

PAKISTAN MEDICAL AND DENTAL COUNCIL
PM&DC MEDICAL AND DENTAL UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION
(ADMISSIONS, CURRICULUM AND CONDUCT) POLICY AND REGULATIONS 2023

Islamabad, July 13, 2023

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 2023**

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 2023.

(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. All other candidates who do not fall under this definition shall be treated as foreign student (having foreign nationality) for the purpose of admission.
- (g) "foreign student" means a student who is not a Pakistani Student and holds foreign/dual nationality and overseas Pakistani as elaborated under Regulation 4(7);
- (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 17 (1).
- (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;
- have passed the MDCAT examination;
 - 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
 - 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).

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	31 st December each year
Private Medical Colleges	31 st January each year
Public Dental Colleges	15 th February each year
Private Dental Colleges	28 th 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 at par with the National MDCAT to be applicable 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 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 be admitted in violation of the fundamental principle of merit as mandatorily applicable under Article 37(c) of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973.

