

**ADVISORY TO INDIAN STUDENTS**  
**SEEKING ADMISSION IN GEORGIA**

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In response to the various queries received from Indian students, aspiring for medical studies in Georgia, the following are the few answers provided by the Georgian authorities, for information of all concerned:

**i) What is the duration of the Undergraduate Medical (MD) Program in Georgia for Indian students?**

**Ans:** Following national regulations for programs in medicine and Medical Sector Benchmarks, which is mandatory to be fulfilled in order to get state accreditation, the duration of undergraduate MD programs in Georgia is 6 years.

**ii) What is the duration of Internship/Clinical rotations in the medical course (MD)?**

**Ans:** Up to 3rd course, the students take pre-clinical subjects, acquire clinical skills in simulation centers. Starting from the 4th course, MD students start mandatory clinical rotations. Usually, the 5th and 6th semesters are almost entirely dedicated to such rotations in clinical setting, amounting to roughly 120 ECTS on the span of the last 4 semesters.

**iii) Do medical universities in Georgia provide internships in the same medical university hospitals and Indian Students (MD students) allowed to do internship in Georgia?**

**Ans:** Some of the HEIs do have their own university clinics in Georgia, and those who do not own the clinic/hospital, usually sign the MoUs with several clinics. Such agreements shall indicate the medical directions to be served, number of students to enroll on traineeship, duration of internship, etc. All in all, HEIs provide internships/rotations either at their own or affiliated clinics. Indian students and other foreign nationals have the same right as Georgians to take these clinical courses following and fulfilling the general curriculum of the program. If they wish to undergo extra clinical activities/internships at various clinics, this can be facilitated in agreement with the HEI and clinics themselves and it always helps if the students know the local language in order to communicate with the patients. Most of the MD programs do offer the Georgian language courses within their study plan.

**iv) Are Indian medical students allowed to touch the patients and practice during the internship/clinical rotations?**

**Ans:** Students in Georgia, regardless of their nationality, are allowed to touch and physically examine the patients under the supervision of their instructor and by the consent of the patient;

**v) Does an Indian (MD) student get registered under any professional regulatory body or otherwise under any institution that is competent to grant a license at par to the citizens of Georgia?**

**Ans.:** MD students, regardless of their nationality, do not get registered under any regulatory body, as they are not allowed to perform any independent medical practice. Once they finish with the program, students usually take a national post-diploma qualification exam, which allows the graduates to continue with postgraduate studies/residency at the clinics/hospitals that are accredited by the Ministry of Health to provide such residency programs (in specialized fields of medicine). The national post-diploma qualification exam for MD graduates is administered by the Medical and Pharmaceutical Regulation Agency, operating under the guidance of the Ministry of Health. The test is in Georgian and there is no specific rule that prohibits Indian students to take it.

**vi) Does an Indian (MD) student allowed to get a license to practice in Georgia as a medical practitioner? If yes, what is the process?**

**Ans.:** That an Indian student completes the MD program, passes the PDQE successfully, gets on the track of specialized residency program and accomplishes the residency successfully, they are allowed to pursue a job in the medical/clinical sphere locally and run independent practice with the limits of law.

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