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GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN

**PAKISTAN MEDICAL AND DENTAL COUNCIL**

**NOTIFICATION**

*Islamabad, the 27th October, 2016*

**S. R. O. 1003 (I)/2016.**—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 33 of the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Ordinance, 1962 (XXXII of 1962) the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council is pleased to make the following regulations, namely:—

PART-I

**1. Short title, application and commencement.**—(1) These regulations may be called the MBBS and BDS (Admissions, House job and Internship) Regulations, 2016.

(2) These regulations shall apply to all medical and dental institutions, hospitals and institutions recognised under the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Ordinance, 1962 (XXXII of 1962) and all admissions into their MBBS and BDS courses, house job and internship undertaken at recognized hospitals.

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(3) These shall come into force at once.

2. **Definitions.**—In these regulations, unless the context otherwise provides,—

- (a) “Exam conducting university” means the university entrusted with responsibility under these regulations to conduct medical and dental college admission test and make admissions in all public sector colleges of that Province/Region and its constituent and affiliated private medical and dental colleges.
- (b) Admitting/affiliating University means the university having affiliated and constituent private medical and dental institutions entrusted with responsibility of admitting medical/dental students in its affiliated private medical and dental colleges on basis of admission test conducted by exam conducting University.
- (c) “board” means the admission board constituted under these regulations;
- (d) “dental institution” shall have the same meanings as assigned to it in the Ordinance;
- (e) “dropout student” means a registered student of the medical or dental institution, admitted after due process and who has left the institution without attending classes during first two years of MBBS or first year of BDS course or expelled or struck-off from the institution roll after failure to succeed in four chances in the university’s professional examination;
- (f) “medical institution” shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in the Ordinance;
- (g) “Ordinance” means the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Ordinance, 1962 (XXXII of 1962); and
- (h) “region” means any separate administrative territory which is not included in any Province.

(2) The words and expressions used but not defined herein shall have the same meaning as are assigned to them under the Ordinance.

## PART-II

## ADMISSIONS IN MBBS AND BDS

3. **Admission board.**—The following shall be an admission board comprising members of the Council, namely:—

(a)	President or a member of the Council nominated by him.	<i>Chairperson</i>
(b)	One member of the Council from each Province	<i>Members</i>
(c)	One member of the Council from Federally Administered Tribal Areas	<i>Member</i>
(d)	One member of the Council from Islamabad Capital Territory	<i>Member</i>

(2) The board constituted under sub-regulation (1) shall.—

- (a) oversee the process of admission in MBBS and BDS in all provinces and regions;
- (b) have powers to inspect any examination under clause (a);
- (c) ensure implementation of these regulations and any other directions of the Council, from time to time, for transparent and merit based admissions under clause (a);
- (d) for implementation, give to the concerned provincial and regional authorities recommendations regarding breach of secrecy, conduct of admission test and any irregularity pointed out in the admission process and in case of non-implementation of the recommendation, the decision of the board shall be final.

4. **Provincial or regional admission committee.**—(1) There shall be a provincial or regional admission committee for each province and region, comprising the following members, namely:-

(a)	Health Secretary of respective province or, as the case may be, region	<i>Chairperson</i>
(b)	a member nominated by the Council from amongst its members	<i>Member</i>
(c)	member of the Council of respective province or, as the case may be, region	<i>Member</i>
(d)	Vice Chancellor of the university conducting entry test for admission in MBBS or, as the case may be, BDS	<i>Member</i>
(e)	Principal of one medical or, as the case may be, dental institute to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor mentioned under clause (d)	<i>Member</i>

(2) The provincial or regional admission committee constituted under sub-regulation (1) shall have powers to oversee and monitor the entire admission

process and to ensure transparent conduct of admission test in its area of jurisdiction.

5. **Institutional admission committee.**—(1) Every institute shall, to accomplish its admission process, notify in consultation with the board an institutional admission committee comprising the following, namely:—

(a)	Principal of the institution	<i>Chairperson</i>
(b)	Vice Principal of the institution	<i>Member</i>
(c)	Faculty member of the institution	<i>Member</i>

(2) All logistic and secretarial support to the institutional admission committee shall be provided by governing body of the institute.

