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Studying in Bangladesh

A guide for international students & families — how Bangladesh's medical education works, the DGME admission process and student visa, affordable English-medium MBBS/BDS, and recognition.

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ABOUT K12 ACADEMICS

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AFFORDABLE, ENGLISH-MEDIUM MBBS/BDS, A FORMAL DGME PROCESS

Bangladesh is a leading destination for **affordable, English-medium medical and dental education (MBBS/BDS)**, with a well-organized, government-run admission process for foreign students via the **Directorate General of Medical Education (DGME)**. Colleges are affiliated with public universities and recognized by **BMDC, WHO, and WDOMS**. The curriculum aligns closely with India's, and English is the medium. This guide walks it in **ten steps**.

General guidance, not legal, immigration, or medical-licensing advice. Bangladeshi rules, tuition, and recognition change, and **licensing depends on where you'll practice — verify with the relevant council**. Some colleges can be suspended for failing standards, so **confirm college status** with DGME. Confirm details with your college and the Bangladesh High Commission.

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STEP 01 OF 10

Understand Why Students Choose Bangladesh

WHAT TO KNOW

Bangladesh offers **affordable, English-medium MBBS/BDS; a formal, transparent DGME admission process (no capitation/donations); a curriculum aligned with India's; strong clinical exposure; and high licensing-exam pass rates** — a practical route for aspiring doctors.

BY THE NUMBERS

Affordable	DGME process	Aligned curriculum
English MBBS/BDS	merit-based, no donations	+ strong clinicals

HOW TO HELP

Weigh Bangladesh's **affordable, transparently-admitted, recognized medical degrees** against the need to pass licensing exams where you'll practice — strong value for South Asian students.

GOOD TO KNOW

Admissions are **merit-based via DGME with no capitation or under-the-table fees** — a genuine advantage.

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STEP 02 OF 10

Understand the System

WHAT TO KNOW

MBBS/BDS colleges (government and private) are **affiliated with public universities (Dhaka, Rajshahi, Chittagong)** and regulated by the **Bangladesh Medical & Dental Council (BMDC)**. Well-known colleges include **Bangladesh Medical College, Gazi Medical College, and Dhaka Community Medical College**.

BY THE NUMBERS

BMDC	Public universities	Colleges
the regulator	affiliation	Bangladesh Medical, Gazi

HOW TO HELP

Choose a **BMDC-regulated, university-affiliated college** — and crucially, confirm the college is currently approved (some can be suspended for failing standards).

WATCH OUT

Cross-check **college status on the official portal** — DGME can suspend colleges that fail BM&DC standards.

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Apply via the DGME Process

WHAT TO KNOW

Foreign-student admission runs through the **DGME's annual circular** (for 2025–26, applications ran roughly **November–January**). You apply via the **Bangladesh High Commission**, which forwards eligible applications to **DGME, Dhaka** for verification and final selection. Meet the GPA requirements (e.g., a combined GPA around 7.0, with Biology).

BY THE NUMBERS

DGME circular	Via High Commission	GPA
annual, Nov–Jan	forwarded to DGME	~7.0 combined

HOW TO HELP

Apply through the **DGME circular via the Bangladesh High Commission** in the Nov–Jan window, meeting the GPA requirements — DGME verifies and finalizes selection.

GOOD TO KNOW

Indian students must clear **NEET** (per home-country rules) — and typically the DGME form is filed through the High Commission.

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Get the Student Visa

WHAT TO KNOW

After selection and college confirmation, apply for a **student visa** at the Bangladesh High Commission/embassy, with your admission documents, attested academic records, passport, and a medical-fitness certificate. Your college and DGME guide the required paperwork.

BY THE NUMBERS

Student visa	Documents	Guided
via High Commission	attested records, medical	by college & DGME

HOW TO HELP

Apply for the **student visa** at the Bangladesh High Commission with your admission documents and attested records — your college and DGME guide the process.

GOOD TO KNOW

Keep **attested originals** ready — the visa and enrollment require them.

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STEP 05 OF 10

Plan for Tuition & Costs

WHAT TO KNOW

Costs vary by college: a **DGME quota package** can be around **$8,000–10,000 total**, while private-college packages run roughly **$33,000–55,000 for the full course** (a first-year installment ~$10,000–12,000). Payment is typically by **Telegraphic Transfer (TT) to official accounts**; installments are allowed.

BY THE NUMBERS

DGME quota	Private	Payment
~$8,000–10,000	~$33,000–55,000 total	TT, installments

HOW TO HELP

Budget the **full-course tuition** (DGME quota cheapest; private higher), paid by TT in installments — confirm the exact package and account with your college/DGME.

GOOD TO KNOW

Pay only via **official TT to the college/DGME account** — keep receipts, and beware of intermediary overcharging.

