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F No. 1-6/ LT/2026-INC

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NOTIFICATION No. 25 of 2026

EXAMINATION IN LIEU OF MERCY CHANCE FOR RELAXATION OF MAXIMUM TIME PERIOD – ANM

EXAMINATION GUIDELINES

In continuation to Indian Nursing Council Notification no. 1-6/2022-INC dated 28th April, 2022 and based on the requests received from various Students /nursing Institutions / Boards from time to time for granting relaxation of maximum time period for the candidates who are unable to complete Nursing program/course in prescribed time limit (i.e. double the duration of the program/course); the Council defines "Grant of Mercy Chance" as under:

> *"Maximum time limit for completing Nursing program/course can be relaxed subject to the condition that, such candidate qualifies a basic examination conducted (for the purpose) by the respective State Nursing Council in order to be allowed to appear in the final year Board examination."*

It is clarified that ***"Mercy chance is not applicable to candidates who discontinue or re-join the program/course."*** The State Nursing Council will not be approached for any case to complete prescribed hours of training exceeding maximum time limit. It is therefore, Mercy Chance is applicable only for ***Final Year*** ANM Examination as defined above.

1. **EXAMINATION**: Examination in lieu of Mercy Chance to be conducted by State Nursing Council.
2. **ELIGIBILE CANDIDATES**: Mercy Chance will only be applicable to those candidates who have completed the Nursing program/course (theory & practical hours) in prescribed maximum time limit (double the duration of the program/course) and the candidate was not able to clear the final year examinations of the respective program/course within the prescribed maximum duration.
3. **DURATION OF THE EXAM**: 2 (Two) Hours **Total** = 100 marks
4. **MAXIMUM NO. OF ATTEMPTS**: 2 (Two)
5. **DISTRIBUTION OF QUESTIONS:**

S.NO	SUBJECTS/COURSES	NUMBER OF MCQS**
1	Community Health Nursing and Health center management	30
2	Primary health care and Health Promotion	20
3	Child Health Nursing	20
4	Maternal Nursing	30
	Total	**100**

** - Knowledge/recall and comprehension question – 40%
- Application, analysis and evaluation questions – 60%

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Note:-

1. *Maximum Number of attempts for examination in lieu of mercy chance to be conducted by State Nursing Council are two.*

2. *After qualifying the basic mercy chance examination, the candidate is eligible to appear in the Board examination*

3. *The candidate shall qualify the Board examinations within a period of one year of passing the Mercy chance examination.*

4. *A candidate shall be granted maximum of two attempts (one regular and one supplementary examination) for Board examinations.*

Further, if the candidate is unable to qualify (as per s.no. 4 above) then no more chance will be allowed.

Yours faithfully,

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Secretary

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