

**The Standards Relating to Upgrade of Institutions Licensed to  
Conduct Medical Education Programs below Certificate Level, 2020**

*(Approved by the Executive Committee on September 24, 2020)*

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**Preamble:** Whereas, it is expedient to carry out the work relating to phase out or upgrade of the institutions which have obtained license to conduct health education programs below certificate level pursuant to the provision of sub section (5) of Section 15 of the National Medical Education Act 2019;

Therefore, the Executive Committee has prepared these Standards as provided for in clause (c) of Section 9 of the National Medical Education Act, 2019.

1. **Short Title and Commencement:** These Standards may be cited as “(the) Standards Relating to Upgrade of Institutions Licensed to Conduct Medical Education Programs below Certificate Level, 2020”.

(2) These Standards shall come into force at once.

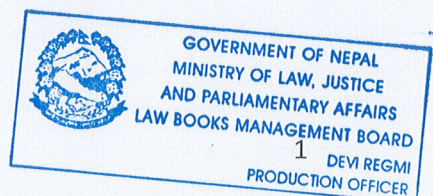
2. **Definition:** Unless the subject or the context otherwise requires, in these Standards,-

(a) “Commission” means the Commission referred to in section 3 of the National Medical Education Act, 2019;

(b) “Medical education” means education of all disciplines and levels Relating to health profession;



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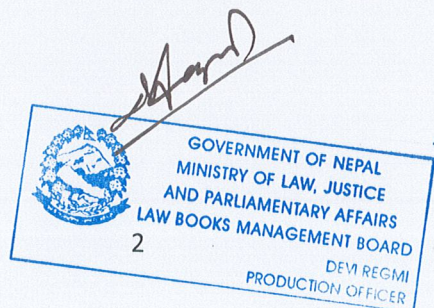


- (c) "Council" means the Council of Technical Education and Vocational Training;
- (d) "Committee" means the Executive Committee referred to in Section 8 of the National Medical Education Act, 2019;
- (e) "Educational Institution" means a medical college or educational institution established in accordance with the prevailing law which provides medical education.

3. **Provisions Relating to Upgrade:** (1) If educational institutions which conduct medical education programs below the proficiency certificate level meet the prevailing conditions and standards prescribed by the council for higher level program, priority shall be given to conduct certificate level health education programs relating to the affiliated programs. Programs to be upgraded shall be as follows:-

S.N.	Pre-Diploma Program	Programs to be upgraded at the Certificate Level
1	A.N.M	Among Nursing, Midwifery, General Medicine, Medical Lab Technology, Ayurveda Medicine, Amchi Science, Acupuncture, Acupressure and Moxibustion, <sup>1</sup> <u>Radiography</u> , <u>Physiotherapy</u> , if only one program is conducted in Pre-diploma, it can be
2	CMA	
3.	Lab Assistant	
4	Ayurveda Assistant	
5	Amchi	

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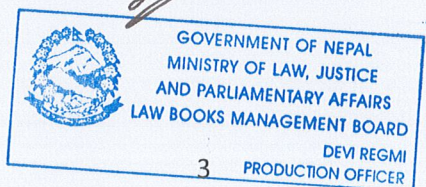
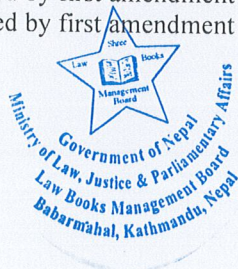


6	Acupuncture	upgraded to any one of the certificate level programs upon fulfilling the prescribed standards. <sup>2</sup> <u>The educational institutions conducting more than one pre-diploma programs shall not be given the opportunity of upgrade to conduct more programs than the number of programs conducted in pre-diploma level in medical education.</u>
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(2) While upgrading pursuant to sub-section (1) the nursing or midwifery program must have its own hospital with at least 100 beds <sup>3</sup>and there must be an agreement with a hospital with at least 50 beds for general medicine, lab program and with a hospital with at least 15 beds for Ayurveda, Amchi and Acupuncture.

(3) For the institutions conducting phased out programs which could not be upgraded pursuant to Sub-section (1) and (2), an opportunity shall be provided for relocation, transfer, change of ownership (purchase and sale) and merger in the case of districts other than Kathmandu Valley. In this way, while relocating or transferring or changing ownership, it shall not be brought to Kathmandu Valley from other districts but there shall be no obstruction to let the programs which are being run in Kathmandu Valley to go out of the valley.

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Provided that, if the relocated, transferred, ownership changed and merged institutions meet the prescribed conditions and standards, the programs running at the pre-diploma level may be upgraded only for the certificate level program.

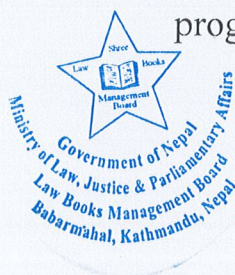
(4) Among the courses which are available to the institutions which have not been upgraded pursuant to sub-sections (1) and (3), if the minimum standards for the program prescribed by the council has been met, adjustment may be made in any other program of the same level (pre-diploma level) except health.

(5) Institutions which do not wish to go for any of the alternatives as per sub-sections (1), (3) and (4) may withdraw the deposit fee deposited in the office of the Council. Affiliation of such institutions shall be *ipso facto* revoked.

