

INSTRUCTIONS FOR

Candidates applying for Statement of Need (SON) certificate or Exceptional Need Certificate (ENC) for joining training programme/course in medical specialities in medical institutions out of India.

(a) The SON and ENC Certificates shall be issued by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.

(b) For issue of SON Certificate or ENC, the applicants are required to apply in prescribed Application proforma per **ANNEX – A**, along with following documents:

- a. **Copy** of offer letter received from the concerned foreign University/Institution (self attested)
- b. **Copy** of self attested valid INDIAN PASSPORT (excluding the blank pages)
- c. **Copy** of self attested valid VISA in connection with applicant's present stay in the foreign country.
- d. **Copy/Copies** of self attested Statement of Need (SON) certificate(s) earlier issued to / received by the applicant.
- e. **SURETY BOND in original**, along with two Sureties. **FORMAT** of the Surety Bond is at **ANNEX – 1**.

(c) For issue of ENC, the applicant is required to file following documents also, in addition to the documents specified above:

- a. **Copy/Copies** of self attested Statement of Need (SON) certificate(s) earlier issued to / received by the applicant.
- b. **Copy** of ECFMG Rules regarding 'Extension Beyond the Maximum Duration of Stay' in the USA of seven (7) years under J-1 Visa.
- c. A "**TEMPLATE**" on the 'exceptional need' with reference to the course of study/ specialization, i.e., a paragraph having up to 10 lines, signed by the applicant.
- d. **Signed Resume / CV** of the Applicant.

(d) A separate application is required to be given for every fresh issue of SON Certificate for study in any speciality/super speciality or for further study in other specialities / super specialities or for issue of ENC for any speciality/super speciality.

(e) **Guidelines** for issuance of Statement of Need (SON) Certificate and Exceptional Need Certificate (ENC) are given in **ANNEX – B**.

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(f) In respect of the SURETY BOND to be submitted by applicants in original, the first Surety will be a close relative (who is a citizen of India and based in India) to the Obligor. The first Surety will furnish information in respect of himself/herself as in the proforma as per ANNEX – C. The second Surety will not be a relative to the applicant and is required to furnish information in respect of himself/herself in the proforma as per ANNEX – D.

(g) **Procedure for execution of Surety Bond and other related details are given below:**

(i) The Surety Bond will be executed by applicants on a Non-judicial stamp paper of Rs.100/- (Rupees One Hundred only).

(ii) The Surety Bond signed by the applicant and both the sureties shall have attestation from the Notary Public / Area Sub-Divisional Magistrate in India.

(ii) The applicants staying abroad or applying from abroad shall sign the Surety Bond on a plain paper and get it attested from the concerned Indian Consulate / Embassy / High Commission abroad. The Surety Bond signed by the applicant and attested by the Indian Consulate / Embassy / High Commission shall be signed by the Sureties in India. The Surety Bond may then be got stamped in India by depositing the requisite amount, and got attested by either the Area Sub-Divisional Magistrate or the Notary Public in India.



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For use by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	
Application Number & Date	
Application for	Statement of Need (SON) Certificate OR Exceptional Need Certificate (ENC) (Specify)

APPLICATION [USMLE/ECFMG ID No. _____]

[To be filled-up by candidates applying for Statement of Need (SON) Certificate OR Exceptional Need Certificate (ENC) for training programme/course under various medical courses / specialities in medical institutions out of India]

[Note: Application, along with all requisite information / documents (Original or Copy – as applicable) to be sent to : The Under Secretary (IC), International Cooperation Section, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (Department of Health & Family Welfare), Room No.504, 'D' Wing, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi – 110011.]

