

NEET PG Syllabus 2026

National Board of Examinations — National Eligibility cum Entrance Test — Postgraduate

Vacancies	Not post-specific — NEET PG is the entrance test for MD, MS and PG Diploma seats across government and private medical colleges nationwide
Age Limit	No upper age limit specified for appearing in NEET PG
Qualification	MBBS degree from a recognised medical college, with completed (or soon-to-be-completed) compulsory rotating internship, and registration with the National Medical Commission or a State Medical Council
Application Fee	As specified in the current NBE notification (typically in the ₹3,500–₹4,750 range depending on category)
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Overview

NEET PG is the National Board of Examinations' single entrance test for MBBS graduates seeking admission into MD (Doctor of Medicine), MS (Master of Surgery) and PG Diploma programmes across government and private medical colleges in India. Unlike NEET UG's offline format, NEET PG is conducted as a computer-based test, typically across multiple shifts given the very large applicant volume, with scores normalised across shifts to ensure fairness. It's a clinically-oriented, application-heavy exam that tests a candidate's accumulated medical knowledge across all MBBS subjects, with a particularly strong emphasis on subjects with high clinical relevance and recent practice-changing developments.

What's New in the 2026 Cycle

- Conducted as a computer-based test (unlike NEET UG's offline OMR format), typically across multiple shifts with normalised scoring.
- Covers all MBBS subjects, but clinical subjects (Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Paediatrics) typically carry the heaviest weightage.
- Completion of a compulsory rotating internship is mandatory before appearing (or by a specified cut-off date, per the current notification).
- Score is used for both All India Quota PG seats (via MCC counselling) and state-quota seats (via respective state counselling authorities).

Exam Pattern

NEET PG (Single Paper)

Mode: Online, computer-based objective MCQ | Duration: 3 hours 30 minutes

Section	Questions	Marks
All MBBS subjects, integrated (Pre-clinical, Para-clinical & Clinical)	200	800

Negative marking: 1 mark deducted per wrong answer; +4 for a correct answer (verify against the current notification, as the exact scheme has varied by cycle) | **Nature:** Merit-determining — used directly for PG medical counselling based on rank.

NEET PG — Detailed Subject-Wise Syllabus

Pre-Clinical Subjects

Foundational but comparatively lower-weightage — solid revision without excessive depth is usually sufficient.

- Anatomy
- Physiology
- Biochemistry

Para-Clinical Subjects

Pathology and Pharmacology carry meaningful weight — prioritise these two within this group.

- Pathology
- Pharmacology
- Microbiology
- Forensic Medicine & Toxicology
- Community Medicine (PSM)

Clinical Subjects (typically highest weightage)

The single highest-leverage group — General Medicine and Surgery alone often account for a large share of total marks.

- General Medicine & allied specialities
- General Surgery & allied specialities
- Obstetrics & Gynaecology
- Paediatrics
- Ophthalmology
- Otorhinolaryngology (ENT)
- Orthopaedics
- Dermatology, Psychiatry, Anaesthesia, Radiology (as per weightage in the current pattern)

Selection Process

- 1 Single computer-based NEET PG examination.
- 2 All India Rank based on normalised NEET PG score.
- 3 Counselling — All India Quota seats via MCC, state-quota seats via respective state counselling authorities.
- 4 Seat allotment based on rank, category, reservation, and choice-filling during counselling rounds.

Salary & Job Profile

NEET PG itself carries no salary since it's an entrance exam. PG medical students typically receive a stipend during their MD/MS/Diploma training (varying by state and institution), with substantially higher earning potential post-qualification depending on specialisation and practice setting.

Best Books for Preparation

- Standard MBBS textbooks for each subject (Anatomy — BD Chaurasia; Physiology — Guyton; Pathology — Robbins, and similar)
- NEET PG-specific integrated review books — Marrow/PrepLadder/DAMS course material
- NEET PG Previous Year Solved Papers — various publishers
- Subject-wise high-yield notes covering all pre-clinical, para-clinical and clinical subjects

Previous Cut-off Trends (Approximate)

NEET PG qualifying percentiles and specialisation-wise/college-wise cut-offs shift meaningfully each cycle based on paper difficulty, applicant pool and seat availability, with premier institutes and competitive specialisations

(Radiology, Dermatology, General Medicine, Surgery) requiring significantly higher scores than the bare qualifying threshold. Always check NBE's official cut-off release for the specific year and category.

Preparation Tips

- Prioritise clinical subjects (Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Paediatrics) given their consistently heavy weightage, without neglecting pre-clinical and para-clinical revision entirely.
- Use integrated, exam-focused review material rather than re-reading full standard textbooks cover-to-cover, given the sheer breadth of the MBBS curriculum being tested.
- Practise extensively with previous years' NEET PG questions and full-length mocks to build both speed and the specific application-based reasoning style this exam rewards.
- Revise recent guideline changes and practice-relevant updates in high-yield clinical topics, since NEET PG often tests current best-practice knowledge.

Exam Day Guidelines

- Carry the Admit Card and a valid original photo ID matching your application details exactly.
- Since it's a computer-based test, familiarise yourself with the on-screen navigation and marking-for-review tools beforehand via NBE's mock test link.
- No electronic devices are allowed inside the exam hall.
- Arrive well before reporting time for biometric verification, especially given the multi-shift format.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is NEET PG an offline or online exam?

NEET PG is a computer-based online test, unlike NEET UG which remains an offline, OMR-based pen-and-paper exam.

Is a completed internship required for NEET PG?

Yes, candidates generally need to have completed (or be very close to completing, per the specific cut-off date in the notification) their compulsory rotating internship to be eligible.

Which subjects carry the most weightage in NEET PG?

Clinical subjects — particularly General Medicine, General Surgery, Obstetrics & Gynaecology and Paediatrics — typically carry the heaviest weightage, though the exact distribution can shift by cycle.

How is the NEET PG score used for seat allotment?

All India Quota seats are allotted via MCC counselling based on rank, while state-quota seats are allotted through each state's respective PG medical counselling authority.