FAQs

1. Is it necessary for students with formal training in Bioinformatics (Bachelors, Master's Degree holders as well as diploma holders) to appear for this exam?
Even those with formal training in Bioinformatics are encouraged to appear for the exam since BINC certification would serve as a benchmark for the training they had received and the skills they acquired. However, no formal training in Bioinformatics at any level is mandatory to appear for the BINC examination.

2. How many attempts are permitted for BINC examination?
Currently there is no limit on the number of attempts to appear for the BINC examination. However, to avail the DBT-BINC junior research fellowship (DBT-BINC-JRF) for pursuing Ph.D. in Bioinformatics, a maximum of three attempts are allowed.

3. Is there any age limit to appear for BINC?
There is no age limit to appear for the BINC examination.

4. How many times is the BINC examination held every year?
At present it is held once in a year.

5. Are there any prescribed text/reference books?
There are no reference books or textbooks prescribed. Examinees are advised to refer to standard books that cover the different topics included in the syllabus prescribed for the BINC examination. Visit web link for detailed syllabus and suggested books http://bcil.nic.in/BINC.html

6. Do you provide a sample question paper?
However, sample questions are provided on the BINC website. http://bcil.nic.in/BINC.html

7. What does qualifying the BINC examination mean? What are the advantages of qualifying BINC examination?

- Your knowledge in the area of Bioinformatics is certified by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Govt. of India.
- Top ten successful candidates in the BINC merit list receive cash prizes of Rs.10,000/- each.
- All qualified candidates will be awarded DBT-BINC-JRF to pursue Ph.D. in Bioinformatics at recognized Indian universities and institutes.

8. What is the difference between BINC certification and DBT-BINC-JRF award?
While anyone with a Bachelor's degree in Science, Medicine, and Engineering etc. is eligible to appear in the BINC examination and receive a certificate, the fellowships are given only to those who have a Master's degree and are enrolled in the Ph.D. programme in Bioinformatics in any recognized institute/university in India. The fellowships are awarded to eligible candidates strictly on the basis of the merit list in the BINC examination.

BINC qualified candidates would be called DBT Certified Bioinformaticians while the individuals availing the fellowship would be called as DBT-BINC Junior Research Fellows (DBT-BINC-JRF).