

CONSENSUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA AND KARNATAKA RELIGIOUS AND LINGUSTIC MINORITY PROFESSIONAL COLLEGES ASSOCIATION (KRLMPCA) IN THE MATTER OF REGULATING ADMISSIONS AND FEE STRUCTURE FOR THE UNDER GRADUATE COURSES IN PRIVATE PROFESSIONAL COLLEGES OF DENTAL FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-27.

1. PREAMBLE:

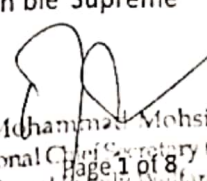
Whereas Karnataka Legislature, having enacted Act No. 8/2006 as amended by Act No. 39 of 2015 and Act No. 22/2017, enabling the State Government to enter into Consensual Agreement with Private Professional Colleges, regulating seat sharing, admission process and fee structure, and in furtherance thereof, after due deliberations and negotiations, consensus having been arrived at, and taking note of changed circumstances, in the meantime, having reiterated the consensus in terms hereunder stated, this agreement is being entered into, between Government of Karnataka and KARNATAKA RELIGIOUS AND LINGUSTIC MINORITY PROFESSIONAL COLLEGES ASSOCIATION ("KRLMPCA") (for its member Private unaided Professional Colleges) in the State,

And whereas, in the light of the pronouncement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in TMA Pai Foundation case [(2002) 8 SCC 481] and as explained in P.A. Inamdar's case [(2005) 6 SCC 537]), it is permissible for the managements of Private Unaided Professional Colleges and the State Governments to enter into Consensual Agreements, with respect to seat sharing, admission process and determination of fee structure arrangements;

AND whereas the KARNATAKA RELIGIOUS AND LINGUSTIC MINORITY PROFESSIONAL COLLEGES ASSOCIATION (KRLMPCA), keeping in view its social commitments and responsibilities; and with a desire to participate in effectively subserving state's reservation policy; and to further the interests of the students from Karnataka, as to their admission as well as fee fixation, had entered into Consensual Agreements under Act No. 8/2006 from the academic year 2007-08. For the subsequent years [2008-09 till 2020-21], Consensual Agreements were entered into and worked out, in pursuance to Act No. 28/2007, 23/2011, 50/2013 and 29/2014 that had come to be enacted by the State Legislature to provide for recognition/implementation of the Consensual Agreements. Similar Consensual Agreement was entered into between the parties to the agreement in the year 2025-27 in pursuant to the Act No. 8/2006 and its amendments. Furthermore, the Consensual Agreement entered into between KRLMPCA as well as the State Government were also placed on the record of Hon'ble Supreme


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Court for several years and the Hon'ble Court had noted the working of the said Consensual Agreements.

The Dental Council of India ("DCI"), in exercise of powers conferred under Section 20 of the Dentist Act, 1948, amended Dental Regulations on 30.05.2012 by mandating NEET as an eligibility criterion to Dental Courses.

AND Whereas, the Hon'ble Supreme Court, in Review Petition. 1956/2013 and connected cases; by its order dated:11.04.2016 reported in (2016) 4 SCC 342 in case of MCI Vs. Christian Medical College Vellore was pleased to recall the judgment dated 18.07.2013 passed in NEET cases [CMC VELLORE (2014) 2 SCC 305] wherein Notifications dated:21.12.2010 and 15.02.2012 were set aside and directed the matters to be heard afresh. However, the Hon'ble Supreme Court in W.P. No. 261/2016 by its order dated:06.05.2016 has pleased to hold that, no examination shall be permitted to be held for grant of admission to MBBS or BDS by any Private College or Association or any Private/Deemed Universities.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court in W.P. No. 293/2016 (Mihir Abhijit Pathak Vs. Medical Council of India) was also pleased to hold that; prima facie it did not find any infirmity in the NEET regulations on the ground that, it affects the right of the States or the Private Institutions. Special provisions for reservation of any category are not subject matter of NEET nor rights of minorities are in any manner affected by NEET it affects the rights of the States or the Private Institutions. Special provisions for reservation of any category are not the subject matter of NEET or rights of minorities, are in any manner, affected by NEET. It held NEET only provides for conducting entrance test for eligibility for admission to the MBBS/BDS course.

