
THE ALL-INDIA COUNSELLING GUIDE

The Counselling Atlas

Counselling is a map problem — All-India versus State, home turf versus open borders, quota lines that decide where your rank can take you. This is your plain-language chart from result day to the day you walk into your medical college.

YOU ARE HERE

NEET result is out. The seat isn't yours yet — counselling is how you claim it.

THE TERRAIN

Two parallel routes: MCC (All-India, 15%) and your State authority (85%).

THE DESTINATION

A seat allotted by rank + choice, then confirmed by reporting in person.

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SECTION 01

Where a seat can come from

NEET gives you a rank. It does not give you a college. Counselling is the separate step where your rank is matched to a seat — and there are five places that seat can come from.

RANK → ELIGIBILITY

Your rank sets the doors you may knock on.

CHOICES → OUTCOME

Your ordered choices decide which one opens.

REPORTING → YOURS

Only reporting in person locks the seat.

The five sources of a seat

● All India Quota — 15%

MCC • ANY STATE • PURE RANK

15% of government-college seats, filled by the Medical Counselling Committee. Students from every state compete purely on All-India Rank — no domicile needed.

● State Quota — 85%

STATE AUTHORITY • DOMICILE

85% of government-college seats are reserved for the state's own candidates. Each state runs its own counselling, with its own rules on domicile, nativity and schooling.

● Deemed Universities

MCC • ALL STATES ELIGIBLE

Deemed medical universities are filled through centralised MCC counselling under the Deemed category. Fees run higher, but candidates from any state may apply.

● Private Universities

UNDER THE STATE

Private colleges sit under the State, run mostly through state or state-private universities. Tuition varies widely and is usually well above government colleges.

● AIIMS • JIPMER • Central Institutes of National Importance

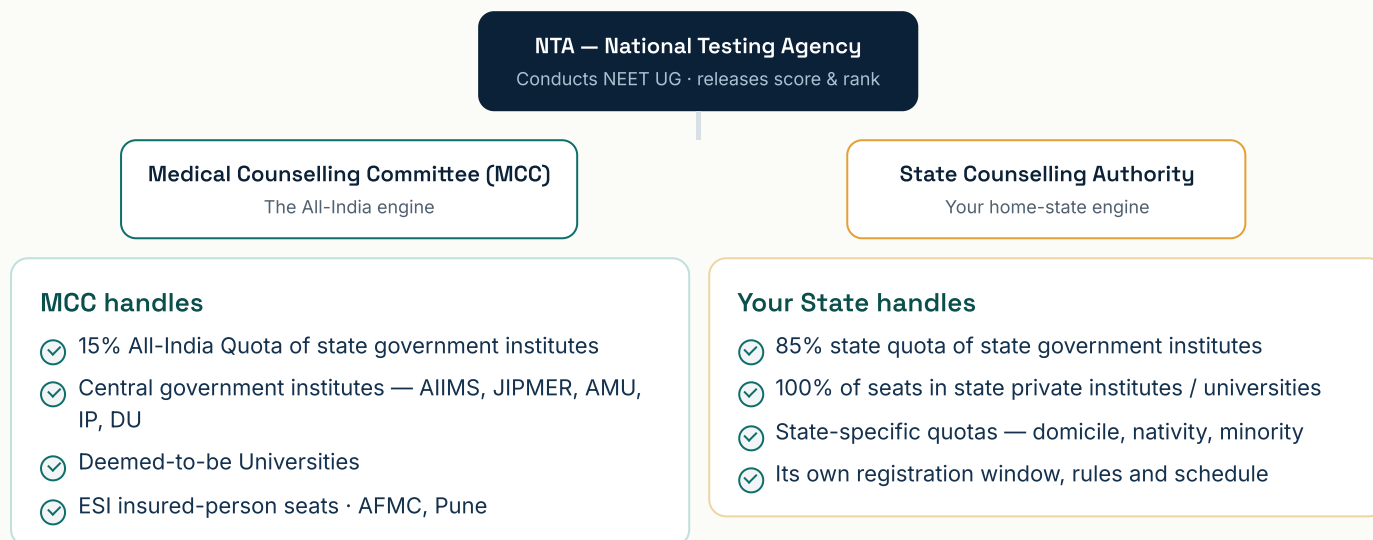
Admission to all AIIMS campuses, JIPMER, and other Institutes of National Importance runs only through NEET UG and centralised counselling. These are among the most competitive seats in the country.

