PAKISTAN MEDICAL AND DENTAL COUNCIL

PM&DC MEDICAL AND DENTAL UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION (ADMISSIONS, CURRICULUM AND CONDUCT) POLICY AND REGULATIONS 2025

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under clause (f) of sub section (2) of section 9 and sub section (2) of section 47 of the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Act, 2022 (Act No. 4 of 2023), the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council is pleased to make the following regulations, namely:-

Medical and Dental Undergraduate Education (Admissions, Curriculum and Conduct) Policy and Regulations 2025

1. **Short title, application and commencement.**-(1) These regulations may be called the Medical and Dental Undergraduate Education (Admissions, Curriculum and Conduct) Policy and Regulations 2025.

   (2) These regulations shall apply to all medical and dental undergraduate programs recognized by the Council in Pakistan, all registered medical and dental colleges and accredited teaching hospitals for imparting undergraduate education and house jobs.

   (3) These regulations shall come into force at once.

2. **Definitions.**- (1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise provides;

   (a) "Act" means the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Act, 2022;

   (b) "Admission Committee" means a Committee notified by the Council for the purpose of enforcement of these regulations

   (c) "Admitting University" means the university entrusted with the responsibility under these regulations to conduct a centralized, provincial or regional medical and dental college admission test and make admissions in all public and private sector colleges of that Province / Region

   (d) "Board" means the National Medical and Dental Academic Board constituted under the Act;

(e) "Council" means the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council constituted under the Act;

(f) "Pakistani Student" means a student who is a Pakistani national and has completed FSc / HSSC or equivalent in Pakistan.

(g) An Overseas / Dual National (Expatriate) means a student who holds a permanent foreign nationality or *is an* overseas (being a Pakistani citizen permanently resident in a foreign country) Pakistani, Green Card Holder, Iqama Holder, Maple Card Holder.

(h) "Medical and Dental Colleges Admissions Test" or "MDCAT" means the medical and dental colleges admissions test as described in section 17 of the Act;

(i) "Student Registration Fee" means student registration fee as described in regulation 8;

(j) Migration means transfer of a student from a recognized medical / dental college to another recognized medical/dental college in accordance with Regulation 18.

(2) The words and expressions used in these regulations, but not defined herein shall have the same meaning as are assigned to them in the Act.

CHAPTER II
ADMISSIONS

3. **Eligibility for Admission.**-(1) Any person seeking admission in any undergraduate medical or dental college in Pakistan shall be eligible having fulfilled the following mandatory criteria;

a) have passed the MDCAT examination;

b) obtained a Higher Secondary School Certificate qualification ("HSSC") or an equivalent 12th grade qualification recognized in Pakistan and having obtained a minimum of sixty percent (60%) marks therein, or a higher percentage as may be notified by the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council; and

c) passed the mandatory subjects of biology and chemistry. The student may opt to qualify either physics or mathematics in the examination of the Higher Secondary School Certificate or an equivalent 12th grade qualification recognized in Pakistan:

Provided that the mandatory requirement of MDCAT shall not apply to students seeking admission on a special program seat predefined exclusively for foreign students and on the seats reserved for overseas Pakistanis. Such students shall qualify SAT-II with minimum score of 550 in each subject or a foreign MCAT examination or UCAT examination with 50% marks in the subjects as prescribed in Regulation 3 (c).

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[1]*Provided* further that Expatriate candidates having Intermediate / HSSC / A- Level with mandatory subjects of Chemistry and Biology are eligible for MBBS / BDS admissions on specified seats and the rest as optional subjects.

Provided further that a student admitted on a foreign seat shall pay the fee as a foreign student regardless of any change in status of such student during the program of study.

(2) The general principle to be applied shall be that admissions to medical colleges should be concluded prior to admissions of dental colleges, and admissions to the public sector colleges are concluded prior to admissions to private colleges.