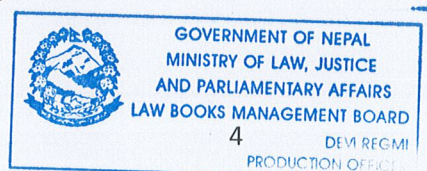
4. **Minimum Conditions / Basis for Upgrade:** (1) Only the programs of the institutions which have been phased out after renewing continuously from the last two Fiscal Years shall be upgraded.

Provided that, the programs of the institutions which have not, after obtaining affiliation from the Council of Technical Education and Vocational Training, been running the program for the last two years or the institutions against which action has been taken shall not be upgraded or merged.

(2) Institutions to be upgraded shall have to meet the minimum standards required to conduct the certificate level program as prescribed by the Council.



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(3) If two or more institutions merge in accordance with the law, they may go for upgrade.

(4) If the institutions affiliated for the phased out program have been conducting certificate level health related programs of the same category, they shall not be allowed to be involved in the upgrade process pursuant to Section 3.

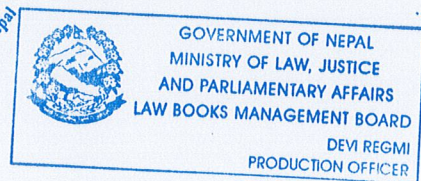
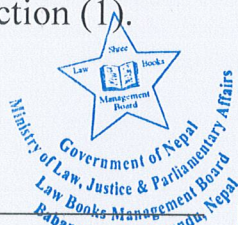
(5) The inspection of infrastructure shall be carried out through the joint coordination of the concerned Council and the Commission.

5. **To be Irrevocable:** (1) Once an alternative for upgrade is chosen in accordance to Section 3, it shall not be changed again.

<sup>4</sup>(2) The Institutions which have not met the standards while inspecting the infrastructure for the first time may be inspected up to twice upon charging an inspection fee.

6. **Publication of Information:** (1) The Council shall publish a notice requesting an application from the concerned educational institution giving a period of at least <sup>5</sup>35 (thirty five) days to disclose the details of the alternative they wish to choose from the alternatives provided in Section 3.

(2) The Council shall merge, upgrade or phase out the educational institutions which have fulfilled the prescribed standards on the basis of the application received pursuant to Sub-section (1).



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(3) The information about the merged, upgraded or phased out educational institutions pursuant to Sub-section (2) shall be made public by the Council.

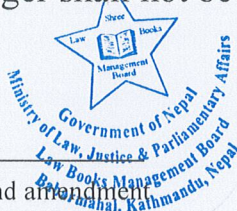
(4) Other procedures relating to the program affiliation and approval of the institutions to be upgraded shall be in accordance with the Act and Regulations of the council.

(5) The educational institution to be upgraded shall fulfill the standards as provided by the National Medical Education Act, 2019.

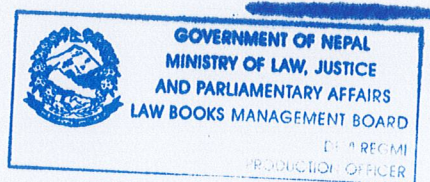
<sup>6</sup>(6) Out of the applications received pursuant to Sub-section (1), the Council may give permission for upgrade to the educational institution seeking upgrade in the place where it is already operating with the prior approval of the Commission on the recommendation of the Affiliation Recommendation Committee of the Council.

<sup>7</sup>(7) In the case of institutions which without upgrading as per Sub-section (6), have applied for conducting programs in a place different than the former place through relocation, transfer or merger, the Council with the prior approval of the Commission, may give permission on the basis of the report given by the monitoring team consisting of concerned experts.

<sup>8</sup>(8) The work Relating to upgrade or relocation, transfer or merger shall not be done after February 21, 2022.



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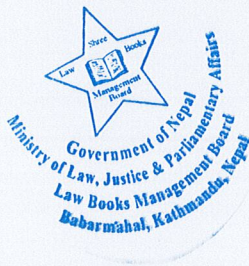
7. **Implementation of Standards:** (1) In accordance with the spirit of the National Medical Education Act, 2019, the Council shall have the main responsibility to carry out or cause to be carried out the works according to these Standards in coordination with the Commission and its progress report shall be sent to the Commission.

<sup>9</sup>(2) The work of upgrade, merger and phase out should be completed by February 21, 2022 and after that this standards shall be *ipso facto* repealed.

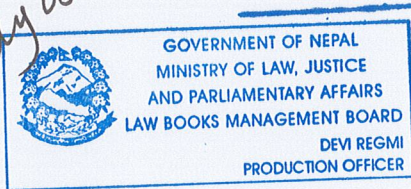
8. **Coordination to be made:** The Council shall, in accordance with these Standards, coordinate with the Commission while upgrading the program below proficiency certificate level under medical education, determining the seats after the upgrade, while conducting the examination and while performing work relating to affiliation.

9. **To be in accordance with prevailing law:** (1) The matters contained in these Standards shall be governed by these Standards and other matters shall be in accordance with the prevailing law.

(2) On the matters not contained in these Standards, the decision made by the Committee shall be final.



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