



Medical course more affordable in K'taka

**At ₹60k/Seat,
It's Cheapest
In Telangana**

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Bengaluru: For a local student in Karnataka, studying in a private medical or dental college may not be such a costly affair compared to Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra or Kerala. Favouring students who are domiciles of the state, the Karnataka government allows local students to pay Rs 77,000 as annual fee for MBBS courses and Rs 49,000 for dental courses.

In Telangana, however, a government quota seat fee is lesser than that in Karnataka. At Rs 60,000, a student can

get a seat under the government quota on merit. The state also follows a revision of fee every three years and the fee structure is fixed by the Telangana State Admission and Fee Regulatory Committee constituted by the state government.

This, however, is in stark contrast to the fee students pay for government quota seats in Tamil Nadu which can go up to Rs 4 lakh for MBBS and Rs 2.5 lakh for BDS.

Karnataka follows a unique three-stage categorization for medical and dental admissions. While 40% of seats in private medical colleges are reserved for Karnataka students domiciled in the state for seven or more years under the state government quota, another 40% of seats are reserved for students from across India under what is known as all-India quota or

FEE STRUCTURES ACROSS STATES



STATES	MBBS		BDS	
	NEET seat	All India seat	NEET seat	All India seat
Karnataka	₹77,000	₹6.32 lakh	₹49,000	₹4.29 lakh
Telangana	₹60,000	₹11 lakh	₹45,000	₹5 lakh
Kerala	—	₹5.5 lakh	—	₹2.5 lakh
Tamil Nadu	₹4 lakh (top fee)	₹12.5 lakh	₹2.5 lakh	₹6 lakh
Maharashtra	Top 5 MBBS colleges charge between ₹5.7 lakh and ₹9.25 lakh for 85% government quota seats			

**10%
FEE
HIKE**

A recent order of the Karnataka government is likely to push fees up in the coming years. On June 28, 2017, the Karnataka government agreed to the demands of private medical and dental colleges by allowing an increase of 10% every year till 2020.

non-Karnataka quota. The remaining 20% seats are for NRI students and institutional preferences.

A look at the fee structures in medical institutions across other states reveals that medical education is indeed affordable in Karnataka. A government quota seat for students of and outside Maharashtra in Mumbai's KJ Somaiya Medical College costs a whopping Rs 9.25 lakh per annum. The fee is decided by the Shikshan Shulka Samiti, based on expenses incurred by colleges which submit their yearly accounts to the panel.

In Kerala, on the other hand, an all-India merit seat costs Rs 5.5 lakh and for BDS, one pays Rs 2.5 lakh.

Speaking to TOI after private medical institutions were allowed to levy the 10% hike, Dr S Kumar, secretary, Co-medK said, "The fees in Kar-

nataka's private medical colleges are extremely low compared to those in other states. Since the demand is high, more seats are being simultaneously added to facilitate more students."

All India seats

An all-India quota seat in a Karnataka private medical/dental college requires students to pay Rs 6.32 lakh for MBBS annually and Rs 4.29 lakh for BDS. However, in Telangana, a management quota MBBS seat would cost up to Rs 11 lakh. A BDS seat in the regular fee category would cost Rs 5 lakh. Tamil Nadu's private medical colleges, on the other hand, have a fee of Rs 12.5 lakh for MBBS and Rs 6 lakh for BDS.

(With inputs from Hemali Chhapia in Mumbai, Pushpa Narayan in Chennai, Preeti Biswas in Hyderabad and Preetu Nair in Kochi)

UGC: Non-univ institutes can't offer distance edu

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Mumbai: In a watershed decision, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has stated that only universities can offer distance learning programmes in India. With the earlier decision of the Distance Education Council overturned, standalone institutes can no longer continue to run programmes via distance mode.

Across the country dozens of B-schools were raking in crores by offering diploma management courses via distance education mode. They will all have to cease operations and the UGC will not extend their recognition.

The decision was notified in the last week of June in an UGC gazette notification: The minimum standards of instructions for the grant of first degree through non-formal/distance education in the faculties of Arts, Humanities, Fine Arts, Music, Social Science, Commerce and Science.

"Certificates or diplomas or post-graduate diplomas awarded by the standalone institutions, which also have been approved by the Commission based on the policies of the then Distance Education Council, of the Indira Gandhi National Open University, for running open and distance learning programmes till the academic session as specified in recognition letters already issued at the level of the Commission, shall remain valid programmes in the field of open and distance learning mode of education and once the

EDU FOR PROFIT?

- > Standalone institutes can no longer continue to run programmes via distance mode
- > They can continue offering distance education courses only if they acquire university or deemed-university status
- > Move to hit several B-schools that rake in crores by offering open diplomas in management
- > Also, as per new rules, universities can't now operate beyond their jurisdiction

recognition period to these standalone institutions ceases, such institutions cannot offer open and distance learning programmes," the notification read.

These institutes can continue offering distance education courses if they are converted to university or deemed to be university, "failing which, the Commission shall not accord any approval to the open and distance learning programmes of standalone institutions. The decision was taken after a three-member committee headed by Prof N R Madhav Menon submitted its recommendations to regulate education being imparted through the distance mode in India.

New rules also freeze the jurisdiction that universities can operate within. Study centres cannot go beyond their jurisdiction. "For instance, Pune University has a centre in Belapur. That will now have to close down," said a state government officer from the higher education department.



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NOTIFICATION**Combined Centralised Counselling for Admission to MBBS and BDS courses for the year 2017-18 in the state of Karnataka**

Government in their letter No. HFW 124 RGU Bangalore, dated 28-06-2017, have directed KEA to conduct Common Counselling for admission to UG Medical and Dental courses for all Government, Private (including Minority), NRI and Others seats for the year 2017-18 in the state of Karnataka.

Accordingly, KEA is inviting application online from the eligible, qualified in NEET-2017 candidates from all over India, for admission to UG Medical and Dental courses for the year 2017-18 in the state of Karnataka. The candidates who have scored more than or equal to the prescribed minimum score in NEET-2017 only are eligible to register for UG Admissions. Please note that SC/ST/OBC eligibility criteria are applicable to SC/ST/OBC Karnataka candidates only.

The interested eligible candidates have to register online **from 5.00 pm on 05-07-2017 to 09-07-2017 up to 5.30 pm** by visiting KEA Website.

The declaration of NEET- 2017 result and Admission is subject to the Special Leave Petitions Nos. 16307/17, 16311/17 and 17447/1/2017 as directed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its decision dated 12-06-2017. The result of the candidates above 25 years of age is also subject to the outcome of Writ Petition pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in this regard.

Schedule for verification of documents will be hosted on the KEA Website on **10-07-2017 after 5.00 p.m.**

For more details regarding academic eligibility / updates please visit KEA Website <http://kea.kar.nic.in>

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Registration for medical, dental seats likely today

BENGALURU: Students awaiting counselling for medical and dental seats should keep an eye on the website of the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA).

Registration is expected to begin on Wednesday, and a brochure, with instructions and a detailed schedule, will be published online.

Candidates from other states will also have to register for counselling. However, they are not eligible for government (college and government-quota seats).

A total of 46,766 candidates are on the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test state merit list. Medical education minister Sharan Prakash Patil and representatives of private colleges met last week. They decided to increase the fee for government-quota and institution-quota medical seats by 10%.

Dental colleges had sought more time to discuss the hike proposal among themselves, and eventually agreed to the 10% increase, according to Dr Sachidananda, director of medical education.

KEA will conduct counselling for all seats, including those under the NRI and management quota. A total of 3,490 dental seats, including 700 in deemed universities, are available in the state's 46 colleges.