Public Medical Colleges	31st December each year
Private Medical Colleges	31st January each year
Public Dental Colleges	15th February each year
Private Dental Colleges	28th February each year

4. **Admissions Process.**-(1) Each province, Gilgit-Baltistan and Islamabad Capital Territory as per the policy and standards approved by the Provincial Governments and Federal Government respectively shall conduct on the dates approved by the Council, a single admission test based on the intermediate or equivalent syllabus for all students seeking admission in undergraduate programs both in public and private medical and dental colleges and universities.

(2) National University of Medical Sciences (NUMS) shall be the Admitting University responsible for admissions in all Armed Forces- Administered medical/dental colleges / institutes. NUMS admission test shall be considered only for admission in all Armed Forces Administered medical/dental colleges.

(3) The government / admitting university shall formulate the merit and admission criteria for the public colleges as under:

MDCAT	50% weightage
F.Sc (Pre-Medical)/HSSC/Equivalent	40% weightage
SSC/Matriculation/Equivalent	10% weightage

(4) The government may create category of seats such as disabled candidates, backward areas / under-developed districts and reciprocal / good will seats etc. in the public colleges for purposes of admission in accordance with applicable law. Subject to Regulation 3 (1) (c) no category shall be created which permits a student who has not qualified the MDCAT or admitted in violation of the fundamental

[1] PM&DC Notification dated 10.02.2025

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principle of merit as mandatorily applicable under Article 37(c) of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973.

(5) The final criteria for merit and admission including all category of seats shall be publicly announced by or before 1st September of each year. A copy of the criteria and categories shall be provided to the Council by 1st September of each year.

(6) If any public scholarship or funded program requires seats to be allocated for its program in public colleges, the public authority responsible for such program shall seek and obtain the allocation of the required seats from the respective government or authority in respect of public colleges administered by them by or before 1st August of each year. All quotas and special seats shall be adjusted within the approved seat allocation by the Council for the institution.

(7) **Self-Finance / Overseas Pakistanis / Dual Nationals (Expatriates) and Foreign Quota Seats.–** (a) [2]No candidate shall be eligible for Self-Finance / Overseas / Dual Nationals (Expatriates) quota seats in the public and private medical and dental institutions unless, he holds a permanent foreign nationality or *is an* overseas (being a Pakistani citizen permanently resident in a foreign country) Pakistani, Green Card Holder, Iqama Holder, Maple Card Holder and who has studied and passed Intermediate / FSc / HSSC 12th grade examination or equivalent from within or outside Pakistan, accompanied by an equivalence certificate issued by the Inter Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC). Chemistry and Biology are mandatory subjects, and applicants must have secured at least 60% marks in their intermediate or equivalent qualification.

(b) Students admitted under this quota must complete their entire period of study within the same quota / category.

(c) [3]The maximum annual tuition fee chargeable to candidates admitted under the Overseas Pakistani category shall be upto USD 15,000/-; though the institutions may charge up to USD 20,000 if duly justified by the institution and approved by the Council. The fee for students admitted under this quota will be collected in foreign exchange and to this effect. Each student will also be required to submit an undertaking or bond affirming that the terms and conditions of admission under this quota will remain applicable and unchanged throughout the entire course of study. This fee mechanism shall not apply to the 5% Federal Government special category seats (such as under the Pakistan Technical Assistance Program [PTAP] etc. which will continue to operate under the prevailing terms and conditions as decided by the Government).

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[2] PM&DC Notifications dated 10.02.2025 and 21.03.2025
[3] PM&DC Council decision dated 30.09.2025

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(d) [4]There shall be a 15% Quota for Self-Finance / Overseas Pakistanis / Dual Nationals (Expatriates) which shall be applicable to both public and private medical and dental colleges within their approved seat allocation purely on merit. The admissions under this category shall be managed by the respective admitting universities.

(e) In terms of admission requirements, applicants are required to have taken one of the following: the MDCAT Examination, the SAT-II (with a minimum score of 550 in each subject), the Foreign MCAT Examination, or the UCAT Examination with at least 50% marks in the required subjects.

(f) [5]There shall be a 10% Quota for Foreigners, which will be shared equally (05% each) between public and private Colleges.

(i) The 05% quota of public Colleges shall be allocated over and above the relevant PM&DC approved seat allocation. This allocation is reserved for foreign nationals under special category seats defined exclusively for Federal Government programs established through bilateral agreements, such as the PTAP. Admissions under this quota shall be managed by the concerned public sector admitting universities.