(3) The institutional admission committee constituted under sub-regulation (1) shall have all powers to complete admissions process in accordance with these regulations and shall report any discrepancy or irregularity immediately to the provincial or, as the case may be, the regional admission committee.

(4) The institutional admission committee shall submit an undertaking for transparent and merit based conduct of admissions in accordance with these regulation and as the board may propose.

6. **Annual admissions in MBBS and BDS.**—(1) The maximum number of annual admissions in the medical and dental institutions shall be approved by the Council after evaluation of infrastructure and the teaching facilities in accordance with the regulations made under the Ordinance.

(2) All quotas and special seats shall be adjusted within the maximum intake per yearly session approved by the Council for the institution.

(3) The total annual admissions in an MBBS course shall not exceed three hundred and fifty in a public sector medical institution and one hundred and fifty in a private sector medical institution.

(4) The total annual admissions in the BDS course shall not exceed one hundred in a public sector dental institution and eighty in a private sector dental institution which is not a part of a medical institution and seventy-five BDS students in a dental institution attached with a medical institution.

(5) The ceilings under this regulation are applicable even when facilities in the institution are more than that required by the Council as per its criteria for recognition of institutions.

**7. Eligibility criteria for MBBS and BDS courses in Pakistan and abroad.**—(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other regulations of the Council, no Pakistani student shall be eligible for admission to medical and dental courses in Pakistan or abroad and shall not be registered with the Council as student or practitioner, as the case may be, unless he fulfills the following eligibility criteria, namely:—

- (a) he must have obtained minimum sixty percent marks in higher secondary school certificate (HSSC) or F.Sc (Pre-medical) or equivalent examination having minimum twelve years of education; or
- (b) he must have passed, obtaining minimum sixty percent marks in aggregate in, an examination of a course from a foreign university or examining body or foreign education system in at least three subjects *i.e.* compulsory subjects of biology, chemistry and either physics or mathematics and such course must have been duly certified by the inter-boards committee of chairmen (IBCC) as equivalent to higher secondary school certificate (HSSC) or F.Sc or intermediate level of Pakistan.

(2) Foreign or dual nationality holders or overseas Pakistani students desirous of taking admission in MBBS or BDS courses against open merit or foreign quota seat in any public or private institution of Pakistan must have passed, obtaining minimum sixty percent marks in aggregate in an examination of a course from a foreign university or its examining body or its education system in at least three compulsory subjects of biology, chemistry and either physics or mathematics and such course must have been duly certified by IBCC as equivalent to HSSC, F.Sc. or intermediate level of Pakistan.

(3) Equivalence by IBCC under sub-regulations (1) and (2) shall be accepted in aggregate and the candidate shall be eligible to take the admission test for MBBS or BDS course with any study group irrespective of the recommendations of the IBCC.

(4) Without prejudice to any other eligibility criteria under these regulations, a foreign or dual nationality student or overseas Pakistani students desirous of taking admission to MBBS and BDS course against open merit or

foreign quota or self-finance seats in any public or private institution of Pakistan shall have to meet the following additional eligibility criteria, namely:—

- (a) English language proficiency test *e.g.* valid TOEFL or IELTS with a minimum score of 500 or 5.5 or a certification by National University of Modern Languages (NUML) after one year English language course; and
- (b) candidates having foreign or dual nationality or overseas Pakistani students and qualified from abroad may also apply if they have passed a foreign SAT II examination with minimum 550 marks in each of the three subjects including compulsory subjects of biology, chemistry and either physics or mathematics or a foreign MCAT with minimum aggregate score of 24 as an alternative to provincial or regional admission test.

8. **Self-finance seats and foreign quota seats.**—(1) Public sector medical and dental institutions may admit upto fifteen percent of their total annual seats allocated by the Council on foreign seats and self-finance basis on merit. However, tuition fee charged from these students shall not exceed the fee approved by the Council, under the Ordinance and regulations made thereunder, for private medical and dental institutions.

(2) Private medical and dental institutions may admit students on foreign seats quota upto fifteen percent of their total annual seats allocated by the Council.

