not less than a period of 20 years. (The certificate at **Annexure-I** in Application Form at Schedule–I of these rules must be submitted if a candidate is called for counselling):

Provided that this shall not be applicable to the sons/daughters of officers of All India Services allotted to Assam (certificate regarding the service of father/mother of the candidate from the concerned authority/ Department of Government of Assam must be submitted if a candidate is called for counselling).

(c) The candidate must study in all classes from Class-VII to XII in the State of Assam and must pass the Qualifying Examination or its equivalent examination from any Institute situated in the State of Assam. (Certificate at Annexure-II in Application Form at Schedule-I of these rules must be submitted if a candidate is called for counselling):

Provided that if a candidate studies outside Assam from Class-VII onwards because his/her father/mother is posted outside Assam as a Assam State Government employee or as a Central Government Employee or as an Employee of a Corporation/ Agency/ instrumentality under Govt. of Assam or Central Govt. whether on deputation or transfer or regular posting, then the period for which the said father/ mother is working outside the State shall be relaxable for such candidate. (Certificate of employment of father/mother outside the state indicating the period of service from the concerned authority must be submitted if a candidate is called for counselling).

(D) Candidate's age should not be below 17 years and above 25 years of age on the 31st day of December of the year in which the admission is sought for:

Provided that the maximum age limit is relaxable by 3 years in case of candidates belonging to the SC/ST(P)/ST(H) / OBC / MOBC category.

4. Mode of Selection of State Quota Candidates.-

(1) The candidates who qualify in the NEET as per NEET Rules for admission into 1st year MBBS/BDS Courses shall have to apply to the DME in a Declaration Form as per the Educational Notice published by the DME immediately after the declaration of NEET result. The Declaration Form shall be available in the office website (www.dmeassam.gov.in).

(2) Eligibility of the candidates to be called for counselling.-

- (a) The candidate must pass the qualifying examination.
- (b) The candidate must pass all the four subjects i.e. Physics, Chemistry, Biology /Biotechnology (which shall include practical tests in these subjects) and English of the qualifying examination in the same sitting and without grace marks.
- (c) The candidate must obtain a minimum of 60% marks taken together in Physics, Chemistry and Biology/Biotechnology at the qualifying examination in case of candidates belonging to General/Unreserved category. In respect of