(ii) The eligible candidates include foreign nationals and expatriates who have formally renounced their Pakistani citizenship by submitting a declaration on Form "X". Applicants must hold a Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC), FSc, or A-Level qualification, obtained either within or outside Pakistan, and an equivalence certificate issued by the Inter Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC). Chemistry and Biology must be mandatory subjects, and candidates must have achieved a minimum of 60% marks in their intermediate qualification.

(iii) Students admitted under this quota are required to complete their entire course within the same quota. The prescribed fee shall be determined according to the policy of the Government. Furthermore, each student must submit an undertaking or bond affirming that the admission terms and conditions will remain applicable and unchanged throughout the entire duration of their study.

[6](iv) The 05% quota of private Colleges shall be allocated over and above the PM&DC approved seat allocation of the concerned medical and dental

[4] PM&DC Council decision dated 30.09.2025
[5] PM&DC Council decision dated 30.09.2025
[6] PM&DC Council decision dated 30.09.2025

College. Admissions for this quota shall be made by the relevant admitting universities in consultation with an Oversight Committee. The Oversight Committee shall comprise of representatives from the PM&DC, each admitting university, the Surgeon General of the Pakistan Armed Forces, the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination (Islamabad), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Islamabad), and the Ministry of Education and Professional Training (Islamabad).

(v) Eligible applicants under this quota are foreign nationals and expatriates who have submitted a declaration on Form "X" renouncing their Pakistani citizenship. Candidates must possess a FSc, HSSC, 12th Grade, or equivalent qualification, with a minimum of 60% marks, and Biology and Chemistry as mandatory subjects. Applicants may qualify through one of the following examinations: SAT-II (minimum 550 in each subject), Foreign MCAT, or UCAT (minimum 50% marks in the required subjects). Foreigners residing in Pakistan may instead choose to take the MDCAT examination.

(vi) Students admitted under this quota shall complete the full duration of their course within the same category. The prescribed annual fee for students under this quota shall be up to USD 15,000, though institutions may charge up to USD 20,000 if duly justified by the institution and approved by the Council. Each student must submit an undertaking or bond confirming that the admission conditions will remain binding and unchanged throughout their entire course of study.

(g) Where any seat of fifteen percent self-finance / overseas Pakistanis / Dual Nations (Ex-patriates) quota remains vacant due to unavailability of eligible candidates or otherwise, it shall stand transferred to open merit quota and the student shall be charged fee and charges prescribed for open merit seat. An ineligible candidate shall not be admitted against such seats.

(h) The annual quota of foreign seats and self-finance shall not be carried forward to admissions of any subsequent year. Cumulative seats for self-finance / overseas Pakistanis / Dual Nations (Ex-patriates) admission in medical and dental institutions shall not exceed fifteen percent of total allocated seats.

(i) The admission process shall be conducted through an online portal and in a transparent manner with the final merit lists and admission lists being provided to the Council for purposes of review and record on the date of issuance of the merit list and admissions list.

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(8) Admissions to medical and dental programs shall be conducted separately and each student shall be required to apply separately to a medical or dental program. A student having not applied to a given program shall not be entitled to admission to such program.

(9) The merit lists shall be made public not later than 15th December and admissions to public medical colleges shall be completed by or before 31st December of each year. Admissions to all special category seats in public medical colleges not being on open merit shall be completed by 10th January of each year. The merit lists shall be made public not later than 10th February and admissions to public dental colleges shall be completed by or before 15th February of each year. Admissions to all special category seats in public dental colleges not being on open merit shall be completed by 28th February of each year.

(10) The final list of admitted students shall be made public by or before the applicable final date notified by the Council pursuant to sub-regulation (2) of regulation 3. Thereafter, upon final verification by the relevant universities with whom the college is affiliated the verified list shall be submitted by the university to the Council in the prescribed manner through PM&DC Online portal within thirty days of completion of the admission. No admission shall be entertained, nor any student shall be registered by the Council if not admitted by or before the applicable final date.

