



NOTIFICATION – REVISED IMPLEMENTATION AND MIGRATION PLAN FOR 2nd EDITION NABH ENTRY-LEVEL CERTIFICATION STANDARDS FOR HOSPITALS

This notification supersedes Notification No. NABH/Gen/2025/10805 dated 11 November 2025, issued with respect to the implementation plan of the NABH Entry-Level Certification Programme for Hospitals.

NABH Secretariat is pleased to announce the **launch of a newly developed online application portal**. The portal has been developed to streamline the application process for the hospital, with simplified workflows and improved system performance.

With effect from **16th February 2026**, all applications under the NABH Entry-Level Certification Programme for Hospitals, in accordance with the 2nd Edition of the NABH Entry-Level Certification Standards for Hospitals, shall be received through the new portal. The link to access the portal is provided below:

<https://nabh.qcin.org>

To facilitate a smooth transition for Health Care Organizations (HCOs), the current HOPE portal will continue to operate until **28th February 2026** in accordance with **the 1st Edition of the Entry Level Certification Standards**.

All Applicants and Certified Hospitals are required to follow the Implementation and Migration Plan as per the following protocol:

S. No.	Hospital Certification Stages	Applicable Edition		Certification Cycle Validity
		1 st Edition	2 nd Edition	
1.	New completed Applications with application fee paid till 28 th February 2026.	Applicable	Not Applicable	2 Years
2.	New completed Applications with application fee paid on or after 1 st March 2026.	Not Applicable	Applicable	2 Years
3.	Re-certification Applications with application fee paid till 28 th February 2026.	Applicable	Not Applicable	2 Years
4.	Re-certification Applications with application fee paid on or after 1 st March 2026.	Not Applicable	Applicable	2 Years



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Renewal Applicants (Migrating from current HOPE Portal): Hospitals previously certified under the NABH Entry-Level Certification Program, with certification validity on or after 1st August 2025, shall be eligible to apply as **Renewal Applicants** for a period of up to **six months from the date of expiry of their certification**, under the **2nd Edition of the Entry-Level Certification Standards**, through the new portal.

Login credentials for such hospitals shall be the same as the **email ID and contact number associated with the latest application number on the HOPE portal.**

Applications submitted beyond the stipulated six-month period shall be treated as fresh applications.

Structure of the 2nd Edition Standards & Assessment Matrix: The 2nd Edition of NABH Entry-Level Certification Standards for Hospitals is structured into the following categories of objective elements:

- **Core**
- **Commitment**
- **Excellence**

This structure is intended to support a phased, progressive, and outcome-oriented quality journey for hospitals. Accordingly, the applicability of Core, Commitment, and Excellence objective elements has been aligned with the hospital's bed strength, applicant category, and certification cycle, as detailed in the assessment matrix below.

Bed strength (Sanctioned)	Category	Cycle	Assessment Matrix
1 to 50 beds	First time (New application) applicant	First assessment cycle	Only Core
		First renewal cycle	Core + Commitment
		Second renewal cycle & onwards	Core + Commitment + Excellence
	Renewal applicant from HOPE portal	First assessment cycle	Core + Commitment
		First renewal cycle & onwards	Core + Commitment + Excellence
51 & above	First time (New application) applicant	First assessment cycle	Core + Commitment
		First renewal cycle & onwards	Core + Commitment + Excellence
	Renewal applicant from HOPE portal	First assessment cycle	Core + Commitment
		First renewal cycle & onwards	Core + Commitment + Excellence



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Further, with the implementation of the 2nd Edition, the **Desktop Assessment process shall include a single cycle of nonconformity (NC) closure only**. Hospitals shall receive one consolidated set of observations, against which compliance shall be submitted. The assessor shall thereafter review the submitted closures against the raised non-conformities and record the desktop assessment outcome accordingly. *No second cycle of NC closure shall be applicable*. All other stages and processes of certification shall remain unchanged from the existing framework.

Thanking you,

Sincerely yours,

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