Sl. No.	Items of Information	Information to be furnished by candidates		
1.	Name of the applicant and Permanent Address in India			
2.	Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)			
3.	Place of Birth			
4.	Nationality:			
5.	Father's name			
6.	Mother's Name			
7.	Indian Passport Number			
8.	Date of Issue (DD/MM/YYYY)			
9.	Place of Issue			
10.	Valid up to (DD/MM/YYYY)			
11.	Validity of Visa up to (DD/MM/YYYY) [If applying for a course in USA, please enclose copy of valid USA Stamp Visa/ Visa papers]			
12.	Details of Academic Qualifications from MBBS onwards			
Sl. No.	Name of Course / Study	Year of Passing	Name of the Institution and University	Whether obtained SON Certificate for the course earlier, if yes, enclose self attested copy of previous issued SON/ENC furnish details
(i)				
(ii)				
(iii)				
13.	MCI Registration No.			
14.	Date of MCI Registration			


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15.	Details about the Training Programme/Course to be undertaken out of India [Enclose copy of Offer letter received from the University/Institution]	
	(a) Name of the Speciality Training / Course of Study	
	(b) Starting from (DD/MM/YYYY)	
	(c) Duration of the Course	
	(d) Name & complete address of the Institution/ University	
16.	WRITTEN ASSURANCE and SUBMISSION OF BOND:	
	<p>I, Dr. _____, son/daughter/wife of _____, a resident of (permanent address in India), and at present residing at _____, do undertake to return to India upon completion of training in (Name of the country) and enter the practice of medicine in India in the specialty of training.</p> <p>I have executed a Surety Bond of Rs. 10 lakhs (Ten lakhs) with two sureties on a Non-judicial Stamp Paper of Rs.100/- (Rupees One Hundred) only and the same is enclosed in original.</p>	
	<p>Full Signature _____ Name : _____</p> <p>E-Mail: _____ Tel. No.: _____</p> <p>Date: _____ Place: _____</p>	

Enclose the following documents:

- (i) **Copy** of self attested offer letter received from the concerned foreign University/Institution
- (ii) **Copy** of self attested valid INDIAN PASSPORT (excluding the blank pages)
- (iii) If applying for a course in USA, **Copy** of self attested valid US Stamp VISA / US VISA papers [DS-2019, I-20, I-94, I-797, Employment Authorization Card (I-766) in connection with applicant's present stay in the USA.
- (iv) **SURETY BOND in original**, along with two Sureties, in the **FORMAT** at **ANNEX – 1**.

If applying for issue of ENC, please also enclose the following documents, in addition to the above:

- (i) Self attested copy/copies of SON Certificate(s) issued earlier
- (ii) A **"TEMPLATE"** on the 'exceptional need' with reference to the course of study/ specialization, i.e., a paragraph having up to 10 lines, signed by the applicant.
- (iii) A signed Resume / CV of the Applicant.


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Guidelines for issue of Statement of Need(SON) Certificate/ Exceptional Need Certificate(ENC)/ No Obligation to Return to India (NORI) Certificate.

A. Statement of Need

- i) For issuance of SON certificate, applicants shall be required to execute a Surety bond of Rs. 10 Lakhs (Rupees Ten Lakh only) on a non-judicial stamp paper of Rs.100/- (Rupees One Hundred only).
- ii) There will be two sureties, out of which one will be a close relative (who is a citizen of India and based in India) and other one should not be a relative to the applicant, both with sufficient financial standing.
- iii) The sureties must be filing ITR for three consecutive years on previous occasion including the current accounting year.
- iv) The first surety will be responsible for payment of the bond amount including interest, if any, in case the candidate defaults on any of the conditions mentioned in the bond. In case the first surety also fails to make payment, the second surety will be liable to make payment.
- v) Separate surety bond shall have to be executed for each SON Certificate issued. The Surety format is at Annexure-I.
- vi) SON shall be issued in cases on first occasion or for extension thereof or subsequent occasions, subject to combined period of maximum 7 years on J-1 visa in the USA or a maximum of 7 years as per any other country laws.
- vii) SON will be issued to Foreign Medical Graduates (who do not have MCI Registration) by taking an affidavit from applicants that within 2 years of the completion of the course/ training, foreign medical graduates will acquire MCI registration (after successfully qualifying FMGE conducted by NBE).

B. Exceptional Need Certificate

- (i) Exceptional Need Certificate (ENC) will be issued to applicants for all specialty and super specialty where combined duration of fellowship program exceeds 7 years or where the ensuing fellowship program is an extension of earlier program that exceeds 7 years considering all previous training programs clubbing together.
- (ii) For issuance of ENC, applicants shall be required to execute a Surety bond of Rs. 10 Lakhs (Rupees Ten Lakh only) on a non-judicial stamp paper of Rs.100/- (Rupees One Hundred only).