(11) No public college shall admit any student beyond the total seats allocated by the Council:

Provided that any students admitted on a special category seat pre-defined exclusively for a Federal Government program for foreign students under bilateral agreements with other countries who have not taken the MDCAT exam may be admitted over and above the allocated seats subject to such over and above admissions not being more than five percent of the total allocated seats of the college.

(12) The admissions in public-sector medical and dental institutions shall be completed by displaying at least three consecutive merit lists by the concerned Admitting Authority University. Institution-wise list of all the successful candidates shall be displayed on the website of the concerned Admitting University. In case of failure to deposit the prescribed admission fee within three working days of display of merit list on the website or notice board of the Admitting University and such candidates shall have no vested right of admission in that year. The vacant seats

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occurring on account of non-deposit of prescribed admission fee within the stipulated period by selected candidates in first or second merit list shall be allocated to candidates who are next in merit, by displaying the third merit list. The candidates may be upgraded to another institution in the subsequent merit list based on merit and preference and the fee deposited by upgraded candidates in the previous institution shall be transferred to new institution without any deduction.

(13) Admissions on vacant seats shall be decided by the respective provincial government and respective authority in case of Gilgit-Baltistan and Islamabad Capital Territory. After closure of admission process, the Council shall notify a date to fill vacant seats. No admission shall be allowed on vacant seat after the notified date.

(5) **Admissions Process for Private Colleges.**-(1) In addition to the mandatory requirement of passing the MDCAT, admissions to private colleges recognized by the Council shall be conducted and completed by each of the private college from the merit list displayed by the admitting university.

(2) Each of the private college shall publicly issue the criteria and merit formulation as prescribed in the regulations for admissions as under:

MDCAT	50% weightage
F.Sc (Pre-Medical)/HSSC/Equivalent	40% weightage
SSC/Matriculation/Equivalent	10% weightage

(3) All colleges shall publicly prescribe tuition fee and all applicable fee and charges and make the same available on their college website in accordance with section 20(7) of the Act and provide a copy to the Council. In case of any violation reported to the Council, the matter shall be dealt in accordance with Regulation 25.

(4) There shall be no admission which violates the fundamental principle of merit and all admissions shall be strictly on merit as per the merit criteria announced by the college and pursuant to the fundamental principle of merit as mandatorily applicable under Article 37(c) of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973.

(5) The admission process shall be conducted through an online portal and in a transparent manner. Each college shall publicly open their admissions after announcement of MDCAT Results and on the date notified by the Council each year.

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(6) Within 3 days after the closing date of admission applications, each college shall submit to the Council a provisional merit list of all students who have applied for the admissions.

(7) Admissions to medical and dental programs shall be conducted separately and each student shall be required to apply separately to a medical or dental program. A student having not applied to a given program shall not be entitled to admission to such program.

(8) No college shall charge an application fee of more than Pakistan rupees two thousand from a student when applying for admission. Prospectus shall be placed on the official website of the college and no fee shall be charged under the head of prospectus charges.

(9) A student may apply to both public sector and private sector colleges.

(10) Each college shall issue a final merit list by or before 15th January after having completed all tests, interview etc. and taking into account results of MDCAT and other exam results for the purpose of calculating the merit. The final merit list shall include all students who have applied to the college and fulfilled the minimum merit requirements. The merit list shall be issued on the official website of the college and a copy shall be provided to the Council.

(11) The final merit list shall represent an offer by the college to the students on the basis of their merit against the allocated seats of each college. Any student not accepting the offer shall enable the next student in the merit list to avail of the offer. The offer and acceptance of admission shall be documented and duly communicated through email and / or courier.

(12) The admissions to private colleges shall be completed by or before the applicable final date notified by the Council pursuant to sub-regulation 2 of regulation 3 each year. The final list of admitted students shall be submitted to the Council in the prescribed manner through PM&DC Online Portal by each college by or before the applicable final date notified by the Council pursuant to sub-regulation 2 of regulation 3. Thereafter, upon final verification of student credentials by the relevant universities with whom the college is affiliated the verified list shall be submitted by the university to the Council in the prescribed manner through PM&DC Online portal within sixty days of completion of the admission. No admission shall be entertained, and no student shall be registered by the Council if

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not admitted by or before the final applicable date notified by the Council pursuant to sub-regulation (2) of regulation 3.

