

Statutory Compliance for NABH Entry Level Certification

A **Small Healthcare Organization (SHCO)** is defined by the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH) as a healthcare facility with up to 50 sanctioned beds providing secondary or primary care services.

The Small Healthcare Organization (SHCO) is required to obtain the following licenses/statutory compliances, as applicable to the scope of services provided:

Note: The licenses mentioned at Sr No 1 and 2 are mandatory

- 1. Registration under the Clinical Establishments Act (or Similar Applicable Act)/Registration with Local Authorities.**
Applicable as per the respective state's regulations
- 2. Authorization under Biomedical Waste Management Rules, 2016:** This can be a standalone authorization under the Biomedical Waste (BMW) Rules or as part of a Combined Consent.
 - Valid Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with an Authorized Biomedical Waste vendor is required.

Note: This authorization is different from the Consent to Establish and/or Consent Order under Air and Water Pollution Acts.
- 3. AERB Registration for X-Ray Generating Machines:** This includes machines such as X-ray, CT scan, Mammography, Cath Lab, C-Arm, Dental X-ray, OPG, etc.
- 4. Registration under the PC-PNDT Act:** Required for all ultrasonography machines, including USG, ECHO, and any related imaging equipment like CT/MRI (if applicable).
- 5. Registration for Blood Bank/Blood Storage Centre:** Mandatory for facilities providing blood storage or transfusion services.
- 6. License for Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP):** As applicable under state and central regulations.
- 7. Fire Safety Compliance:** Obtain a Fire No-Objection Certificate (NOC) or conduct a third-party Fire safety audit, as per NABH Advisory for Minimum essential Fire Safety Measures (uploaded at NABH website)
- 8. Pharmacy Licenses:** Ensure valid licenses for the storage and dispensation of drugs.
- 9. Registration of Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) Clinics:** For fertility centres, compliance under the ART and Surrogacy Act is mandatory.

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