Remember — NEET ≠ admission, and counselling ≠ admission either. A rank earns a place in the queue; an allotment offers a seat; only reporting confirms it. And one exam feeds many counsellings — you can take part in several at once.

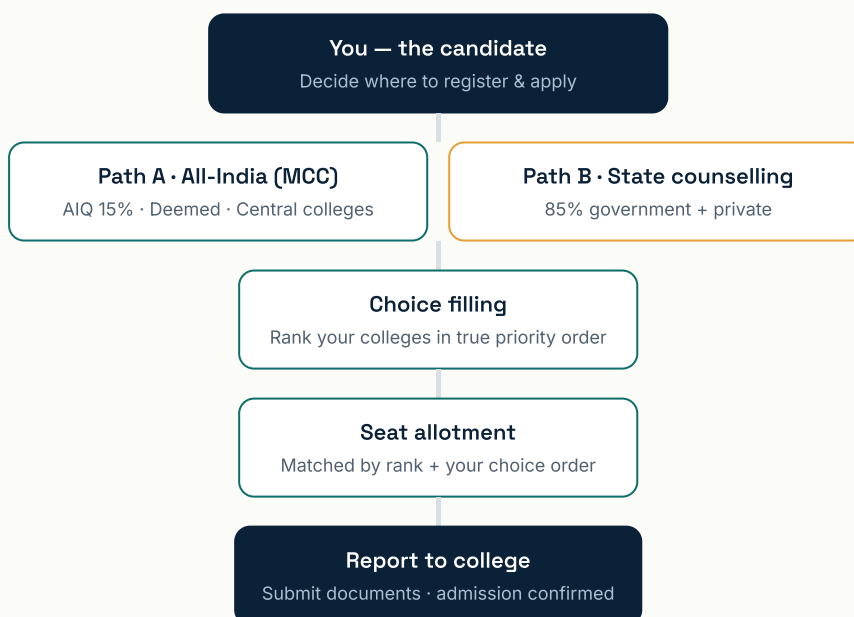
SECTION 02

How the system works

One exam body, two counselling engines. Knowing who runs what tells you where to register.



Who does what — your side of it



THE GOOD NEWS

You may run **both** pathways at the same time and keep your options open. If you can, register for AIQ as well as your home state — more doors, more chances.

SECTION 03

Who runs your state's counselling

Your 85% state quota is administered by one specific office. Register on *its* portal, on *its* dates

— All-India registration does not cover it.

ALL INDIA Medical Counselling Committee	ANDHRA PRADESH Dr NTR Univ. of Health Sci.	ARUNACHAL Dir. Higher & Tech. Education	ASSAM Dir. of Medical Education
BIHAR BCECE Board	CHANDIGARH Govt. Medical College & Hosp.	CHHATTISGARH Dir. of Medical Education	DELHI GGSIU University
GOA Dir. of Technical Education	GUJARAT ACPUGMEC	HARYANA Dir. of Med. Edu. & Research	HIMACHAL Atal Medical & Research Univ.
J & K J&K BOPEE	JHARKHAND JCECEB	KARNATAKA KEA — Exam Authority	KERALA Comm. for Entrance Exams (CEE)
MADHYA PRADESH Dir. of Medical Education	MAHARASHTRA State CET Cell	MANIPUR Dir. of Health Services	MEGHALAYA Health & Family Welfare Dept.
MIZORAM MCC, Mizoram	NAGALAND Dir. of Technical Education	ODISHA OJEE Cell / DMET Odisha	PUDUCHERRY CENTAC
PUNJAB Baba Farid Univ. of Health Sci.	RAJASTHAN Dept. of Medical Education	SIKKIM SMU & Human Resource Dev.	TAMIL NADU Dir. of Med. Edu. & Research
TELANGANA Kaloji Narayana Rao Univ.	TRIPURA Dir. of Medical Education	UTTAR PRADESH Dir. of Med. Edu. & Training	UTTARAKHAND HNB Uttarakhand Med. Edu. Univ.
WEST BENGAL WB Medical Counselling Comm.	A & N ISLANDS CCAP	DNH & DD Dir. of Medical Education	

Always verify on the official portal — authorities, portals and dates change year to year. Confirm your state's current counselling body and schedule before you register anywhere.