AND Whereas Supreme Court in its Order dated 27.04.2022 in SLP (C) 6552-6553/2022 has stayed the operation of the Order dated 15.03.2022 in WP 200345/2022 and 200365 by the Hon'ble High Court directing the Government to re-conduct the 2nd round of counseling afresh, permitting eligible Telugu Linguistic minority students in State of Karnataka instead of restricting it to Hyderabad Karnataka region. In so far as colleges located in Kalyana-Karnataka Region (including the Private Institutions) the provision made under the Article 371(J) shall be implemented mutatis mutandis. This is also subject to condition to the outcome of the petition pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

And whereas the KRLMPCA has brought to the notice of the Government, the inadequacies of funds due to implementation of the 7th Pay Commission and the high cost of imparting education in Private Dental Colleges; and need for determination of


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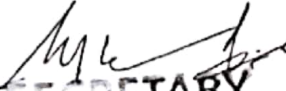
appropriate fee structure to meet the costs of imparting quality education; and the Government having taken note of the same and keeping in view the time constraint has desired to address this issue by consensus, the members of the KRLMPCA have come forward to enter into this Consensual Agreement in the interest of Student community. KRLMPCA has placed the actual cost of education involved in imparting education before the Government as well as the Fee Regulatory Committee. KRLMPCA and the Government have also agreed to a fee structure to be followed for 2026-27. This Consensual Agreement overrides any agreement of fee structure made for 2025-26 in previous Consensual Agreement.

The State Government shall implement the reservation policy from out of the seats surrendered by members of KRLMPCA in respect of colleges located outside Kalyana Karnataka Region. In so far as, reservation under Article 371(J) shall be given effect to by the respective institutions.

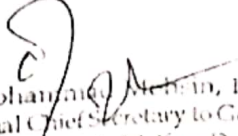
And whereas the surrender of the 25% of seats by KRLMPCA to the State Government would take care of implementation of the Reservation policies of the State Government, namely; reservation of seats under Article 371(J) as well as Article 15(5) of the Constitution of India. The State Government shall implement the above referred Reservation policy from the seats surrendered by the members of the KRLMPCA to the State Government. In so far as Private Dental Colleges located in Hyderabad-Karnataka Region; reservation under Article 371(J) shall be implemented.

2. GENERAL:

- a) The parties herein are entering into this Consensual Agreement, in terms of the Act No. 8/2006 and its amendments. The Karnataka Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admission and Determination of Fee) Act, 2006 empowers the State Government to enter into Consensual Agreement with KRLMPCA. This Agreement is valid for the academic year 2026-27.
- b) That it is agreed between the parties that, the regulatory authorities and RGUHS etc. shall be associated in working out this 'consensual arrangement' and State Government would issue appropriate directions, as a 'policy of the Government' and, ensure that all the concerned recognize and agree to working of this agreement; for the purpose of approval of admissions, levy of tuition fees etc, in accordance with terms of this Agreement. It shall be the responsibility of the State Government that the RGUHS implements this Consensual Agreement for the academic year 2026-27.


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- c) The State Government has constituted a State Common Entrance Test Committee for the purpose of review of the admission in Private Dental Colleges. In the said Committee, the Government has included one representative of the KRLMPCA
- d) It is further stipulated that if any seats remain unfilled/vacant after the 'Mop-up round of counseling', the allotment for all such seats will be done as per the prevailing guidelines issued by the Competent Authorities. The basis for this is the Order of the Supreme Court of India that was passed on I.A. No. 13261/2022 in WP (C) No. 267/2017 directing the Competent Authority to conduct online counselling for all the rounds including the 4th Round/Stray Vacancy Round.
- e) In event, if any student for any reasons surrenders/cancels the seat/discontinues the Course while Mid-Stream i.e., after last date of admission, the respective member institutions are entitled to collect the entire course fee from such students and in the event of nonpayment of the entire course fee by such students, the respective member institutions shall retain the original documents that were submitted by the students during admission.