(13) Any allocated seat of a college which may remain vacant after the completion of admission shall remain vacant.

(14) A student when accepting admission to a college shall be under an obligation to disclose to the college if a prior admission has been accepted by them to any other college, and such student shall prior to accepting such later admission must in writing inform the prior college of cancellation of their acceptance with a copy to the designated email of the Authority. Failure by a student to cancel the prior acceptance of admission shall render all admission offers of the student as void and the student shall be ineligible for admission. All colleges shall ensure that they properly apprise and educate the applicant students of this provision as part of their admissions policy, prospectus and at the time of making an offer of admission.

(15) No private college shall admit any student beyond the total seats allocated by the Council.

(6) **Verification of Credentials by Affiliating University.**-(1) The affiliating university shall be responsible for verifying the credentials of a student admitted by a college including the students matriculation, HSSC or equivalent 12th grade qualification.

(2) The affiliating university after having verified the credentials shall register the students in its record and submit the final verified list of admitted students of each of its constituent or affiliated colleges to the Council through PM&DC Online Portal in the prescribed format within sixty days of the prescribed date for completion of admissions.

(3) The affiliating university shall be solely responsible for the verifications undertaken and its submission of the final verified list to the Council shall represent a certificate of such verification. The university shall cancel any provisional admission where the credentials of a student are not verified.

(7) **Registration of Admitted Student.**-(1) A student admitted to a medical or dental college and whose admission is verified by the affiliating university shall be registered by the Council as a medical or dental student. [7] Student registration shall be a mandatory pre-requisite for appearing in the first professional examination at

[7] PM&DC Council decision dated 27.02.2025

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all universities. This requirement will apply to both public and private sector medical and dental colleges. All institutions must ensure timely registration of their students to avoid potential withdrawal of recognition.

(2) The CNIC of the student shall represent the students' registration number and shall continue as the unique identification of the student throughout the period of the educational program and thereafter, for purposes of applying for licensing.

(8) **Student Registration Fees payable to Council.**-(1) Every student admitted to a medical or dental college and registered with the Council shall pay to the Council annually a Student Fee as notified by the Council, either directly or through its college:

Provided the Council shall notify each year the Student Registration Fee applicable to the students enrolled in the given year and such notified fee shall be applicable at the same rate to the student throughout their program and enrollment at the college.

(2) A registered student who either elects to leave the medical or dental program or is expelled from the college on account of failing to pass the professional exams or for any other reason shall have their Student Registration Fee paid treated as forfeited and no refund shall be claimed.

(9) **Payment and Charging of Fee by College.**-(1) [8]All Medical and Dental Colleges shall charge tuition fee only as approved by the PM&DC Council. The Council shall determine, review, and regulate such fees to ensure transparency and prevent exploitation. Any demand or receipt of unapproved fees shall constitute a violation of these regulations. The afore-mentioned fees shall be fixed for the entire duration of the program divided on an annual basis, which shall not be enhanced for the student during the entire duration the student remains in the program.

(2) Notwithstanding scholarships granted to a student, the college may charge a higher fee from an Overseas Pakistani / Dual National (Expatriates) and Foreign Student as prescribed / notified by the PM&DC.

(3) A student shall have the right to pay the tuition fee on a quarterly, six monthly or annual basis to the college. A student paying the college on a six-monthly basis in advance shall be granted a two percent discount in the tuition fee and a student

[8] PM&DC Regulations Committee dated 29.10.2025

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paying the college on an annual basis in advance shall be granted a four percent discount in the tuition fee.

(4) A college may require a student to obtain health insurance subject to the student having the option to acquire such insurance from its own sources or the insurance provider recommended by the college. No other insurance in terms of payment of fee shall be mandatorily imposed upon the student by a college. A college shall be at liberty to obtain any insurance to cover its risk of future fee / revenues without encumbering the student with the premium payable on any such insurance obtained by the college for its benefit.