SECTION 04

Medical colleges, state by state

The national landscape at a glance — where the government, private, deemed and national-importance institutes sit. Numbers shift yearly as new colleges are approved.

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● 423 GOVERNMENT

● 318 PRIVATE

● 59 DEEMED

TOTAL MEDICAL COLLEGES (APPROX.)

● 21 NATIONAL IMPORTANCE

State / UT	Total	Govt	Pvt	Dmd	INI	State / UT	Total	Govt	Pvt	Dmd	INI
Andhra Pradesh	39	18	19	1	1	Manipur	4	3	1	0	0
Arunachal Pradesh	1	1	0	0	0	Meghalaya	3	2	1	0	0
Assam	16	15	0	0	1	Mizoram	1	1	0	0	0
Bihar	25	12	12	0	1	Nagaland	1	1	0	0	0
Chandigarh	1	1	0	0	0	Odisha	21	14	3	3	1
Chhattisgarh	16	10	5	0	1	Puducherry	9	1	3	4	1
Delhi	11	8	1	1	1	Punjab	14	5	8	0	1
Goa	1	1	0	0	0	Rajasthan	49	33	15	0	1
Gujarat	43	12	29	1	1	Sikkim	1	0	1	0	0
Haryana	17	8	7	2	0	Tamil Nadu	78	37	27	13	1
Himachal Pradesh	8	6	1	0	1	Telangana	66	36	27	2	1
J & K	13	10	2	0	1	Tripura	3	1	2	0	0
Jharkhand	10	6	2	1	1	Uttar Pradesh	88	49	36	1	2
Karnataka	73	24	37	12	0	Uttarakhand	10	5	3	1	1
Kerala	37	14	22	1	0	West Bengal	41	25	15	0	1
Madhya Pradesh	35	20	14	0	1	A & N Islands	1	1	0	0	0
Maharashtra	85	42	25	16	1	DNH & DD	1	1	0	0	0

HOW TO READ THIS

A state with many **government** seats favours state-quota candidates. Heavy **private / deemed** counts mean more open, fee-paying options for out-of-state students. Match the landscape to your rank *and* your budget.

SECTION 05

The eight stages that decide everything

From result day to your first class, All-India counselling moves through eight stages. Miss a window and the map redraws itself.

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| <p>1 Result day</p> <p>Download your scorecard & rank letter. Note your All-India rank and state merit rank separately, and confirm your category.</p> | <p>2 Registration</p> <p>Register on the portal, upload nativity / community certificates, and pay the refundable security deposit. Register for AIQ too — more chances.</p> |
| <p>3 Choice filling</p> <p>The step that decides everything. Add 25–30+ colleges, ordered by real preference. Check fees and location for each.</p> | <p>4 Allotment • Rounds 1 & 2</p> <p>Hold a seat while staying eligible to upgrade. A better allotment auto-replaces the old one. Surrendering after Round 2 forfeits the deposit.</p> |
| <p>5 Classes begin & upgradation</p> <p>Opt for upgrade if you want a better college; a new seat auto-cancels the old. No upgrade means you keep your current seat.</p> | <p>6 Mop-up & stray vacancy</p> <p>The last opening for those still without a seat. Same process as earlier rounds — don't wait to confirm.</p> |
| <p>7 Reporting to college</p> <p>The seat becomes official. Report in person within the deadline with nativity, community and NEET originals, and finish admission formalities.</p> | <p>8 Course commences</p> <p>Your medical journey begins. Join on the scheduled date, complete remaining formalities, and stay on top of academic notices.</p> |

~24hr

typical window to respond to an allotment — no extensions

~3 days

you may get between allotment and reporting — keep documents ready

3+

rounds plus mop-up & stray — each with its own rules

The tell — downloading your allotment order is often treated as having joined. Read each round's rules before you click anything.

