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Notification – Implementation Plan of New Accreditation Standards for Ayush Hospitals (1st Edition)

The National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH) has released new Accreditation Standards (1st Edition) for Ayush hospitals, which will be uniformly applicable across all AYUSH disciplines — Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Homeopathy, and Sowa-Rigpa —with effect from August 1, 2026.

The guidebook containing these standards is available for purchase on NABH website.

The implementation and assessment plan for these standards is provided below for the information and necessary action of healthcare organizations that are already accredited or are planning to apply for accreditation under the Ayush Accreditation Programme of NABH.

S. No.	Hospital Accreditation Stages	Applicable Edition				Accreditation Cycle Validity
		Pre-Assessment	Final Assessment	Surveillance Assessment	Renewal Assessment	
1	New Applications w.e.f. 1st August 2026	Optional	New Standards for Ayush Hospitals (1 st Edition)	Not applicable	Not applicable	4 Years
2	New completed applications with the application fee paid till 31st July 2026 will be eligible for an option to choose either the New Standards for Ayush Hospitals (1st Edition) or the existing/old standards applicable to their respective Ayush discipline.	Optional	Optional New Standards for Ayush Hospitals (1 st Edition)/ Old Standards for respective Ayush disciplines	Not applicable	Not applicable	4 Years
3	Applicants for whom pre-assessments have been completed before 31st July 2026 and are awaiting Final Assessment will be given the option to choose either the New Standards for Ayush Hospitals (1st Edition) or the existing/old standards applicable to their respective Ayush discipline.	Not applicable	Optional New Standards for Ayush Hospitals (1 st Edition)/ Old Standards for respective Ayush disciplines	Not applicable	Not applicable	4 Years



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4	Accredited Hospitals for which Surveillance Assessment is due before 31st October 2026	Not applicable	Not applicable	Optional New Standards for Ayush Hospitals (1 st Edition)/ Old Standards for respective Ayush disciplines	Not applicable	4 Years
5	Accredited Hospitals for which Surveillance Assessment is due after 31st October 2026	Not applicable	Not applicable	New Standards or Ayush Hospitals (1 st Edition)	Not applicable	4 Years
6	Hospitals that have applied for Renewal Assessment before 31st July 2026 (i.e., at least six months prior to the expiry of accreditation validity).	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Optional New Standards for Ayush Hospitals (1 st Edition)/ Old Standards for respective Ayush disciplines	4 Years
7	Hospitals that have applied for Renewal Assessment after 31st July 2026 (i.e., within six months prior to the expiry of accreditation validity).	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	New Standards for Ayush Hospitals (1 st Edition)	4 Years

NABH will start conducting assessments as per New Standards for Ayush Hospitals (1st Edition) from August 1st, 2026 onwards. Hospital which wishes to undergo assessment (Surveillance Assessment, Renewal Assessment, as per due activity of accreditation cycle of that hospital) may opt for the same. However, no fresh or renewal application will be accepted as per old standards w.e.f. 31st July, 2026 (Please refer S.No.1 and 7). Also, no surveillance assessment will be conducted as per as per old standards after 31st July 2026.

Thanking you,

Sincerely yours,

(Chakravarthy T. Kannan)
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