(5) No student shall be required to provide any form of security for payment of fee by a college.

(6) A student who defaults in payment of tuition fee shall be liable to be expelled by the college subject to a reasonable period being granted to the student to remedy the defaulted fee. A college who expels a student on account of default in payment of tuition fee shall notify the Council within one week and the student's registration with the Council shall be cancelled permanently. A student expelled shall not be eligible to seek admission to any other medical or dental college for a period of one year.

(7) If a student after having obtained admission seeks to leave the program, the college shall have the right to adjust the tuition fee already paid pro rata to the period spent by the student in the program along with a penalty not exceeding ten percent of the total annual fee.

Provided that no penalty shall be imposed upon a student who seeks to leave the program before the closing date of admission in the private medical/dental colleges as notified by the Council.

(8) A detained student shall be charged tuition fee in proportion to the number of failed subjects of that professional examination.

(10) **Review of Admissions Process by Council.**-(1) The Council may either of its own motion or upon a complaint review the admissions process of each college during and on completion of the process where such process shall be completed by the Council within thirty days of the final date of admissions.

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(2) If the Council finds any irregular admission having been made by the college, the Council shall have the right to cancel such admission subject to having granted both the college and the affected student a right to be heard.

(3) A student may submit a complaint to the Council in respect of any irregular admission made or admission invalidly refused by a college. Such complaint if made to the Council shall be heard and decided within fifteen days of the same being submitted after hearing both the complainant and the college.

Provided that the Admission Committee of the PM&DC is authorized to investigate and hear matters pertaining to admission process under these Regulations and submit recommendations to the Council.

CHAPTER III
CURRICULUM

(11) **Curriculum of Undergraduate Programs. –** (1) Each college and university shall strictly follow the curriculum for MBBS and BDS programs as formulated by the National Medical and Dental Academic Board and approved by the Council in pursuance of the respective degree programs.

(2) **Minimum Attendance and Passing Marks**.- [9]Students already enrolled up to and including the academic session 2024-25 shall require 50% minimum passing marks and 75% minimum attendance, as stipulated at the time of their admission or enrolled in MBBS and BDS programs.

(12) **Teaching Methodology.**-(1) Each university or college may formulate a syllabus based on the approved curriculum for the relevant MBBS or BDS program for purposes of teaching students at the college.

(2) A college may follow any teaching methodology as may be permissible by its affiliated university and subject to such methodology not being in conflict with any general teaching methodology structures prescribed by the National Medical and Dental Academic Board.

(3) All universities to whom medical or dental colleges are affiliated shall seek to as best as possible harmonize their programs over the duration of the program to ensure that students transferring from one college to another where both colleges

[9] PM&DC Council decision dated 21.10.2025

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are affiliated to different universities, are not at an unreasonable disadvantage in terms of the expected competencies required under the prescribed curriculum.

(13) **Change in Curriculum.-** In the event that the National Medical and Dental Academic Board recommends any major change in the curriculum of a program, upon approval by the Council, the altered curriculum shall be applicable to the students admitted in the next academic year after the altered curriculum is notified. All previously admitted students shall follow the earlier curriculum, unless otherwise prescribed by the Board subject to a prescribed methodology to ensure existing students are able to fulfill the altered curriculum requirements if the same are substantially in addition to the previously applicable curriculum.

CHAPTER IV
CONDUCT OF PROGRAM

(14) **Examinations & Results.-**(1) Each professional examination shall be conducted by the affiliating university directly in terms of setting the examination and its checking and marking. No constituent affiliated or administer college shall be permitted to set the paper or mark the same.

(2) The professional examinations shall be conducted by each university and the results announced by or before 15th January of each year unless for reasons beyond the control of the university the examinations are delayed. Any delay in the examinations shall be informed in advance to the Council by the university.

(3) The results of each professional exam subject wise shall be provided to the Council by each university on the PM&DC online portal within ten days of the result having been announced.