SECTION 06

Two pathways, one vocabulary

Counselling runs on two parallel tracks and a handful of words you'll see everywhere. Learn both before you register.

● MCC counselling

- ✓ Covers the 15% All-India Quota seats
- ✓ AIIMS, JIPMER, central universities & deemed universities
- ✓ One national portal, one national schedule

● State counselling

- ✓ Covers the 85% state quota seats
- ✓ Run separately by each state's own authority
- ✓ Its own portal, rules, dates and deposit

Terms you must know

Seat matrix

The availability chart — how many seats each college and course holds for each category. Read it first; it shows where the opportunities actually are before you make a single choice.

Choice list

Your ranked wishlist of colleges and courses, ordered from "I'd love this" down to "I'd still be happy with this." The system reads it top to bottom.

Choice filling

Telling the system what you want, in order. Simple rule: put your true favourite at #1, because preferences are honoured strictly in the sequence you set.

Seat allotment

The moment choices turn into a seat. You'll see the college and course offered; accept it, or if eligible, stay in for a later round to upgrade.

Before counselling begins — the prep list

- ✓ Download scorecard + rank letter on result day; print several copies.
- ✓ Map your AIQ rank against last year's closing ranks — mark safe, target and dream colleges.
- ✓ Confirm your category: UR / OBC-NCL / SC / ST / EWS / PwD / Defence.
- ✓ Renew OBC-NCL & EWS certificates if needed (issued in the current cycle).
- ✓ Build a target list across AIQ and your home state; add 2–3 open states if useful.
- ✓ Organise every document before allotment — you may get only ~3 working days to report.

Remember — a good outcome isn't just your NEET score. It's making informed choices and applying through the right channels. The rank opens doors; the strategy decides which one you walk through.

SECTION 07

Rules that catch people out

Most counselling regrets come from a handful of hard rules. Read these once, carefully.

Choice locking is final

Locked choices can't be changed for any reason — no exceptions, no extensions.

Deadlines are unforgiving

Not resigning on time can confirm your admission; not reporting on time can cancel your seat.

No stray round while holding a seat

Holding any AIQ seat automatically bars you from the state stray-vacancy round.

OBC-NCL must be current

An expired certificate can push you into the UR category during verification.

Deposit loss on deemed exit

Resigning a deemed-university seat after joining via Round 2 forfeits the ₹2 lakh security deposit.

No category reservation in deemed

SC/ST/OBC/EWS/PwD reservation does not apply to deemed universities under All-India counselling.

Key decisions during counselling

● Round 1 — accept or resign?

Accept & try to upgrade is almost always right: your seat is held safely; if Round 2 gives better, it auto-cancels; if not, you keep it.

Resign to go fresh only if you'd never attend that college — high risk, as later rounds may have fewer seats and stiffer competition.

● AIQ seat vs state seat

Govt AIQ vs govt state: pick the stronger college by reputation, not location. AIQ is harder to get, but your home state may have the better institute.

Govt vs private: take the government seat almost every time — unless the private college is genuinely in the CMC Vellore / St John's league.

● Deemed seat — join or wait?

Deemed fees are often far higher. If you have a realistic shot at a government college through state counselling, it can be worth waiting before you commit.

● Drop year — worth it?

Makes sense if you're borderline govt/private, missed by ≤ 50 marks, targeting top AIIMS, and family can absorb the delay.

Doesn't if you're already above a decent govt closing rank, already dropped once, or scoring 600+ with little room to climb.

GOOD TO KNOW

PwD's 5% reservation is **horizontal** — it doesn't add new seats. It ensures 5% of existing UR/OBC/EWS/SC/ST seats go to PwD candidates within each category.

SECTION 08

Keep these ready

Have everything in hand before the window opens — a single missing document can delay admission. Carry originals plus 2–3 photocopies of each.

