

L. A. BILL No. LX OF 2026.

A BILL

*further to amend the Maharashtra Private Universities
(Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2023.*

(As passed by the Legislative Assembly on the 9th July, 2026.)

(As passed by the Legislative Council on the 9th July, 2026.)

Mah. WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Maharashtra Private
VIII of Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2023, for the purposes
2024. hereinafter appearing; it is, hereby, enacted in the Seventy-seventh Year of the
Republic of India as follows :—

1. This Act may be called the Maharashtra Private Universities Short title.
(Establishment and Regulation) (Third Amendment) Act, 2026.

Amendment
of section 2 of
Mah. VIII of
2024.

2. In section 2 of the Maharashtra Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2023 (hereinafter referred to as “the principal Act”),—

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VIII of
2024.

(i) in clause (b), after the word “academic”, the words “Health Science” shall be inserted;

(ii) after clause (n), the following clause shall be inserted, namely :—

“(n-a) “Health Science Courses” means courses related to medical, dental, ayurveda, homoeopathy, unani, siddha, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, nursing, rehabilitation, paramedical courses and allied health sciences;”;

(iii) in clause (u), after the words “Council of Scientific and Indian Research”, the words “National Dental Commission, Indian Nursing Council, National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Profession, National Commission for System of Indian Medicine, Rehabilitation Council of India, National Commission for Homoeopathy and any other competent regulatory body for health science courses,” shall be inserted;

(iv) in clause (zb), for the words “a degree, diploma”, the words “a certificate, diploma, degree, postgraduate degree, fellowship, doctorate, post doctorate” shall be substituted;

Amendment
of section 3 of
Mah. VIII of
2024.

3. In section 3 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2), after clause (xxii), the following clause shall be inserted, namely :—

“(xxii-a) no objection certificate from the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences as per sub-section (1) of section 6 of the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences Act, 1998, in respect of Health Science courses :

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of 1999

Provided that if no objection certificate is not received by the applicant sponsoring body from the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences within sixty days from the date of application, it shall be presumed that the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences has no objection and in such cases the acknowledgment of the request shall be submitted.”.

Insertion of
new section
4A in Mah.
VIII of 2024.

4. After section 4 of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely :—

Eligibility for
establishment
of University
for health
science
courses.

“**4A.** Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, only the sponsoring body who has a recognized medical college having not less than twenty years’ experience in the field of health science education with National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) Accreditation Grade ‘A’ and above (Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) 3.01 and above) with Post Graduate Courses in at least fifty per cent. of it’s disciplines and operational for at least ten years shall be eligible for making application for establishment of University conducting Health Science Courses under this Act.”.

Amendment
of section 6 of
Mah. VIII of
2024.

5. In section 6 of the principal Act, in sub-section (5), for the words “conferment of degree, diploma or certificate”, the words “conferment of certificate, diploma, degree, postgraduate degree, fellowship, doctorate, post doctorate,” shall be substituted.

6. In section 7 of the principal Act, after sub-section (1), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely :—

Amendment
of section 7 of
Mah. VIII of
2024.

“Provided that, for Universities conducting Health Science Courses, there shall be separate secretary level committee consisting of secretaries of the Higher and Technical Education Department, Medical Education Department, Finance Department and Planning Department.”.

7. In section 9 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1),—

Amendment
of section 9 of
Mah. VIII of
2024.

(i) in clause (a), after the words “Information and Communication Technology”, the words and letter “,Health Sciences *i.e.* Medical, Dental, Ayurveda, Homoeopathy, Unani, Siddha, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Nursing, Rehabilitation, Paramedical Courses and Allied Health Sciences” shall be inserted;

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1961.
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2019.
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1947.
21 of
2023.
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1992.
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2021.
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2020.

(ii) in clause (p), after the words and figures “Advocates Act, 1961”, the words and figures “or the National Medical Commission constituted under the National Medical Commission Act, 2019 or the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine constituted under the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine Act, 2020 or the Council constituted under the Indian Nursing Council Act, 1947 or the National Dental Commission constituted under the National Dental Commission Act, 2023 or the Rehabilitation Council of India constituted under the Rehabilitation Council of India Act, 1992 or the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Profession constituted under the National Commission for Allied and Health Care Professions Act, 2021 or the National Commission for Homoeopathy constituted under the National Commission for Homoeopathy Act, 2020” shall be inserted.

8. In section 10 of the principal Act,—

Amendment
of section 10
of Mah. VIII
of 2024.

(i) in clause (ii), for the words “confer degrees, diplomas, certificates, awards, grades, credits and academic distinctions”, the words “confer certificates, diplomas, degrees, postgraduate degrees, fellowships, doctorates, post doctorates, awards, grades, credits and academic distinctions” shall be substituted;

(ii) in clause (xvi), for the words “or certificates” the words “,certificates, diplomas, degrees, postgraduate degrees, fellowships, doctorates or post doctorates” shall be substituted.

9. In section 13 of the principal Act, in sub-section (5), after the words “joint holder”, the words “and in case of Universities conducting Health Science Courses the Director of Medical Education and Research as joint holder” shall be inserted.

Amendment
of section 13
of Mah. VIII
of 2024.

10. In section 27 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1), after clause (c), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely :—

Amendment
of section 27
of Mah. VIII
of 2024.

“Provided that, in case of the Universities conducting Health Science Courses, out of five persons there shall be two health science experts nominated by sponsoring body.”.

Amendment
of section 38
of Mah. VIII
of 2024.

11. In section 38 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2),—

(i) in clause (c), for the words “the degrees, diplomas, certificates”, the words “certificates, diplomas, degrees, postgraduate degrees, fellowships, doctorates, post doctorates” shall be substituted;

(ii) in clause (f), for the words “degrees and diplomas”, the words “certificates, diplomas, degrees, postgraduate degrees, fellowships, doctorates and post doctorates” shall be substituted.

Amendment
of section 41
of Mah. VIII
of 2024.

12. In section 41 of the principal Act,—

(i) in sub-section (2), after the first proviso the following proviso shall be inserted, namely :—

“Provided further that, admissions in Universities for Health Science Courses shall be made on the basis of National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) or any other entrance test as declared by the Central or State Government from time to time.”;

(ii) in sub-section (3), after the words, brackets and letters “Economically Weaker Sections (EWS)”, the words, brackets and letters “,Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC)” shall be inserted;

(iii) after sub-section (4), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely :—

“(5) For the Health Science Courses, the admissions shall be made through a common counselling process as decided by the concerned regulatory body.” .

13. In section 51 of the principal Act, after sub-section (6), the following sub-section shall be added, namely :—

Amendment
of section 51
of Mah. VIII
of 2024.

“(7) The State Government may,—

(a) seek compliance reports from the University;

(b) review continuation status based on the concerned regulatory body permissions;

(c) restrict admissions in case of withdrawal or suspension of permission by the concerned regulatory body.”.

**MAHARASHTRA LEGISLATURE
SECRETARIAT**

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Minister for Higher and Technical Education.]**

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