

FEE REGULATORY COMMITTEE (MEDICAL)
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ORDER

In the matter of Nagar School of Optometry (M.Optomety), Ahmedabad.

Sub : Fixation of fee structure for the Academic Years 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12.

1. Nagar School of Optometry (M.Optomety), Ahmedabad (hereinafter referred to as the 'Institution') has approached Fee Regulatory Committee (.Medical), Gujarat State (hereinafter referred to as the 'Committee') with a proposal for approval of the fees for the Academic Years 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 vide letter dated 10/05/2010 which was received by the Committee on 10-05-2010. In pursuance thereof the Committee has initiated present proceedings for fixation of fee structure for the Institution for the three Academic Years mentioned above.
2. The Committee has been constituted under section-9 of **The Gujarat Professional Medical Educational Colleges or Institutions (Regulation of Admission and Fixation of Fees) Act, 2007, Act No. 3 of 2008** (hereinafter referred to as 'The Act') enacted by the Sate Government to make special provision, inter-alia, for fixation of fees in professional medical educational colleges or institutions for admission students. Hence, the Committee is empowered to determine the fee structure for Medical, Dental, Physiotherapy, Homoeopathy, Ayurveda, Optometry, Occupational Therapy, Orthotics and Nursing program in unaided professional colleges in the State. The Institution falls within the purview of the Act and it is subject to the jurisdiction of the Committee.
3. The Institution has been established on/in 2009-10. Since the academic year 2009-10 was the 1st year of its establishment, The fee was to be decided by this Committee upon the submission of audited accounts of the institution of the year 2009-10 together with projected recurring expenditure and future plan for growth

and development for 2010-11 and 2011-12 and other information relating to infrastructure and faculties etc.

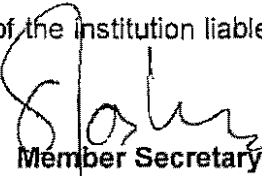
4. Under section 10(2) of the Act, the Committee has been conferred upon the power to (a) require any unaided professional educational college or institution to place before its proposed fee structure along with all the relevant documents and the book of accounts; (b) verify whether the fee structure proposed by such college or institution is justified and (c) approve the fee structure of such college or institution or determine other fee structure which shall be charged by such college or institution for admission of students in the professional courses.
5. The Committee u/s. 10(2) of the Act invited the proposal of fee structure with audited accounts for the year 2009-10 of the institute vide its letter dated 22-03-2010.
6. Accordingly, the Committee received the proposal from the management dated 10-05-2010 for approval of Rs. 0.75 Lakhs as fees for admission of students in the institution.
7. The Committee carried out the scrutiny of the record and books of accounts submitted by management of the Institution. Based on the preliminary scrutiny and analysis of the details furnished to it, the Committee evaluated the facilities, infrastructure, capital investment made by the college in 2009-10, plans for development on hand and for future, compliance of requirements concerning the staff, cost estimates etc. for the purpose of fixing the fee structure for the institution, subject to the final outcome of the personal hearing to be afforded to the institution.
8. Accordingly, before finalizing fee structure of the institution, the Committee allowed personal hearing to the representatives of the institution on 02-06-2010 to discuss and clarify certain matters concerning the cost structure, faculties and other infrastructural facilities of the institution in justification of the fee structure proposed by the institution and had detailed discussion on these aspects with the representative.

9. Further, in accordance with provisions of section-11 of the Act, while determining and fixing the fees to be charged by the institution, the Committee also took in to consideration the following factors viz. (a) the location of the institution, (b) the nature of professional course, (c) the staff and available infrastructure, (d) the expenditure on administration and maintenance, (e) the reasonable surplus required for the growth and development of institution and (f) the standing of the institution.
10. Upon thorough examination of the entire record and after personal discussion with the institution's representatives on (a) details submitted by the college or its facilities and infrastructure, (b) projection for costs for next two years, (c) standard cost structure for a college having full compliance to the minimum requirements of the concerned governing body, (d) provision for inflation for the future and (e) inter-college comparison of key cost elements, the Committee found that the fee structure proposed by the institution was justified to Rs. 0.75 Lakhs which finding was conveyed to the representatives of the institution. **The committee therefore, has fixed maximum ceiling limit of the fee of Rs. 0.75 Lakhs for the academic years 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12.**
11. In other words the Committee has fully considered the facts and figures concerning the factors mentioned in para-9 and 10 and only thereafter it has determined and fixed the fee structure of the institution.
12. The fees indicated as above include all types and kind of fees such as Tuition fees, fees for use of Library, Laboratory, Computer Centre, Gymkhana, Internet, Sports and Recreation and Self / Personality Centers and the like except Hostel fee and Transportation fee. As such the college is advised not to collect any other fee from the students except the fees as mentioned in para-9 above.
13. The fee structure determined by this Committee shall be binding for a period of three years. The fees so determined shall be applicable to the students admitted in that academic year and shall not be revised till the completion of this professional course in that college or institution.

- 14 The College / institute is also advised to comply with following additional conditions:
- a. The College shall not take fees for the full course at the time of admission. The fees should be collected per semester / term of 6 (Six) months as the case may be.
 - b. The College shall not ask for any bank guarantee or security of any kind from students or their parents.
 - c. The College shall not force on the students, any facility including hostel and transport as part of the condition for admission or its continuity till the end of the full tenure of the course.
 - d. The College shall notify the fee structure on the College Notice Board and display copy of this order on its Mandatory Disclosure Link on its web site.
 - e. The institute will be free to fix fees for NRI students up to 15 % of the intake capacity subject to intimation of the same to the Fee Committee. The difference of amount of the fees from the NRI category students and Non-NRI category students shall be used by the institute for providing scholarship to the students and/or increasing infrastructure facilities. The institute shall also furnish all the information pertaining to the utilization of excess fees from the NRI category students as per the specified format in Part VIII and Part IX of the Information Memorandum submitted by the institute to the Fee Regulatory Committee.
 - f. The college shall work out a financial aid scheme through which it shall provide waiver or relief or concession*in fees to the students belonging to weaker section of the society.
 - g. Since this revision is based the cost structure that includes the impact of revision in salary consequent upon the implementation the 6th pay commission recommendations, the college shall not during the period of 3 years for which the fee is determined as above, propose a revision on

account of increase in salary cost or in the name of inflation or for any other reason whatsoever.

15. This order has been made under section 10 of the Act hence violation of any of the provisions contained in it will render the management of the institution liable to be proceeded against under section 14 of the Act.


Member Secretary

To,
The Principal
Concerned Institute.

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1. - The Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department, Gandhinagar.
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