● Identity & exam

- ✓ NEET scorecard
- ✓ NEET admit card
- ✓ Aadhaar / government photo ID

● Special-quota documents (if applicable)

- ✓ OBC-NCL / EWS certificate
- ✓ SC/ST certificate
- ✓ PwD certificate
- ✓ Minority-quota documents

● Academic records

- ✓ Class 10 mark sheet & certificate
- ✓ Class 11 & 12 mark sheets
- ✓ Transfer & conduct certificate

● Registration & reporting

- ✓ Registration confirmation
- ✓ Allotment order
- ✓ Passport-size photographs

Online application — upload specs

Document	Format	Max size
Photograph	JPG / JPEG	10–200 KB
Signature	JPG / JPEG	4–30 KB
NEET scorecard	PDF / JPG	< 500 KB
Class 10 certificate	PDF / JPG	< 500 KB
Class 12 marksheet	PDF / JPG	< 500 KB
Category (OBC-NCL / EWS)	PDF / JPG	< 500 KB
PwD certificate	PDF / JPG	< 500 KB
Photo ID (Aadhaar)	PDF / JPG	< 500 KB

● Registration fee

- ✓ ₹1,000 — UR, government counselling
- ✓ ₹500 — SC/ST/OBC/PwD, government
- ✓ ₹5,000 — deemed-university counselling

● Security deposit (refundable)

- ✓ ₹10,000 — government college counselling
- ✓ ₹2,00,000 — deemed-university counselling

Both must be paid at registration — the registration fee *and* the security deposit clear before you can take part in AIQ counselling. Amounts differ across states; verify yours.

SECTION 09

Which quota changes everything

Not all seats are equal. The quota a seat belongs to decides who can take it, how it's allotted, and what it costs.

● 15% All-India Quota (AIQ)

- ✓ Open to students from every state; run by MCC
 - ✓ Allotted purely on All-India Rank — no domicile preference
 - ✓ Applies only to government colleges
- e.g. a Tamil Nadu student can win a government seat in another state on a strong rank.

● 85% State Quota

- ✓ Reserved mainly for the state's own students
 - ✓ Allotted on the state merit list from NEET scores
 - ✓ Applies to government & private colleges
- e.g. a Tamil Nadu student securing a government seat within TN via the 85% quota.

● Management Quota (private)

- ✓ Private-college seats at higher fees
 - ✓ Open to all NEET-qualified students, no domicile bar
 - ✓ Available only in private medical colleges
- e.g. a lower rank can still secure a private seat if the family can meet the fees.

● NRI Quota

- ✓ For NRI students or those sponsored by an NRI
 - ✓ Fees significantly higher than other quotas
 - ✓ Available in private & deemed universities
- e.g. a student with an NRI sponsor may secure a seat even on a lower rank.

The split, side by side

GOVERNMENT COLLEGES • LOW FEES • MERIT-BASED

15% **85%**
AIQ SEATS STATE QUOTA

PRIVATE COLLEGES • HIGHER FEES • THREE QUOTAS

50% **35%** **15%**
STATE MGMT / OPEN NRI

READ THE FINE PRINT

The private-college split can vary from state to state, and management/NRI definitions differ too. Always confirm the exact quota breakdown for the specific college and state before you rely on it.

SECTION 10 • PART ONE

Before you begin, check three things

01

Eligibility

Can you take part?

- ✓ Qualified NEET & eligible for the counselling you're entering
- ✓ All essential documents ready before registration
- ✓ Category, domicile & reservation verified

02

Possibility

What's realistically in reach?

- ✓ Understand options by rank, state rank, category & quota
- ✓ Review last years' closing ranks
- ✓ Build a balanced dream / target / safe list

03

Affordability

What fits the budget?

- ✓ Compare fees across govt, private, deemed & NRI
- ✓ Count the full cost — tuition, hostel, mess, travel
- ✓ Agree a comfort zone before filling choices

Registration to reporting — do's & don'ts

• Do

Apply for nativity & community certificates early — start now to avoid last-minute delays.

Register for both AIQ and state — two pathways raise your odds.

Research colleges before the window — prep lets you decide fast and calm.