3. SEAT SHARING:

- a. The member institutions of KRLMPCA, imparting studies in Under Graduate Education in their respective Institutions, imparting education in Under Graduate Courses in their respective Institutions, would surrender 25% of seats out of the total intake available, in each of their member Dental Colleges to the Government. The Counseling and allocation of the above seats shall be on the basis of inter-se merit determined under the NEET Examination with subsidized fee as agreed in this agreement.
- b. After surrendering 25% of the available seats to the Government, the balance 75% shall be sub divided as 55% (providing for Private seats as the institutional quota), 15% as NRI seats and 5% as Management seats. In respect of institutions located in Hyderabad-Karnataka region, 70% of the 55% shall be reserved/earmarked for allotment to the Kalyana-Karnataka local candidates in terms of reservation in admissions to educational institutions order issued under Article 371(J). All the allotments shall be based on NEET Ranking subject to the above reservation. In respect of seats earmarked for Hyderabad-Karnataka region local persons, going vacant the same shall be filled as by other candidates of the same category. In respect of institutions located in Kalyana-Karnataka region the above said reservation is subject to condition to the outcome of the petition pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.


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- c. As per the Karnataka Professional Education Institutions (Recognition of Minority Educational Institutions Terms and Conditions) (Professional Education) Rules, 2016 and the Karnataka Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admission and Determination of Fee) Act, 2006 as amended by Act No. 39/2015 & 22/2017, out of institution quota in an institution, not less than sixty six percent of the seats shall be filled by minority students within the State belonging to minority to which the institution belongs to.
- d. 15% NRI Seats ("N") and 5% Management seats ("Q") of the total intake in Dental Colleges shall be filled under NRI / Management quota. These seats shall either be allotted to the students under NRI quota to cover NRIs which include NRI's children or their wards, OCI and PIO categories or by any other general merit candidates who have qualified in NEET exam based on inter-se-merit. The fee structure will be higher as per the fee structure communicated by the respective private colleges to the KEA through common portal.
- e. Therefore, the breakup of seats is as follows:

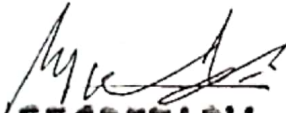
Association	Govt. Quota	Pvt. Quota	NRI Quota	Management Quota
KRLMPCA BDS	25%	55%	15%	5%

4. FEE STRUCTURE:

- a. Whereas the Government has considered the contentions of the association and also the interest of the students, it has been agreed by the parties and decided that there should be the same fees for 2026-27 as that of the year 2025-26. Accordingly, the fee structure indicating the tuition fee that would be levied for the UG Dental course in respect KRLMPCA Institutions under various categories, for the academic year 2026-27 shall be as follows:

SUMMARY OF TUITION FEE AND PERCENTAGE OF BDS SEATS

Category	Govt. Quota in Private colleges 25% (G)	Private seats 55% (P)	NRI, OCI, PIO & Foreigners 15% (N)	Other seats 5% (O)
Fee	Rs.83,358/- per year.	Not Exceeding Rs.7,32,625/-per year.	The details of fees component wise shall be entered in KEA portal in advance.	


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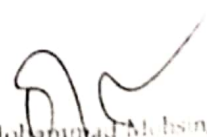

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- b. The tuition fee mentioned in the above table along with university fees shall be collected by the Counseling authorities at the time of allotment. The respective colleges are entitled to collect other fees, which shall not exceed Rs.15,000/-per annum. Hostel and Transportation fees, if opted by the students, may be collected.
- c. Apart from this, in case any member institution is providing skill lab facility or similar facility/facilities, the respective colleges can collect reasonable fees which shall not in any case exceed Rs.30,000/- per annum. However, the fees for above items shall be entered in KEA portal, well in advance by the colleges, so that the same could be notified in the website and the brochure.
- d. The KRLMPCA considering the request by the State Government, have now resolved to extend the same gestures as were extended in the previous years, by way of 'scholarship' to Socially and Economically Weaker Sections and others and participate in Social Welfare Programmes of the Government. Therefore, it is proposed and provided that, for 'all UG Course seats' made over to the Government for grant of admission in accordance with its reservation policy, the members of KRLMPCA colleges will extend 'the freeships and scholarships by way of fee concessions' from the fees actually being charged by each of the KRLMPCA institutions for the current year, by way of scholarships under this Consensual Agreement, out of fees receivable from other category of students falling under NRI and Management quota. The 'Fee Matrix' indicating the actual tuition fee that would be levied for the UG Dental courses in respect of KRLMPCA Institutions, under allocations by KEA/concerned colleges for 2026-27, shall be as per the table supra.
- e. KEA allotted candidates for UG Courses would pay the fees at the time of allotment of seats; and or while seeking admission under the allotment as may be prescribed and notified. The KEA shall inform the students prior to the admissions that the admission is subject to payment of fees as notified by the Karnataka Examination Authority. Fee structure shall be binding on all the students admitted by the respective colleges. KEA shall transfer 100% of tuition fees collected from the students to respective colleges and 100% of university fees to RGUHS within 3 months from the last date of admission, failing which KEA shall pass on the due to the institutions along with simple interest (Bank rate of Interest fixed by RBI).
- f. The students under NRI and Management quota shall furnish bank guarantees for one year's fees (i.e. the fee payable for the next year of study) at the time of admission or at such period of time granted by the college. Non-furnishing of the bank guarantee within the stipulated period would result in cancellation of admission or suspension of classes till the furnishing of the Bank Guarantee in favor of the colleges.