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- (iii) There will be two sureties, out of which one will be a close relative (who is a citizen of India and based in India) and other one is not related to the applicant, both with sufficient financial standing (*).
- (iv) The first surety will be responsible for payment of the bond amount including interest, if any, in case the candidate defaults on any of the conditions mentioned in the bond. In case the first surety also fails to make payment, the second surety will be liable to make payment.

C. No Obligation to Return to India (NORI)

- (i) NORI (No Obligation to Return to India) certificate shall **not** be issued in general.
- (ii) NORI may be issued to a person attaining 65 years of age.
- (iii) NORI may be issued to the person satisfying the following three (3) conditions:
(a) If SON has not been issued previously;
(b) If the applicant is a Foreign Medical graduate and has not qualified eligibility test as per IMC/ NMC Act.
(c) If the applicant does not have MCI/ NMC/ State Medical Council registration.

D. General Conditions:

- (i) The candidate will inform the SON Certificate/ENC issuing authority of his arrival in India within a period of three months from the date of completion of the course mentioned in the SON Certificate/ENC. In case the candidate fails to report within the stipulated time period or takes longer to report because of some unforeseen situation leading to non-compliance of the bond conditions to the SON Certificate/ENC issuing authority and the authority shall have the option to further extend the reporting period for a maximum of 3 months beyond, after considering the explanation offered and taking into account the evidences adduced.
- (ii) If the candidate fails to return or fails to inform the authorities beyond the extended period, he/ she shall be liable for enforcement of penal actions, including payment to the Government or as may be directed by the Government, on demand the said sum of Rs. 10 Lakhs (Rupees Ten Lakhs only) together with interest thereon @ 12% per annum from the date of demand.



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BOND TO BE EXECUTED

BY CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR NEED CERTIFICATE IN CONNECTION WITH JOINING TRAINING PROGRAMME/COURSE IN MEDICAL SPECIALITIES IN MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS OUT OF INDIA

KNOW ALL concerned BY THESE PRESENTS THAT I _____, Resident of _____ (Address), having MCI Registration Number _____ and having graduated from _____ (Name and address of Medical College/Institution), (hereinafter called “the Obligor”) and Shri/Shrimati/Kumari _____ son/daughter of _____, Resident of _____ (Address in India) And Shri/ Shrimati/Kumari _____ son/daughter of _____, Resident of _____ (Address in India) (hereinafter called “the Sureties”) do hereby jointly and severally bind ourselves and our respective heirs and/or executors to pay to the President of India (hereinafter called “the Government”) on demand the sum of Rs. 10 lakhs (Rupees Ten Lakhs only) or, if payment is made in a country other than India, the equivalent of the said amount in the current currency of that country converted at the official rate of exchange between that country and India, together with interest thereon @ 12% per annum from the date of demand, AND TOGETHER with all costs between attorney and client and all charges and expenses that shall or may have been incurred by the Government.

WHEREAS the Obligor is granted a Need Certificate by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India to undergo training programme/course in _____ (Name and duration of the programme/course) at _____ (Name and address of the Medical Institution).

AND WHEREAS for the better protection of the Government, the Obligor has agreed to execute this Bond with such condition as hereunder is written:

AND WHEREAS the said Sureties have agreed to execute this Bond as Sureties on behalf of the above bounden Obligor _____



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NOW THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE WRITTEN OBLIGATIONS IS THAT in the event of the Obligor Shri/Shrimati/Kumari _____ failing to return to India after completion of the training programme/course, within a period of three (3) months thereof, and report to the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in person, the Obligor and the Sureties shall forthwith pay to the Government or as may be directed by the Government, on demand the said sum of Rs. 10 Lakhs (Rupees Ten Lakhs only) together with interest thereon @ 12% per annum from the date of demand.