Rank your true first choice at #1 — preferences are honoured in order.

Set alerts for every result date — windows are short and strict.

• Don't

List only 2-3 colleges — a short list can leave you with no seat.

Ignore state-specific rules — some treat post-allotment actions as acceptance.

Surrender after Round 2 — you may lose your deposit and face restrictions.

Ignore name mismatches — even small differences stall verification.

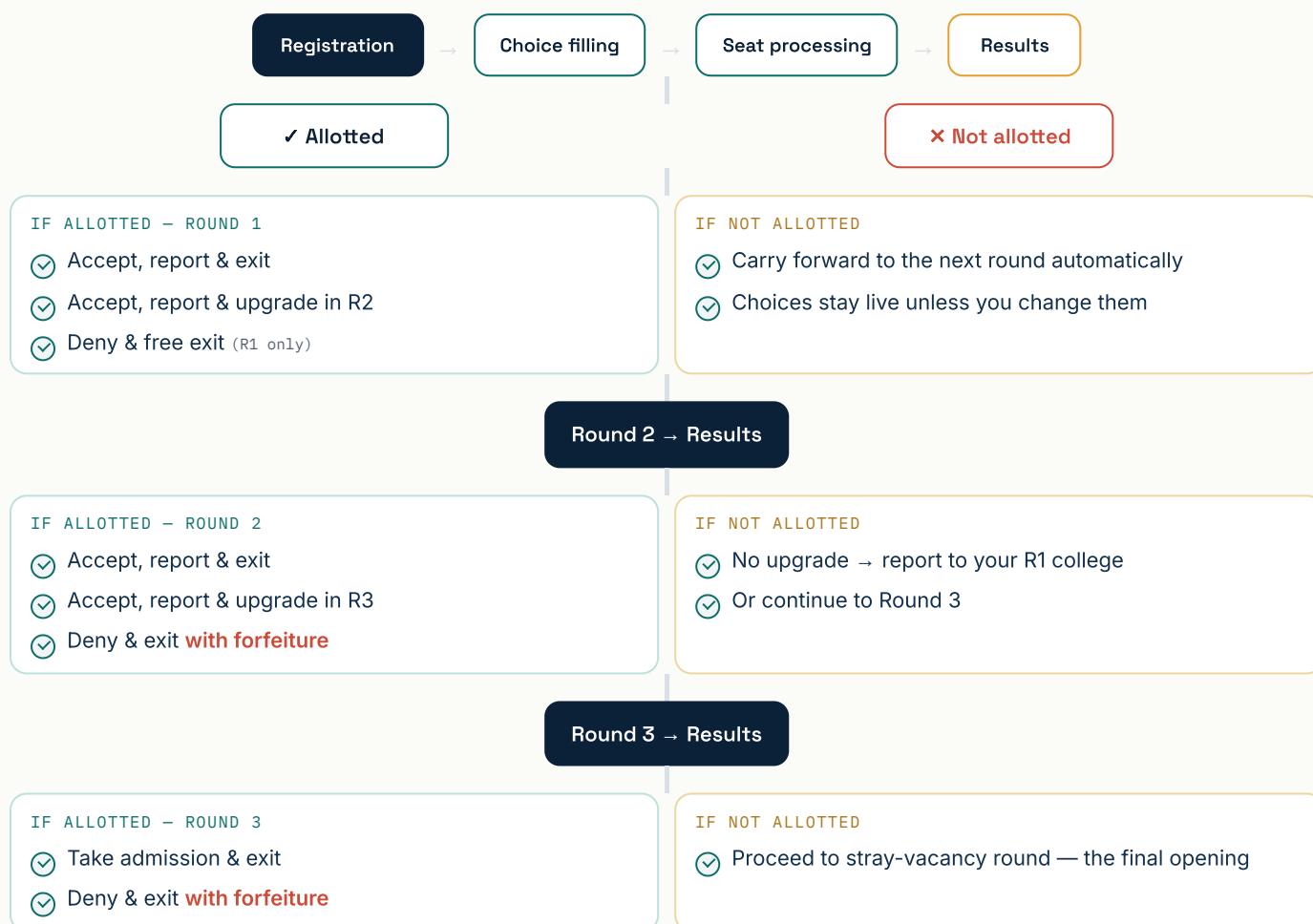
Skip the bond terms — some colleges carry long service commitments or heavy penalties.

