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Information Brochure

Voluntary Certification Scheme for Traditional Community Healthcare Provider (VCSTCHP)

VCSTCHP is a National Scheme established by the Foundation for Revitalisation of Local Health Traditions (FRLHT), Bangalore and Quality Council of India (QCI), New Delhi to certify prior learning of traditional healers, following the international norms as per ISO 17024.

Traditional Community Healthcare Providers (TCHPs) play a vital role in meeting the health care needs of our populations in India especially in rural areas. They constitute a unique group of community supported paramedical health workers of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha & Homeopathy). They treat from a range of simple primary healthcare related common ailments to management of jaundice, sprains, dislocations and bone fractures, childbirth, women and child health, poisonous bites, skin diseases, burns and so on. They provide treatment to their needy and poor patients solely based on their social legitimacy. National ISM Policy Statement (2002), National Rural Health Mission Statement (2005) and Five-Year Plan documents of Planning Commission, Government of India (2007 and 2012) and National Health Policy 2017 officially confirm the existence and relevance of Traditional Community Healthcare Providers. National or State programmes to strengthen and build the capacity of these community supported AYUSH paramedical health workers are yet to be designed and implemented by any Government Institutions. This neglect inhibits the continuity of the great tradition of Traditional Community Healthcare Providers of our country. To meet the growing demand for human resource in the public health system, the public health experts and professionals have recommended to certify and build the capacity of Traditional Community Healthcare Providers through a Voluntary Certification Scheme for TCHPs.

The Personnel Certification Body, in the University of Trans Disciplinary Health Sciences and Technology (TDU), approved by the Quality Council of India calls for applications

from the eligible applicants amongst Traditional Community Healthcare Providers who are interested to seek their certification under the Voluntary Certification Scheme launched by the QCI & FRLHT for Traditional Community Healthcare Providers, in the management of a few selected traditional community healthcare practices relating to **Common Ailments, Jaundice, Joint Pain, Poisonous Bites, Traditional Birth Attendants and Traditional Bone Setting**. The following are salient features of the scheme.

Objective:

The objective of the scheme is to provide an opportunity to the interested Traditional Community Healthcare Providers (TCHP) to seek certification through evaluation of their competence through a third-party assessment of knowledge and skills.

Eligibility:

The candidates who fulfil the following criteria of eligibility are invited to apply for the scheme as per the enclosed application format:

- a) Traditional Community Healthcare Providers as such endorsed by the local governments of his or her place of residence and provides health services to the local community members in the following streams of selected traditional community healthcare practices/streams: **i) Common Ailments, ii) Jaundice, iii) Joint Pain, iv) Traditional Bone Setting, v) Poisonous Bites and vi) Traditional Birth Attendants.**
- b) Age: 28 years and above
- c) Experience: 10 years and above in any one or more of the above streams of practice.

Medium of Evaluation: Kannada (for TCHPs from Karnataka) and all vernacular languages (according to the respective state's languages)

Fees per candidate inclusive of GST:

- A) For ONE stream/healthcare practice: Rs. Rs. 11,500.
- B) For TWO streams/healthcare practices: Rs. 15,000.
- C) For THREE streams/healthcare practices: Rs. 16,500.
- D) For FOUR streams/healthcare practices: Rs. 17,500
- E) For FIVE streams/healthcare practices: Rs. 18,500.

(Maximum Five streams can be applied by a candidate at a time). Payment should be made through **DD** only. DD in favour of **"UTDHST"** payable at Bangalore. Fees once paid will not be refunded under any circumstances.

Geographical jurisdiction: Karnataka and all the States and Union Territories of India

Minimum number of candidates per batch: 10

Method, Duration and Weightage of evaluation:

The candidates whose applications are accepted shall be intimated to attend the assessment by a committee of evaluators consisting of at least two expert TCHPs from the relevant stream accompanied by an AYUSH physician and a community health or public health expert.