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5. MODALITIES OF ADMISSIONS:

- a) A 'seat matrix' shall be drawn in consultation with respective institutions and notified in terms of 'seat matrix order' issued by the Government.
- b) In view of the making over of 25% of its total available seats in UG Dental Courses, the Government of Karnataka, hereby exempts the members of the KRLMPCA from the obligation, if any, of providing for reservations for SCs, STs and other backward classes separately, since the Government of Karnataka itself is providing for requisite 'reservations', in seats now available to the Government out of aforesaid 25% of seats in UG Dental Courses in the institutions/colleges of Private Managements as required under Article 15 of the Constitution which provides for the State Government to make special provisions for Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribes in Private Educational Institutions. The KRLMPCA will provide for 8% reservations under Article 371(J) of the Constitution of India, which provides for reservation for people from Hyderabad-Karnataka region in 55% 'Private seats' (P), provided fees for such reservation would be on par with this category (Private Seats) of students. There should be no concession or conversion of the fees that is being charged for this category (8%) of students. This is also subject to condition to the outcome of the petition pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
- c) It is stipulated that the counseling by the KEA shall be conducted as per the calendar of events, stipulated by the regulating authorities DCI and affiliating University respectively. In the event of a conflict/variation in calendar of events published, the calendar of events mandated by the Apex Bodies, or Orders of the Courts would prevail over.
- d) It is further stipulated that if any seats remain unfilled/vacant after the 'Mop-up round of counseling', the allotment for all such seats will be done as per the prevailing guidelines issued by the Competent Authorities. The basis for this is the Order of the Supreme Court of India that was passed on I.A. No. 13261/2022 in WP (C) No. 267/2017 directing the Competent Authority to conduct online counselling for all the rounds including the 4th Round/Stray Vacancy Round.
- e) All categories of students, including NRI seats, shall be open for option entry from the first round of counseling. Furthermore, a representative of the Association shall also be involved in the Counseling process conducted by the KEA in order to assist in the smooth admission process.
- f) All member professional colleges shall grant admissions on receipt of allotment letters issued by the KEA. The documents of the candidate shall be deposited at KEA at the time of seat allotment. The details of the fee inclusive of all components, shall be furnished to the State Government in advance, so that the


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same can be informed to the students, prior to the date of counseling. Once the admission is through, KEA cannot cancel the seats after the last date of counseling.

- g) It is further stipulated that any cancellation of seats after the Mop-Up Round shall be carried out in the office of the Directorate of Medical Education ("DME"), with proper identity proof (Government Authenticated) in-person by the students on payment of the prescribed penalty as per the existing rules.
- h) Any grievances, in the matter of counseling / admissions made by KEA will be redressed by the 'Admission Overseeing Committee' in terms and within the scope of this agreement.
- i) To prevent any dispute or litigation in the matter of admission, the decision of the Admission Overseeing Committee headed by a retired High Court Judge shall be final with regard to admission process.
- j) The Government would ensure implementation of this Consensual Agreement as per the Karnataka Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admission and Determination of Fee) Act, 2006 as amended by Act No. 39/2015 & Act No. 22/2017 and facilitate working out this consensual arrangement. Notwithstanding the delay in steps being taken as above, this 'Consensual Agreement' binds all the concerned, including the students admitted in terms of this agreement for the academic year 2026-27 and Government shall ensure the implementation thereof.

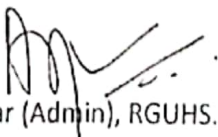
Signed by and between THE GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA, RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES and KARNATAKA RELIGIOUS AND LINGUSTIC MINORITY PROFESSIONAL COLLEGES ASSOCIATION (KRLMPCA) by its respective authorized functionaries, on this 01 August 2026; at Bengaluru.

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