One line to live by — more well-chosen choices, filed on time, with clean documents. That combination protects you at every round.

SECTION 10 • PART TWO

The round-by-round flow

Every round branches the same way: allotted or not. What you do at each branch decides your next move.



Forfeiture warning — from Round 2 onward, denying an allotted seat can cost your security deposit and limit later rounds. "Accept and upgrade" almost always beats "deny and gamble."

SECTION 11 • REFERENCE DATA

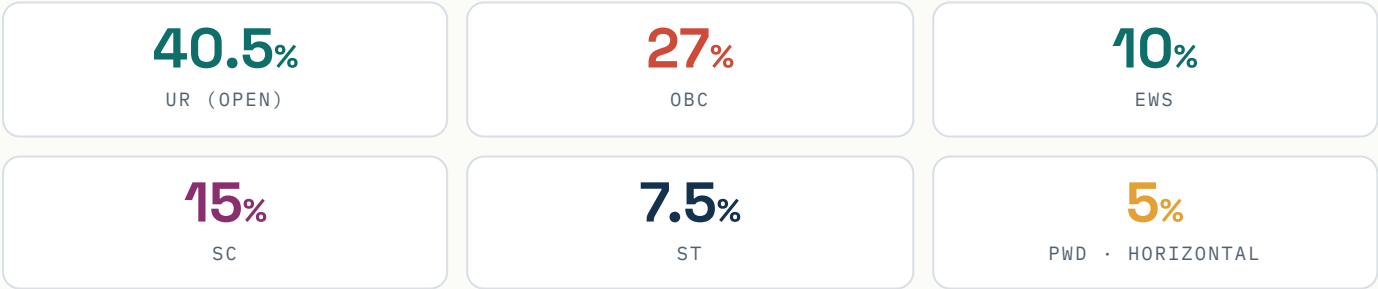
Closing ranks — All-India UG, 2025

MBBS, Round 3, by institute type and category. Use it to place your own rank on the map. Ranks shift year to year — read these as landmarks, not guarantees.

Category	Metric	AIQ Govt	AMU/BHU	AIIMS	JIPMER	Deemed Merit	Deemed NRI-1	Deemed NRI-2
Open	AI Rank	26,178	6,170	7,143	5,731	9,03,981	12,88,903	13,17,215
	Score	527	567	564	569	178	116	113
EWS	AI Rank	29,997	2,284	12,057	8,126	—	—	—
	Score	522	590	550	561	—	—	—
OBC	AI Rank	26,231	2,620	8,617	7,700	—	—	—
	Score	527	586	559	562	—	—	—
SC	AI Rank	1,36,445	20,606	51,471	46,346	—	—	—
	Score	441	535	501	505	—	—	—
ST	AI Rank	1,36,445	20,606	51,471	46,346	—	—	—
	Score	441	535	501	505	—	—	—

AI Rank = All-India NEET rank • Score = corresponding marks (2025) • "—" = category reservation not applicable / not published.

Category & reservation — how seats divide



No category reservation in deemed — deemed-university seats under All-India counselling are filled on merit / NRI basis only. The category split above applies to government and INI seats.

SECTION 11 • REFERENCE DATA

What a seat costs

Annual MBBS fees by institute type (Round 3, 2025). Government seats are the value play; deemed and NRI seats climb steeply.

Institute type	Sub-quota	Fee / year (₹)	Notes
Government	All-India Quota	1,665 – 1.92 L	Tuition + caution deposit, registration, development fund etc. paid in year 1
Govt · other open	AMU / BHU Open	33,739 – 60,300	BHU ≈ 33,739 · AMU ≈ 60,300
National Importance	AIIMS Open	1,350	Among the lowest fees in the country
National Importance	JIPMER Open	1,200	Pondicherry-domicile quota also exists
Deemed	Self-financed merit	10 L – 30.5 L	No category reservation applies
Deemed	NRI	23.91 L – 1.29 Cr	Highest band; NRI or NRI-sponsored only

≈ 50% of seats sit below ₹20,000/yr; ≈ 85% below ₹1 lakh/yr.