The certification process/evaluation of the candidates shall be done as per following methods, duration, and weightage:

1. Knowledge Evaluation through oral multiple-choice questionnaire: ~30 minutes, 10%
2. Case Presentation: ~30 minutes, 10%
3. Viva voce on case study presentation: ~ 30 minutes, 10%
4. Practical demonstration on identification of medicinal plants, preparation of formulations, storage of raw drugs and quality of preparations: ~30 minutes, 30%
5. Field verification at TCHP's work environment: ~60 minutes, 40%

The certificate shall only be issued to the candidates of Traditional Community Healthcare Providers who obtain at least 70% of marks in the assessment of their competence in their respective stream.

Evaluation Panel consists of:

Two TCHPs aged 38 years and above with an experience of 20 years and above in the relevant stream, accompanied by one Ayurveda or Siddha or Unani physicians as Lead Evaluator and/ or one Community Health or Public Health Expert preferably as an Observer.

The names of TCHPs whose certifications granted, suspended, or withdrawn shall be displayed in QCI/TDU Website.

For more details contact:

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CODE OF CONDUCT for TCHPs

The Scheme for Voluntary Certification of Traditional Community Healthcare Providers (TCHP) recognizes the importance of the role played by the TCHP in primary healthcare. Consequently, it is the responsibility of the TCHP to ensure a responsible, safe, and protected environment for those who seek care from him/her.

To uphold the highest work standards for TCHPs, I accept the following foundational principles:

1. I shall avoid discriminating against or refuse to provide care to anyone who seeks it from me, based on race, gender, sexual orientation, religious, or national origin.
2. I shall expand my knowledge and skills in the stream of practice through peer-meetings, educational activity, and study.
3. I shall maintain an ethical and moral practice in the stream of practice certified for and shall not misrepresent my certification.
4. I shall follow a healthy lifestyle.
5. I shall establish and maintain a safe work environment and working relationship with all care seekers.
6. I shall cultivate an attitude of humanity in my work and support community health initiatives.
7. I shall only handle cases in my stream of practice and refer any emergencies to the nearest health facility.
8. In all Traditional healthcare related matters, I shall maintain best practices and procedures and strive to continuously enhance knowledge and skills.
9. I view my knowledge, services, and work associations as being transparent and for the benefit of the people in my community.
10. I shall respect the integrity and protect the welfare of all persons who seek care from me and recognize that it is our obligation to safeguard any information about them obtained in the course of service provision.
11. I shall not carry out any advertisements, including any announcement, public statement or promotional material made by me, or for me, to inform the public about our activities.
12. I shall not make public statements, advertisements, etc. which are false, fraudulent, misleading, or deceptive.
13. I shall display my certificate (both sides) visibly at my workplace.

Name of the Applicant:

Date:

Signature of the Applicant:

Place:

SELF DECLARATION:

I, (Name of the TCHP) _____ confirm that I provide traditional healthcare to my community in the stream of_in accordance with knowledge and skills acquired from my family/guru. I understand that if I am found to be claiming to provide my services of any formal system of medicine or misrepresenting my certification, later, my certification may be suspended and / or withdrawn.

I do not have any judicial proceedings pending w.r.t. my conduct or any pending proceedings in any regulatory body. I confirm that in no instance any discomfort or disability has been caused by me to any of my patients in the course my treatment, in the past two years.

I also confirm that I am in good health and of sound mind to be able to impart healthcare services and will bring it to your notice when there is a change in my health which will adversely affect my functioning as a Traditional Community Healthcare Provider (TCHP). I understand that if I am found not fit health-wise to discharge my duties as a TCHP later, my certification can be suspended and / or withdrawn.

I will ensure a safe and responsible environment in my workplace and provide quality care to all those who seek it from me.

I confirm that I have read and/ or understood the document forming part of this declaration.

Signature of the Applicant

Application number:

Date:

For more details, visit:

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TCHPs who desire to submit their appeals and/or complaints are required to write to the address given below.

Managing Committee, or Appeals and/or Complaints Committee

Dr Leena Chandra Wadia
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Chairperson, Managing Committee,
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