The students are exposed to the requirements of The Clinical Establishments Act (Registration and Regulation) 2010 as applied to homoeopathy.

The specific objectives are

- i) To establish digital registry of Clinical Establishments at National, State and District level.
- ii) To prevent quackery by unqualified practitioners by introducing registration system, which is mandatory.
- To improve quality of health care through standardization of healthcare facilities by prescribing minimum standards of facilities and services for all categories of health care establishments (except teaching hospitals,) and ensuring compliance of other conditions of registration like compliance to standard treatment guidelines, stabilization of emergency medical condition, display of range of rates to be charged, maintenance of records etc.

Salient Features of Clinical Establishments Act 2010 and Clinical Establishments (Central Government) Rules $2012 \cdot$

Definition: Clinical Establishment

- (i) a hospital, maternity home, nursing home, dispensary, clinic, sanatorium or an institution by whatever name called that offers services, facilities requiring diagnosis, treatment or care for illness, injury, deformity, abnormality or pregnancy in any recognized system of medicine established and administered or maintained by any person or body of persons, whether incorporated or not; or
- (ii) a place established as an independent entity or part of an establishment referred to in subclause (i), in connection with the diagnosis or treatment of diseases where pathological, bacteriological, genetic, radiological, chemical, biological investigations or other diagnostic or investigative services with the aid of laboratory or other medical equipment, are usually carried on, established and administered or maintained by any person or body of persons, whether incorporated or not, and shall include a clinical establishment owned, controlled or managed by a Government or a department of the Government; b a trust, whether public or private; c a corporation (including a society) registered under a Central, Provincial or State Act, whether or not owned by the Government; d a local authority; and e a single doctor



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- **Coverage** All clinical establishments including diagnostic centres and single doctor clinics, across all recognized systems of medicine in both public and private sector. (Exception: establishments of the Armed Forces).
- Date of commencement of the Act: it is the date on which the Act shall come into force in a State and it is the date on which a state adopts the Act under clause (1) of Article 252 of the constitution by passing resolution to this effect in the state legislatures. Thus the provisions of the Act became applicable from the date of adoption of the Act by the State. Provided that different dates may be appointed for different categories of clinical establishments and different recognised system of medicine
- Recognized systems of medicine: Allopathic: Medical and Dental, AYUSH: Ayurvedic, Unani, Siddha, Homoeopathy, Yoga, Naturopathy and Sowa Rigpa (Sowa Rigpa was recognized under 14 AYUSH by the Ministry of AYUSH after passing of Clinical Establishments bill by the Parliament of India).
- **Registry**: Digital registry of Clinical Establishments at National, State & District level.
- **Standard Application Form**: Application for registration may be made by post, in person or online through website.
- **Registration is mandatory under the Act**: No one can run a clinical establishment without registration: Within one year from commencement of Act, every existing Clinical Establishment has to apply for registration within one year from commencement of Act and every new Clinical Establishment i.e. which has come into existence after commencement of Act has to apply for registration within six months from the date of its establishment.
- Act provides for two types of registration:
 - ➤ Provisional Registration: No enquiry is to be done prior to grant of certificate of provisional registration, which is granted for one year at a time.
 - ➤ Permanent registration: Permanent registration is to be considered after notification of Minimum Standards. Clinical Establishments will be required to meet Minimum Standards before grant of Permanent Registration.
- The provisional registration shall not be renewed after a period of two years from the date of notification of Minimum Standards, in case of existing Clinical Establishments and the same shall not be renewed after a period of six months in case of new Clinical Establishments (i.e. which come into existence after date of notification of Minimum Standards). Certificate of permanent registration is granted for five years at a time.



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