In Punjab, Maharashtra, Goa, Uttarakhand & Delhi, some govt fees exceed ₹1 lakh — verify.

GMERS (Gujarat) fees run high, around ₹3.75 lakh — a quasi-government society model.

Open states — cross a border on a lower rank

Some states open private-college counselling to any-state students, no domicile needed. A sample of 2025 closing ranks with fees (R1–R3):

State · quota	Fee (₹)	NEET rank	Counselling rank	Score
AP · Mgmt Cat-B1	13,20,000	3,42,303	2,518	339
Bihar · Private General	9.63 L – 16.5 L	1,31,136+	4,411+	228–444
Karnataka · Private Open	8.1 L – 25.15 L	13,706+	13,706+	248–547
Kerala · Self-financing AI merit	7.71 L – 8.98 L	54,489+	5,134+	–
Maharashtra · Mgmt	18.6 L – 50.2 L	4,88,804+	33,443+	183–285
Tamil Nadu · Mgmt (CMC 50%)	51,345	1,114	28	604
Telangana · Mgmt Cat-B	11.55 L – 15 L	1,44,275+	657+	383–436
Uttar Pradesh · Private Open	11.04 L – 20.19 L	4,02,286+	20,343+	246–315
West Bengal · Mgmt	16 L – 22 L	1,11,301+	4,451+	190–457

Open states widen the map — a rank that closes doors at home may still open a private seat elsewhere. Weigh the fee against the seat before you commit; ranges span rounds and colleges.

SECTION 12

Quick answers to common doubts

The questions nearly every student and parent asks, answered plainly.

- 1 Can I take part in both AIQ and state counselling at once?**
Yes. MCC (All-India) and state counselling run simultaneously and independently. Register for both and compare allotments before deciding.
- 2 What if I don't respond to an allotment in time?**
Your seat is cancelled and you may lose the right to that round, depending on its rules. The response window is typically about 24 hours, with no extensions.
- 3 What's the difference between freeze and float (upgrade)?**
Freezing means accepting and keeping your current allotment. Floating (upgrade) means staying eligible for a higher-preference seat in later rounds, as the authority permits.
- 4 Will I lose my security deposit if I withdraw?**
It depends on the counselling. In most, the deposit is forfeited if you don't join or if you resign after a Round 2 (or later) allotment.
- 5 Can I change my community certificate after registration?**
No. The community category submitted at registration is final. Make sure it's correct before you submit.
- 6 Do I register separately for each state?**
Yes. Each state has its own authority, registration process, eligibility rules and schedule.
- 7 How many colleges should I add to my choice list?**
Aim for 30–50. More choices mean more safety; a short list risks no seat at all if your rank misses the few you listed.
- 8 Can a seat be lost over missing documents?**
Yes — even after allotment. Verification matters as much as rank. Missing, expired or incorrect certificates (category, domicile, eligibility) can cancel an allotment.
- 9 Is AIQ only for top rankers?**
No. All-India counselling covers thousands of seats across government colleges, AIIMS, central and deemed universities, spanning many rank brackets and categories.
- 10 Can I leave an AIQ seat for a better option later?**
Usually yes, but timing matters. Depending on the round and rules, you may upgrade or shift — though deadlines and resignation policies can affect eligibility and deposits.



— HOW CAMPUS CONTINENTS HELPS

The process is complex. Your decisions don't have to be.

Every tool, data point and answer for counselling, gathered in one place — so you spend your energy deciding, not hunting.



Rank Scan

Enter your rank, see every college you're eligible for, instantly.



Cut-off trends

Three years of closing ranks by college, course, quota and category, one screen.



Choice-list builder

Order colleges by your real preference, checked against your rank.



Allotment mapping

See where higher-ranked candidates landed — and predict where you might.



Fee, stipend & bond analysis

Verified fees, stipends and bond terms compared before you fill choices.



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