

Under current **UGC guidelines** and the **National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP) Act 2021**, both B.Voc MLT and B.Sc MLT are recognized undergraduate degrees, though they differ in their academic focus and recent standardisation.

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Key Comparisons as per Guidelines

Feature	B.Voc MLT	B.Sc MLT
Primary Focus	Vocational Skills: Emphasises 60% practical training and 40% general education.	Academic/Theory: Provides in-depth theoretical knowledge of scientific principles and research.
UGC Recognition	Recognized under Section 22(3) of the UGC Act; considered at par with other bachelor's degrees.	Standard academic degree recognized as a traditional undergraduate programme.
Modular Entry/Exit	Offers multiple exits: Certificate (6 mos), Diploma (1 yr), Adv. Diploma (2 yrs), or Degree (3 yrs).	Standard 3-year degree without the flexible exit options typical of vocational courses.
NCAHP Status	Graduates can register with the NCAHP to practice as "Medical Lab Technologists".	Moving toward the standardized nomenclature of Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science (BMLS) under new 2026 curricula.

NCAHP Regulatory Impact (2025-2026)

- **Standardised Nomenclature:** The NCAHP is transitioning the professional title for these graduates to **Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science (BMLS)** to ensure global and national standardisation.
- **Registration Requirement:** Under the NCAHP Act 2021, both B.Voc and B.Sc MLT graduates **must register** with the State or Central Register to practice professionally in India.
- **Draft Curriculum:** The [NCAHP](#) has released draft curricula for Medical Laboratory Sciences to ensure uniform educational standards across all institutions starting from the **2026-27 academic year**.
- **Eligibility for Practice:** Both degrees qualify you for roles such as **Medical Laboratory Technologist**, Lab Supervisor, or Quality Control Technician in hospitals and diagnostic centres.

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Equivalence and Government Jobs

The **UGC** has explicitly stated in official notifications that B.Voc degrees should be considered **equivalent** to other bachelor's degrees for competitive exams (UPSC, SSC, etc.) where a "Bachelor Degree in any discipline" is the requirement. For specific healthcare roles, both are valid, provided the curriculum meets the [NCAHP's competency standards](#).

Would you like to know which **colleges in your area** offer these NCAHP-aligned programmes?