



NABH/Notification/2020/0709

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**NABH Notification for Extension of Validity**

In continuation and supersession to the notifications dated 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 (issued vide Ref. No. NABH/Notification/2020/0147) and 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020, (issued vide Ref. No. NABH/Notification/2020/0150) regarding extension of validity of accreditation / certification, and deferment of assessments, respectively, National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH) is pleased to announce that it has started conducting assessments of HCOs through remote access / combination of remote & on-site assessment (Hybrid Assessment).

All the hospitals which have already applied for re-accreditation / re-certification will shortly be offered the dates of re-assessment. However, keeping in view the current constraints, all accredited / certified HCOs shall be eligible for further extension of validity of accreditation till 31.12.2020 or till the decision on the renewal application is taken by NABH, whichever is earlier.

Further, in view of the queries received from HCOs it is clarified that extension of validity will be subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The hospitals which have already applied for re-accreditation/re-certification shall be eligible for further extension of validity of accreditation till 31.12. 2020 or till the decision on the renewal application is taken by NABH, whichever is earlier. (Extension of validity will run in continuation of notification NABH/Notification/2020/0147 dated 20.03.20).
2. The hospitals whose accreditation / certification got expired during or after February, 2020 and they could not apply to NABH for renewal due to the unprecedented situation of COVID-19; in case wish to avail extension of validity of accreditation/certification for the period mentioned at point no.1, they shall have to submit application for renewal along with applicable fee (application fee and first year annual fee for next cycle) latest by 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020.
3. The HCOs whose accreditation/certification cycle is going to expire in the coming six months are also advised to immediately apply to NABH for renewal of accreditation/certification to avoid break in accreditation / certification cycles.
4. The abovementioned conditions will be uniformly applicable to across all accreditation / certification programs of NABH, provided the HCOs have cleared all due fee payment by 15 July 2020.
5. The HCOs which have availed extension of validity of accreditation/certification shall be issued certificate of accreditation only after they undergo re-assessment, take corrective actions for the NCs raised and renewal of accreditation/certification is recommended by the Accreditation/ Certification Committee. Upon renewal, the issue date of the certificate shall be in continuity with the previous accreditation cycle.
6. Further, for all programmes, HCOs are required to submit annual accreditation fee for the first year of the next accreditation cycle and also, clear the outstanding dues payable to NABH for becoming eligible for extension of validity.



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7. The status of accreditation/ certification with respect to extension of validity for the respective HCO shall also be updated on the website of NABH. However, the HCOs may submit request for extension letter from NABH by putting remarks on the respective portal account and providing evidence of submission of renewal application along with payment of application fee, annual fee and other outstanding dues.
8. Extension for validity of empanelment by the empanelling agencies i.e. CGHS and ECHS does not fall under the purview of NABH. The empanelled HCOs are requested to approach respective empanelling agencies with regard to extension of empanelment.

It is difficult time for NABH Secretariat as well. We are required to upgrade our technology Infrastructure on urgent basis, deploy more resources and intensify staff strength with new skill training. But along all this we are committed to contribute towards safety and healthcare quality improvement. Hope to get your continued support and good wishes.

Kind Regards,

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CC: The Notification is also being sent to the Offices of a) NHA and b) IRDAI