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CIRCULAR

Sub:- Compliance with the Karnataka Compulsory Services by Candidates Completed Medical Courses (Amendment) Rules, 2026 — Regarding the release of original documents and issuance of final degree certificates.

Ref:- 1. Government Notification No HFW 936 HSH 2024, dated 25.05.2026.
2. Legal Opinion rendered by the Legal Advisor, DME, dated 29.10.2026.

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The Government of Karnataka, vide Notification cited under reference (1) above, has promulgated the **Karnataka Compulsory Services by Candidates Completed Medical Courses (Counselling, Allotment and Certification) (Amendment) Rules, 2026**.

In accordance with the statutory amendments introduced under Rule 12 and the newly inserted Rule 14, specific directives have been laid down regarding the handling of student credentials and documents.

1. As per the proviso to Rule 12, the issuance of Final Degree Certificates to candidates who are required to undergo compulsory service under the provisions of the Act shall not be withheld by the concerned University on the ground of non-completion of compulsory service.

2. As per Rule 14(1), original documents submitted by candidates at the time of admission to postgraduate medical courses shall be returned by the respective institutions in accordance with applicable admission rules and **shall not be linked** to the completion of compulsory medical services.

3. Furthermore, Rule 14(3) since an undertaking/bond for compulsory service is obtained during counselling by the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA), no additional bond or No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Commissioner, Health and Family Welfare Services shall be required for the purpose of registration.

In view of the above statutory mandates and the subsequent legal clarifications obtained from the Legal Advisor, DME, all Directors, Deans and Principals of Government, Private and Deemed Medical Colleges are hereby instructed to ensure strict compliance with the amended rules by streamlining the necessary administrative procedures and facilitating the timely release of original documents and final degree certificates to eligible candidates, without withholding such documents on the grounds of pending compulsory service obligations.

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To,

1. The Deans / Directors of all Directors, Deans and Principals of Government, Private and Deemed Medical Colleges in the State.

Copy for information:

1. PA to The Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department (Medical Education), MS Building, Bengaluru.
2. The Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare Services, Arogya Soudha, Bengaluru.