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The draft is made under sections 66, 11, 14, 38 and 40 of the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, 2021 (14 of 2021), with the previous approval of the Central Government, and is to be published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part III, Section 4. It covers people who were working in a recognized allied and healthcare profession on or before the Act's commencement. To keep practicing, they would need a certificate of provisional registration. To apply, a person needs at least matriculation or its equivalent, a qualification for the profession listed in Schedule I obtained before the Act commenced, work in that profession before the Act commenced, and residence in the State where they apply. No application would be accepted more than two years after the regulations come into force. "Interim practicing professionals", who started after the Act but before these regulations, could also apply if they meet the same eligibility conditions.

The application goes in Form PR-1 to the State Council where the person lives, with a non-refundable fee of Rs 2,000. An autonomous board verifies it. The State Council or the board may send it back for corrections within 60 days of acknowledging it, and the applicant has 15 days to resubmit. The Council must approve or reject a complete application within 30 days, and may reject only by a reasoned written order. A successful applicant gets a certificate in Form PR-2 and a PR UID number issued through a central portal, in a format such as PR-IND-GU-08-2025-XXXXXXXXX, with a QR code. An applicant who is refused may appeal to the Commission within one month, with a Rs 5,000 fee, and the appeal is to be decided within ninety working days. In a State or Union territory with no State Council, the Commission and its Central Assessment Committee do this work.

The certificate would be valid for three years. It can be extended by one year, on an application in Form PR-3 with a Rs 1,000 fee, and never runs past four years. The State Council must terminate it on grounds that include registration obtained by error or misrepresentation, a conviction for an offense involving moral turpitude, or breach of professional conduct and ethics standards, after a hearing and 15 days for written submissions. Provisionally registered professionals may practice in India only.

Before the certificate expires, the professional must complete a bridge course, with any supervised clinical hours, at a recognized institution and pass a minimum qualifying examination,

then register in the State or Central Register under the Registration of Allied and Healthcare Professionals Regulations, 2026. Someone who obtained a qualification listed in Schedule I of those regulations before the Act commenced is treated as eligible for that registration directly. The State Council allots a bridge course within 60 days of an application in Form PR-6, places are filled first come, first served, and the fee may not exceed roughly the proportionate fee for the regular course. The bridge course gives no degree or diploma.

Recognized institutions could run bridge courses within the intake their Letter of Permission allows, or up to twice that intake with approval: an application in Form PR-4 with a Rs 50,000 fee, decided within 60 days. They could run bridge courses for four years from the date the regulations come into force, or as the Commission specifies. Schedule I lists the qualifications and bridge courses across 10 recognized categories. All applications would be made through an online portal linked from the Commission's and State Councils' websites.

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Legal basis	Sections 66, 11, 14, 38 and 40, National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, 2021
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Who can apply	People practicing a recognized profession before the Act commenced, with matriculation and a Schedule I qualification, living in the State where they apply; also interim practicing professionals
Application window	Two years from the date the regulations come into force
Application fee	Rs 2,000, Form PR-1, to the State Council
Decision	Within 30 days of a complete application
Appeal	To the Commission within one month, Rs 5,000 fee, decided within ninety working days
Validity	Three years, plus one year on extension (Form PR-3, Rs 1,000), never more than four years
Identity	PR UID number through a central portal, with a QR code

Route to full registration	Bridge course and supervised clinical hours, then a minimum qualifying examination, before the certificate expires
Bridge course capacity	Within the Letter of Permission intake, or up to twice it with approval (Form PR-4, Rs 50,000)
Bridge course period	Recognized institutions may run them for four years from commencement, or as the Commission specifies
Practice	In India only

Recognized categories in Schedule I

Recognised Category No	Recognised Category Name
1	Medical Laboratory and Life Sciences
2	Trauma Burn Care and Surgical/Anaesthesia Related
3	Physiotherapy Professional
4	Nutrition Science Professional
5	Ophthalmic Sciences Professional
6	Occupational Therapy Professional
7	Community Care, Behavioural Health Sciences and Other Professionals
8	Medical Radiology Imaging and Therapeutic Technology
9	Medical Technologist and Physician Associates
10	Health Information Management and Health Informatic Professional

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