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STEP 06 OF 10

Meet the Financial Requirement

WHAT TO KNOW

You'll show **proof of funds** for tuition and living, and pay the required **TT deposit** to confirm admission. All documents (transcripts, certificates) must be **attested by the relevant Education Board and Foreign Ministry**. Confirm the exact requirements with your college and the High Commission.

BY THE NUMBERS

Funds	Documents	Confirm
+ TT deposit	attested	per college

HOW TO HELP

Prepare **proof of funds and the TT deposit**, with all documents **attested** — confirm specifics with your college and the Bangladesh High Commission.

GOOD TO KNOW

Attestation (Education Board + Foreign Ministry) is **required** — arrange it early to avoid delays.

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STEP 07 OF 10

Meet Language Requirements

WHAT TO KNOW

MBBS/BDS is taught **in English**, so there's no language barrier for study, and **no IELTS/TOEFL is required** (bilingual faculty support is available). Some **Bengali (or Hindi, widely understood)** helps in clinical rotations and daily life.

BY THE NUMBERS

English	No IELTS/TOEFL	Bengali/Hindi
medium of instruction	needed	helps clinicals

HOW TO HELP

Study **entirely in English** (no language test needed), and pick up some **Bengali or Hindi** — useful for clinical rotations and daily life.

GOOD TO KNOW

Bilingual faculty support and widely-understood Hindi **ease communication** — a plus for South Asian students.

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Prepare for the Move

WHAT TO KNOW

After your visa, **arrange hostel accommodation, complete registration, and set up a SIM and bank account**. Many colleges (and consultancies) assist international students with arrival logistics, hostels, and registrations. Living costs are low; most colleges provide student hostels.

BY THE NUMBERS

Hostel	Registration	Low
college-provided	+ SIM & bank	living costs

HOW TO HELP

Handle arrival admin — **hostel, registration, SIM, banking** — with college/consultancy support common; enjoy Bangladesh—s low living costs.

GOOD TO KNOW

Most colleges provide **hostels for international students** — convenient and affordable.

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Understand the Program Structure

WHAT TO KNOW

The **MBBS program runs five years plus a one-year internship** (BDS similar), with **basic sciences followed by clinical sciences and hospital-based rotations** in affiliated teaching hospitals. This gives strong, real-world clinical exposure — reflected in solid licensing-exam pass rates.

BY THE NUMBERS

5 years	Basic → clinical	Hospital training
+ 1-year internship	then rotations	affiliated hospitals

HOW TO HELP

Plan for the **5-year MBBS + 1-year internship** structure, and use the hospital-based clinical training fully — it builds strong exam readiness.

GOOD TO KNOW

Bangladesh reports **relatively high licensing-exam pass rates** — reflecting solid clinical training.

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Thrive & Practice After Study

WHAT TO KNOW

Your degree is **recognized (BMDC-regulated, WHO- and WDOMS-listed, NMC-approved for India)**, but to practice you'll typically need to **pass the licensing exam of your target country** (e.g., FMGE/NExT for India). **Verify recognition and college status** before committing — the crucial final step.

BY THE NUMBERS

Recognized	Licensing exam	Verify
BMDC/WHO/WDOMS	in your target country	recognition & college status

HOW TO HELP

Plan early for your target country's **licensing exam**, and **verify recognition and current college status** before committing.

WATCH OUT

The degree opens the door, but **passing your country's licensing exam is essential** — and confirm your college's current approval first.

QUICK REFERENCE

Studying in Bangladesh: The Essentials

A snapshot — recognition, college status, and licensing vary, so verify with DGME, the relevant council, your college, and the Bangladesh High Commission.

The system

MBBS/BDS colleges (government and private) affiliated with public universities (Dhaka, Rajshahi, Chittagong) and regulated by BMDC; well-known colleges include Bangladesh Medical College, Gazi, and Dhaka Community Medical College; confirm current approval status.

Process & visa

Foreign-student admission runs through the DGME annual circular (roughly Nov–Jan), applied via the Bangladesh High Commission, which forwards to DGME Dhaka; then a student visa; Indian students must clear NEET.

Tuition

DGME quota packages ~$8,000–10,000 total; private-college packages ~$33,000–55,000 for the full course; payment by Telegraphic Transfer to official accounts, installments allowed.

Money & language

Show proof of funds plus the TT deposit, with attested documents; MBBS/BDS taught in English (no IELTS/TOEFL), with Bengali/Hindi useful for clinical rotations.

Program & recognition

5-year MBBS + 1-year internship; BMDC-regulated, WHO/WDOMS-listed, NMC-approved for India, but practicing needs the target country's licensing exam (FMGE/NExT) — verify recognition and college status.

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