-allocation and admission process through which eligible candidates compete for postgraduate medical seats based on applicable eligibility rules, merit, category, choices submitted and seat availability.

## Two main counselling routes

| Route             | Generally covers                                                                                                                                 | Where to check                                                    |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MCC counselling   | 50% All India Quota (AIQ) PG seats and other seat categories assigned to MCC, including specified central/deemed university seats as applicable. | Official MCC PG Medical Counselling portal and 2026 bulletin.     |
| State counselling | State quota seats and other seats administered by the relevant state/UT authority, subject to that authority's rules.                            | Official state counselling portal and state information bulletin. |

**Do not assume that registering for MCC automatically registers you for state counselling, or vice versa. Check whether you need separate registrations and whether you meet each route's eligibility criteria.**

## Official starting points

MCC PG Medical Counselling: [mcc.nic.in/pg-medical-counselling](https://mcc.nic.in/pg-medical-counselling)

MCC PG schedule and information bulletin: [MCC PG Schedule](#)

# 2. Before You Register: Preparation Checklist

- Confirm that you meet the current NEET PG eligibility requirements and the specific counselling route's conditions.
- Read the current-year MCC bulletin and the state bulletin(s) relevant to you.
- Keep your NEET PG application details, admit card and score/rank information available.
- Prepare identity proof, MBBS records, internship completion evidence and registration documents as required.
- Prepare category, EWS, PwBD, NRI or other applicable certificates only if relevant; check prescribed format, validity and issuing authority.
- Research colleges, specialities, fees, stipend, bond/service obligations, location and reporting requirements.
- Use an active mobile number and email address; keep payment receipts and registration confirmations.

Document requirements differ by candidate, institution, quota and state. The list above is a preparation aid, not a definitive document checklist.

## 3. Step-by-Step Counselling Process

### Step 1 — Select the counselling route

Identify the MCC seat categories you may apply for and the state counselling authorities for which you may be eligible.

### Step 2 — Register on the official portal

Enter candidate details carefully. Review spelling, application identifiers, category and contact information before submitting.

### Step 3 — Pay the required fee/deposit

Check the current bulletin for the registration fee, refundable security deposit, payment methods, deadlines and refund/forfeiture rules. Save receipts.

### Step 4 — Review the seat matrix

Check available colleges, courses, quotas, categories and seat counts. A seat shown in a previous year's matrix may not be available this year.

### Step 5 — Fill and arrange choices

Select eligible college-course combinations and order them according to your genuine preference—not merely by perceived rank or popularity.

### Step 6 — Lock choices if required

Follow the current portal instructions and locking deadline. Do not assume that saving choices means they are locked.

### Step 7 — Check the allotment result

Download the allotment letter if a seat is allotted. Read the reporting instructions and deadlines carefully.

### Step 8 — Report and complete admission formalities

Attend the allotted institution within the prescribed window with original documents, fees and any required undertaking/bond.

### Step 9 — Decide on further rounds carefully

Understand the current rules for willingness, upgradation, resignation, eligibility for later rounds and consequences of not joining.

## 4. Choice Filling: A Practical Strategy

Choice filling is not just about selecting colleges. It is about ranking realistic options in the order you would actually accept them, while understanding the rules attached to each choice.

**Build a longlist:** List colleges and specialities that meet your eligibility, budget, location and career preferences.

**Verify each option:** Use official seat matrices and college/authority sources to confirm course availability, recognition, fees, stipend, bond and service conditions.

**Rank by your real preference:** Place the option you would most like to join above options you prefer less, subject to the portal's rules and your eligibility.

**Add sensible alternatives:** Avoid an unnecessarily short list if you are open to more options. Include only choices you would genuinely consider joining.

**Review before locking:** Check college name, course, quota/category, sequence and the current deadline. Save a copy or screenshot of the final list where permitted.

### **Avoid these common mistakes**

- Filling choices based only on last year's cut-offs.
- Ignoring tuition fees, stipend, bond/service obligations or location.
- Selecting a college you would not actually join.
- Missing the locking deadline or assuming choices carry over automatically to another round.
- Following unofficial social media dates instead of the latest official notice.

## 5. Counselling Rounds: What to Understand

Counselling may include Round 1, Round 2, Round 3 and a stray-vacancy process, but the exact structure, eligibility, choice-filling requirements and consequences vary by the current MCC scheme and state rules. Some routes may have additional or different stages.

| Stage                      | What candidates should do                                                                                                                         |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Round 1                    | Register within the window, fill choices, follow locking instructions, check allotment and complete reporting if allotted.                        |
| Round 2                    | Check whether fresh registration or choice filling is permitted/required, and understand eligibility based on prior allotment and joining status. |
| Round 3 / subsequent round | Review the latest rules on eligibility, resignation, upgradation, security deposit and participation before making a decision.                    |
| Stray-vacancy stage        | Follow the specific eligibility and registration instructions. Do not assume all candidates or previously allotted candidates can participate.    |

**Important: Freeze/float or willingness terminology and the effects of joining, not joining, resigning or upgrading can change. Read the 2026 counselling scheme before acting; do not rely solely on prior-year experience.**

## 6. MCC vs State Counselling: Questions to Check

- Which seats and quotas are covered by the MCC process this year?
- Which state/UT authorities accept applications from candidates with my domicile, category or educational background?
- Are separate registrations, fees, deposits or choice lists required?
- Are there state-specific domicile, service bond, rural service or eligibility conditions?
- How do joining, resignation and upgradation affect my eligibility for the next round?
- What are the official reporting dates, document-verification steps and refund rules?

## 7. Personal Counselling Tracker

| Task                               | Done | Notes / deadline |
|------------------------------------|------|------------------|
| Read MCC 2026 bulletin             | ■    |                  |
| Read relevant state bulletin       | ■    |                  |
| Check eligibility and certificates | ■    |                  |
| Shortlist colleges and courses     | ■    |                  |
| Compare fees, stipend and bonds    | ■    |                  |
| Register and save receipt          | ■    |                  |
| Fill, review and lock choices      | ■    |                  |
| Check allotment and reporting      | ■    |                  |

## 8. Official Resources & Final Reminders

MCC PG Medical Counselling portal: <https://mcc.nic.in/pg-medical-counselling/>

MCC PG schedules and bulletin: <https://mcc.nic.in/eservices-schedule-pg/>

For state counselling, use the official website of the relevant state/UT counselling authority. Confirm that the notice is for NEET PG 2026 and for the correct round.

### Final reminders

- Verify all 2026 dates directly on official portals before making payments or submitting choices.
- Download and retain registration receipts, choice lists, allotment letters and payment confirmations.
- Never share passwords, OTPs or sensitive login credentials with an agent.
- Independently verify college fees, stipend, bond/service obligations and course details before accepting a seat.
- If instructions conflict, follow the latest official notice from the competent counselling authority.

### Disclaimer

This guide is an educational planning aid and is not an official MCC or state counselling publication. It does not replace the current-year information bulletin, seat matrix, counselling scheme, official notices or legal advice. Rules and schedules can change. Candidates are responsible for checking official sources and meeting every deadline. No admission or seat allotment is guaranteed.

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**For the latest updates, always begin with the official MCC PG Medical Counselling portal.**