(15) **Opportunity to Retake Failed Examinations.-**(1) [10] Any student who fails to clear first or second professional MBBS examination each in four consecutive chances availed or un-availed shall be debarred from continuing medical / dental education in the subsequent professional examinations and re-admission throughout Pakistan. Similarly, any student who fails to clear first professional BDS examination in four consecutive chances availed or un-availed shall be debarred from continuing dental / medical education in the subsequent professional examinations and re-admission throughout Pakistan.

[10] PM&DC Council decision 27.02.2025

(2) In subsequent years a university may allow a student as many retakes as may be determined by the university subject to no student being required to pay to the college tuition fee in addition to the fee paid for the given year. A retake exam fee may be charged as may be determined by the university subject to being a reasonable fee commensurate with the taking of an examination.

(3) A student who fails to qualify a professional exam may be offered a retake opportunity in accordance with the rules of the affiliating university subject to;

a. The student having qualified the retake and on re-joining their academic class shall be capable of completing the minimum study hours as prescribed under approved PM&DC curriculum; and
b. If a student fails the retake offered and is detained and permitted by the university to repeat the academic year, the corresponding vacant seat occurring due to the repeating student shall remain vacant and not be filled through transfer of another student or any other means; and
c. At all times the total strength of students in the college shall not exceed the gross total seats allocated for all applicable academic years of the program.

Explanation: a college allocated 100 students per year in the MBBS program shall mean to have a gross of 500 students in the entire MBBS program at any given time.

(16) [11]**Gap after discontinuation of study-** Where any student has qualified a professional examination and discontinues his/her studies and desires to re-join his/her studies of the MBBS or BDS, within five years of his / her discontinuation, he / she may as one-time dispensation be allowed to continue his / her studies from the stage he / she discontinued his / her studies. In no case a student shall be allowed to continue study of MBBS or BDS after a gap of five years. In addition to the above a student re-joining the MBBS or BDS course after a study gap more than three years shall re-take his / her last professional examination subject to a degree being completed within a ten-year cumulative period.

(17) **Reporting of Students Leaving Program.-** The college shall notify the university and the university shall notify the Council of any student having left or been removed from a program within fifteen days of such student having been removed from the program after recording reasons. The student registration with the Council shall stand cancelled on receipt of information from the university.

[11] PM&DC Council decision 27.02.2025

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(18) **Transfer / Migration to Another Pakistani College.**-(1) A student enrolled in any medical or dental college may transfer / migrate to another college in the same program at the same level to a vacant seat available in the college transferring/migrating to subject to any transfer / migration rules prescribed by the affiliating university and after submission of migration fee to the Council. Provided that no transfer / migration shall be allowed in the first 2 years of MBBS program and 1st Year of BDS program.

(2) All colleges, public or private, shall at all times publicly display any vacant seats available in each year of the program and shall inform the Council of such vacancy within fourteen days of such vacancy occurring. No transfer / migration can be accepted by a college to a vacant seat until the vacancy has been publicly displayed for at least fourteen days allowing for students to apply for transfer / migration to such vacancy.

(3) No college or university shall restrict a student's right to leave a college and transfer / migrate to another college. There shall be no restriction of acquiring of No Objection Certificate from the college, the student is seeking transferring / migrating out.

(4) The terms of transfer / migration shall be determined by the university regulating the college to which the student is seeking a transfer to.

(5) If no transfer rules are prescribed by a university, the college to which a transfer/migration is sought shall ensure that the transfer / migration is based on merit if more than one student applies for such transfer / migration.

(6) Unless restricted by the rules of a university, there shall be no restriction on transfer / migrate from a public to a private college or vice versa.

(7) There shall be no restriction of acquiring of No Objection Certificate from the college, the student is seeking transferring / migrating out.

(8) A college to which a student has transferred to and the college from which the student has transferred out shall inform the Council within fifteen days of such transfer of the occurrence of transfer.

(19) **Graduation.**- The university and the college shall within ten days of the students having completed and qualified their final professional examination provide to the

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Council the verified list of students on the PM&DC Online portal who have qualified to enable the students to be eligible for grant of a Provisional License.

CHAPTER V
HOUSE JOB ADMISSION

(20) **Eligibility for House Job.**-A student having been verified by the university to have qualified his final professional exam and successfully completed the program of study shall be eligible for grant of a Provisional License and shall have the right to be admitted to the house job program offered by teaching hospitals accredited and recognized by the Council for conduct of house job programs.