AND upon the Obligor Shri/Shrimati/Kumari _____ and / or Shri/Shrimati/Kumari _____ and/or Shri/Shrimati/Kumari _____, the Sureties aforesaid making such payment, the above written obligation shall be void and / or of no effect, otherwise it shall be and remain in full force and virtue:

PROVIDED ALWAYS that the liability of the Sureties hereunder shall not be impaired or discharged by reason of time being granted or by any forbearance, act or omission of the Government or any person authorized by them (whether with or without the consent or knowledge of the Sureties) nor shall it be necessary, for the Government to sue the Obligor before suing the Sureties Shri/Shrimati/Kumari _____ and Shri/Shrimati/Kumari _____ or any of them for amounts due hereunder.

THE BOND shall in all respects be governed by the laws of India for the time being in force and the rights and liabilities hereunder shall where necessary be accordingly determined by the appropriate Courts of law in India.

Signed and dated this _____ (Day) of _____ (Month) Two Thousand and _____ at _____ (Place) in the _____ (Country).

Signed and delivered by the Obligor abovementioned
Shri/Shrimati/Kumari _____
In the presence of:
Witnesses: 1. _____
(Name and Complete Postal Address)
2. _____
(Name and Complete Postal Address)

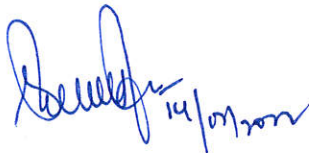

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Signed and delivered by the First Surety(#) abovementioned
Shri/Shrimati/Kumari _____
In the presence of:
Witnesses: 1. _____
(Name and Complete Postal Address)
2. _____
(Name and Complete Postal Address)

(#) **First Surety** will be a close relative to the Obligor and will furnish information in respect of himself/herself as in **Annex - C**

Signed and delivered by the Second Surety(%) abovementioned
Shri/Shrimati/Kumari _____
In the presence of:
Witnesses: 1. _____
(Name and Complete Postal Address)
2. _____
(Name and Complete Postal Address)

(%) **Second Surety** will not be a relative to applicant and will furnish information in respect of himself/herself as in **Annex - D**


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ACCEPTED
For and on behalf of the President of India

Name: _____
Designation _____
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ANNEX-C**BIO-DATA FORM for Surety – 1 (Relative)**

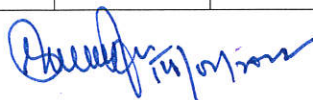
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1. Name :
2. Father's /Husband's Name :
3. Occupation :
4. Age & date of birth :
5. Educational qualification :
6. Permanent address :
7. Present address :
8. Other particulars
 - (i) Passport Number :
 - (ii) PAN :
 - (iii) Voter's ID Card No. :
9. Personal Assets & Liabilities (As on 1st April of the F.Y.)
 - a) Details of immovable property:

- i) Particulars (House/Flat/Land/others):
- ii) Address :
- iii) Extent of land :
- iv) In whose name registered :
- v) Whether unencumbered : Yes/No
- vi) If encumbered, to what extent :
- vii) Book No./Registration Number :
- viii) Address of Registrar/Sub-Registrar :
- ix) Present Value :

b) Liquid assets:

Sl.	Particulars	Amount (Rs.)	Whether encumbered (Yes/No/)	If encumbered, to what extent	Remarks
1.	Cash-in-hand				
2.	Cash at Bank				Give Bank account no. With branch address and MICR Code
3.	Govt. Securities				Please give details
4.	Shares				
5.	Life Insurance Policies (Surrender Value)				
6.	Jewellery				
7.	Others				Please give details



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c) Liabilities:

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- i) Borrowings from Bank
(give details of security
furnished)
- ii) Borrowings from
Friends & relatives
- iii) Borrowings from other
sources (give details)
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10) Net worth = 9(a)+9(b)-9(c)

I hereby declare that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

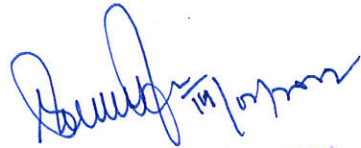
Place:

Signature:

Date:

Name:

Relationship with applicant:

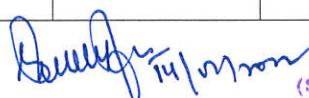


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Bio data for Surety – 2 (Should not be a relative to applicant)

1. Name :
2. Father's /Husband's Name :
3. Occupation :
4. Age & date of birth :
5. Educational qualification :
6. Permanent address :
7. Present address :
8. Other particulars
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Date:

Name:

Relationship with applicant:



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