

Kathmandu University

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Notice Regarding the Final-Year MBBS University Examination – 2021 Batch

Kathmandu University expresses its deepest sympathy and solidarity with all individuals, families and communities affected by the devastating floods and associated destruction of 26 August 2026, particularly in Rasuwa and Nuwakot. The University remains deeply concerned about the loss, displacement and difficulties caused by the disaster.

Kathmandu University has always remained committed to maintaining the quality, integrity and continuity of its academic programmes through adherence to the approved academic calendar. Timely completion of professional programmes such as MBBS is particularly important, as delays at the final examination stage can have significant consequences for students' subsequent academic and professional progression.

The final-year MBBS students of the 2021 batch were originally expected to complete their final-year academic requirements and examination by May 2026. However, considering unforeseen circumstances and repeated requests from examination-going students, their parents and principals of affiliated institutions, the examination schedule had already been extended by approximately two months, and the examination was subsequently scheduled to commence from 27 August 2026.

Following the devastating natural disaster of 26 August 2026 and in response to the request of the Ministry of Education, the University immediately placed the examination on hold, giving due priority to the safety and wellbeing of students, faculty members, examiners and the wider community.

Following improvement in the situation, the University published a revised examination schedule on 1 September 2026, with the examination commencing from 6 September 2026. The matter has subsequently been carefully considered by the concerned authorities of the University in consultation with the principals of all affiliated medical colleges.

The University has received requests from examination-going students, their parents and principals of affiliated medical colleges seeking resumption of the examination at the earliest possible date. After careful consideration of the prevailing circumstances, the University has decided that:

The Final-Year MBBS University Examination of the 2021 Batch will be conducted according to the revised examination schedule commencing from 6 September 2026. The examination will not be further postponed or rescheduled.

This decision has been taken after careful consideration of the following circumstances:

1. The examination has already been substantially delayed. The students were originally expected to complete their final-year academic requirements and examination by May 2026. The examination had already been extended by approximately two months before the recent disaster. The University subsequently postponed the examination following the disaster and the request of the Ministry of Education. The revised schedule commencing from 6 September 2026 therefore already provides additional time while allowing the academic process to move forward.

2. Further postponement may result in significant academic delay. The revised schedule has been prepared with the objective of completing the practical examinations before the Dashain vacation. Any further postponement, even by a few days, may make it difficult to complete the examination before the vacation and could potentially push the examination process into October or November. This may result in a delay of several months for students who have already completed their prescribed academic requirements.


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3. Further delay would have cascading consequences for students' professional progression. Following successful completion of the final MBBS examination and publication of results, students are required to undertake their one-year rotational internship and subsequently complete the process for registration with the Nepal Medical Council. Their subsequent professional progression, including eligibility for postgraduate education, depends upon completion of these sequential requirements. A substantial delay at the final examination stage could therefore result in corresponding delays in internship, professional registration, postgraduate entrance eligibility and commencement of postgraduate education, potentially leading to the loss of an academic or professional year.

4. The decision has been reached through collective institutional consultation. An emergency consultative meeting was held with the principals of all affiliated medical colleges. Following detailed discussion of the prevailing circumstances and the potential consequences of further postponement, all principals unanimously agreed to proceed with the examination according to the revised schedule, recognizing the possibility of an extended and difficult-to-recover loss of time for the students if the examination were postponed further.

5. The University remains committed to fairness and to supporting students directly affected by the disaster. The decision to proceed does not in any way diminish the University's concern for students affected by the recent disaster. Students who have been directly and seriously affected or who face genuine difficulties in appearing on the scheduled dates may have their cases considered separately in accordance with applicable academic provisions and special arrangements, where justified, so that no student directly affected by the disaster is unfairly disadvantaged.

The University believes that proceeding with the published revised schedule represents the most equitable course of action when the academic, professional and personal interests of the entire student cohort are taken into account. Proceeding with the examination does not imply any compromise in academic standards, examination integrity or fairness. The University remains committed to conducting the examination in an orderly, transparent, fair and academically rigorous manner.

All concerned medical colleges, students, parents, faculty members, examiners and examination personnel are therefore requested to make the necessary preparations and extend their full cooperation for the smooth, fair and orderly conduct of the examination according to the published schedule.

Kathmandu University reiterates that this decision has been taken in the best academic and professional interests of the students, with the objective of safeguarding their academic progression and preventing an avoidable loss of valuable time in their professional careers.

The University once again extends its heartfelt sympathy to all those affected by the disaster and wishes all students success in their academic and professional endeavours.

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