(21) **Admission to House Job.**-(1) Each graduating student eligible for a house job shall have a right to seek and obtain admission to a house job program with the teaching hospital affiliated to the college from which the student has graduated. The affiliated teaching hospital shall not refuse admission to its own graduated student applying for a house job. A graduate of a teaching hospital may apply or notify their college of intention to do their house job in the affiliated teaching hospital at any time up to ten days from the announcement of the final result.

(2) An eligible student may, in addition to the college it graduated from, apply to any teaching hospital accredited and recognized by the Council for conduct of house job program.

(22) **Payment of Stipend to House Officers.**-(1) Every public teaching hospital shall pay a stipend to each house officer as prescribed by the Provincial or Federal Government under whose control the public teaching hospital operates.

(2) Each private teaching hospital shall pay a stipend to a house officer being not less than the stipend payable to house officers of public sector hospitals of that province/territory.

(23) **Conduct of House Job.**-(1) A house job shall be for a minimum one year period and shall be mandatory for being eligible for grant of a Full License.

(2) A house job shall consist of full time and structured training as specified by the National Medical and Dental Academic Board and approved by the Council to be conducted by faculty having the minimum qualifications prescribed by the National Medical Dental Academic Board.

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(24) **Reporting of Results and Certification of Completion of House Job.**-(1) The teaching hospital shall issue on the successful conclusion of the house job a certificate confirming that the house officer has satisfactorily completed the mandatory house job modules as prescribed and containing confirmation of which modules / rotations were completed by the house officer and grading obtained.

(2) The teaching hospital shall submit the completion certificate to the Council within ten days of completion of the house job by the house officer.

CHAPTER II
PENALTIES & REPORTING

(25) **Penalties.-** The Council shall impose a penalty as prescribed and provided for in Appendix I for violation of any provisions of these Regulations. In the event a specific penalty is not provided for any violation, the Council may determine the penalty for such violation and if approved the same would be imposed notwithstanding that such penalty was not provided for in Appendix I.

(26) **Reporting Format Online.-** Every university, college and student shall submit information, certificates, results, verifications, applications and all other communications required under these Regulations to the Council through PM&DC Online Portal in the prescribed format. No submission made other than in the prescribed format and through PM&DC Online Portal shall be entertained and failure in this regard may result in imposition of a penalty.

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APPENDIX I
Pursuant to Regulation 28

1	Admission Beyond Allocated Seats (Over Admission)	[12]100% Actual fee charged /to be charged from each student for each year (MBBS/ BDS Program) to be paid by the institution and double reduction of seat / seats for the next session.
2	Irregular Admission	[13]100% Actual fee charged /to be charged from each student for each year (MBBS/ BDS Program) to be paid by the institution and reduction of seat / seats for the next session.
3	Late Fee (Student Registration)	[14]For Public: Rs. 150 per student per month For Private: Rs. 300 per student per month Expiry of Challan: one month
4	Non-Payment of Fee	As prescribed in regulations otherwise penalty equivalent to 50% of the payable fee.
5	Delayed Registration of Students	Rs. 50,000 per student
6	Delayed Reporting of Graduation	Rs. 75,000 per student
7	Delayed Reporting of Annual Exam Results	Rs. 30,000 per student
8	Delayed Reporting of Transfer or Leaving Student	Rs. 100,000 per student
9	Delayed Reporting or publication of Merit and Admission list	Rs. 500,000 and Rs. 50,000 per day of delay
10	Failure to comply with permissible student Fee and charges	Rs. 200,000 per violation
11	Other Violations of Regulations	As determined by the Council from time to time.
12	General Penalty	Any institution on whom a penalty is imposed shall also be listed in a Grey List to be maintained by the Council where three penalties may result in the Council imposing a further penalty of suspension of registration and recognition.

[12] PM&DC Council decision dated 27.02.2025
[13] PM&DC Council decision dated 27.02.2025
[14] PM&DC Council decision dated 27.02.2025

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