

## THE J&K BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS(BOPEE)

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Subject:- Eligibility of candidates under NEET PG with less than qualifying score and award of Difficult Area Marks.

NOTICE NO. 021 -BOPEE OF 2018 DATED: 6-03-2018

JKBOPEE has recently notified the score of candidates falling under Difficult Area Category vide Notification No. 16-BOPEE of 2018 dated 15-03-2018 read with Notification No. 15-BOPEE of 2018 dated 13-03-2018 and also State Merit List of candidates vide Notification No. 017-BOPEE of 2018 dated 15-03-2018. However, it has been reported in the section of media that the candidates, who have not qualified NEET PG are not eligible for award of Difficult Area Marks. Matter has been examined in the Board and it is clarified as under:-

1) As per proviso to MCI Regulation 9(IV) (reproduced below), which has been adopted by the State Government vide SRO 48 of 2018 dated 30-01-2018 benefit for serving in Difficult Areas has now been provided to the candidates competing for the State seats during 2018 notwithstanding the fact that during 2017 such a benefit was extended on the basis of directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court:-

"Provided that in determining the merit of candidates who are in service of government/public authority, weightage in the marks may be given by the Government/Competent Authority as an incentive at the rate of 10% of the marks obtained for each year of service in remote and/or difficult areas upto the maximum of 30% of the marks obtained in National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test. The remote and difficult areas shall be as defined by State Government/Competent authority from time to time."

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2) During 2016 Hon'ble High Court in a writ petition titled Dr. Aijaz Ahmed Lone Vs J&KBOPEE & Ors (OWP No. 448) extended the benefit of 30% weightage to the petitioner, who had not qualified CET (now NEET) but after adding the Difficult Area Marks had become eligible.

Attention of NEET aspirants is also invited towards the contents of Notification No. 17-BOPEE of 2018 dated 15-03-2018 whereunder it has been amply stated that any candidate found ineligible at any stage of admission, shall be thrown out of admission process. The Board has also decided to seek the formal clarification from the MCI in this regard.

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Dated:16-03-2018

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Copy to the:-

1. Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

- 2. Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Health & Medical Education Department.
- 3. Commissioner/Secretary to Government, ARI & Trainings Department.
- 4. Commissioner/Secretary to Government, General Administration Department.
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- 6. Director, SKIMS, Srinagar.
- 7. Principal/Dean, Government Dental College, Srinagar.
- 8. Director Information, J&K, Jammu for publication of the Notification in two leading English newspapers of Srinagar, Jammu & Leh/Kargil each having large circulation.
- 9. Director Doordarshan Kendra, Srinagar/Jammu/Leh/Kargil for favour of wide publicity through daily news bulletin.
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- 11. General Manager, Government Press, Jammu for publication in extra-ordinary Gazette.
- 12. PS to Chairman, J&K BOPEE for information of the Chairman.
- 13. PS to Chairman, Constitutional Statutory Committee, BOPEE for information of the Hon'ble Chairman.
- 14. Incharge Camp Office, BOPEE, Srinagar.
- 15. Incharge I.T. Section, BOPEE.