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**Implementation Plan of NABH Certification Standards for
Emergency Department in Hospital 2nd Edition**

The National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH) is pleased to announce the introduction of 2nd edition of the NABH Certification Standards and Guidebook for Emergency Department in Hospital.

The guidebook containing these standards is now available for free download on NABH website.

The implementation and assessment plan for these standards is provided below for the information and necessary action of healthcare organisations that are already certified or are planning to apply for certification under the Emergency Department in Hospital Certification Programme of NABH.

The validity of certificate will remain unchanged which is for 2 years.

S.no	ED Certification Stages	Applicable Edition	
		FA	RA
1	New Applications w.e.f. 1st April 2026	2nd Edition	Not Applicable
2	New applications with application fee paid & all documents submitted till 31st March 2026. (option will be given to the Healthcare Organisation to opt for 1st edition / 2nd edition)	Optional 1st/ 2nd Edition	Not Applicable
3	Re-certification applied and application fee submitted before 31st March 2026 (i.e. 6 months prior to expiry of validity)	Not Applicable	Optional 1st/2nd Edition
4	Re-certification applied, after 31st March 2026	Not Applicable	2nd Edition

No new or renewal application as per 1st edition will be accepted after 31st March 2026.

For the upgradation of hospitals knowledge on the 2nd Edition of Emergency Department in Hospital Certification Standards, National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH) is planning to conduct refresher courses.

The schedule of these courses will be announced on the official NABH website: www.nabh.co

Thanking you,

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. Atul Mohan Kochhar)
CEO-NABH