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Getting admission into a medical college has never been easy. Under the current NEET system, over 500 students with marks either in single digit or zero and negative in physics and chemistry were able to get admission into MBBS colleges in 2017. According to a TOI report, total 400 students with single-digit marks in physics and chemistry and 110 students with zero or negative marks had secured MBBS seats, mostly in private medical colleges, in 2017. For example, a candidate scored -2 in physics, -4 in chemistry and 139 in biology, secured a rank above 5.3 lakh, but still got admission into a medical college. Over 6.1 lakh students had qualified for CBSE NEET last year.

A major reason for students getting admission in medical colleges, despite their poor marks, is the revised NEET notification issued by the Medical Council of India (MCI) that does not make it mandatory for candidates to score minimum 50 per cent marks (or 40 per cent in case of reserved category) in individual subjects. As per the initial NEET notification issued in December 2010, marks were evaluated in per cent and students needed to score at least 50 per cent in each subject to secure an admission into medical college. But later, the notification was dropped to include the percentile system, and the eligibility criterion was changed from 50 and 40 per cent to 50 and 40 percentile. The MCI had also dropped the minimum marks criteria in individual subjects to include the

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