(3) No candidate shall be eligible for foreign quota seats in public and private medical and dental institutions under sub-regulations (1) and (2) unless he holds a permanent foreign nationality or dual nationality or overseas Pakistani students and who has physically studied and passed secondary school certificate (SSC) and HSSC passing 12th grade examination or equivalent from outside Pakistan during his stay abroad and having a certificate from the institution last attended to this effect.

(4) Where any seat of foreign or self-finance 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.

(5) The annual quota of foreign seats and self-finance shall not be carried forward to admissions of any subsequent year. Cumulative seats for

foreign plus self finance seats admission shall not exceed fifteen percent of total allocated seats.

9. **Medical and dental institutions admission test.**—(1) Unless otherwise provided in these regulations, no candidate shall be admitted to any public and private medical and dental institution unless he, in addition to other eligibility criteria under these regulations, passes admission test for this purpose.

(2) Every provincial or, as the case may be, regional department dealing with admissions in medical and dental institutions shall, each year by notification under intimation to the Council, authorize one recognized public sector medical university or authority as exam conducting university sub regulation 2(a), as the case may be, to conduct a single test for admission in MBBS and BDS courses in that province or, as the case may be, region and prepare a result and order of merit under these regulations. This test result and order of merit shall be applicable to public and private sector medical and dental institutions of same province or region, as the case may be, unless otherwise provided in these regulations.

(3) For the purpose of admission in MBBS and BDS course, no public and private medical or dental institution or its admitting/affiliating university under section 2(b) shall hold its own admission test, aptitude test or interview, by whatever name called for, other than the test specified under sub-regulation 2(a).

(4) The conduct of examination, secrecy and paper-setting shall be the sole responsibility of the exam conducting university authorized under these regulations section 2(a) for conducting the admission test.

(5) A uniform pattern and syllabus for admission test shall be approved by the Council and the syllabus of the admission test shall be commensurate with HSSC or F.Sc. curriculum level.

(6) For admissions in private medical and dental institutions, centralized provincial or regional admission test of any province or region under sub-regulation 2(a) shall be applicable all over Pakistan.

(7) A candidate desirous of admission in MBBS and BDS course in a public and private medical and dental institution of a province or, as the case may be, region shall apply to the concerned affiliating /admitting university sub-regulation 2(b). The admitting university shall process the applications.

strictly on merit by preparing open merit list for the concerned public and private medical and dental institutions.

(8) The candidate shall apply to concerned admitting university for admission by submitting his SSC, HSSC or F.Sc. and his admission test score under sub-regulation 2(b). The concerned admitting university shall prepare a merit list by a weightage formula as under:—

- (a) SSC (10%);
- (b) F.Sc. (40%); and
- (c) admission test (50%).

(9) An Hafiz-e-Qur'an certified as such by the appropriate body or, as the case may be, authority shall be entitled to addition of twenty marks to his marks obtained in HSSC or, as the case may be, F.Sc. for the purpose of these regulations.

(10) In case final merit of more than one candidate is equal up to three decimals, the candidate older in age shall stand higher in merit.

(11) The concerned admitting universities processing admission for private medical and dental institutions shall also process the admission on self finance and foreign seats for the foreign and dual national and overseas students fulfilling the eligibility criteria laid down in these regulations.

(12) The unfilled foreign or self-finance seats of each private or public medical and dental institution shall be converted to open merit seats.

(13) The pattern of admission test shall be based on multiple choice questions (MCQs).

(14) Entry test shall be valid for one year of the same session in the public and private medical and dental institutions. SAT and MCAT from abroad scores, where applicable, can be utilized within two years of passing these examinations.

(15) The Federal and provincial governments shall ensure conduct of admission test before the 31st October each year or within four weeks of declaration of result of HSSC and F.Sc. by the Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education, whichever is earlier, so that whole admission process of public medical and dental institutions is completed before the 31st October each year.



(16) The concerned admitting university sub-regulation 2(b) or, as the case may be, authority shall ensure display of merit lists prepared in accordance with these regulations on its own website and notice boards as well as that of each of the concerned medical and dental institutions.

(17) The admissions in public-sector medical and dental institutions shall be completed before the 31st October each year by displaying three consecutive merit lists by the concerned admitting university or authority. Institution-wise list of all the successful candidates along with the required documents shall be displayed on the website of the concerned admitting university. The admission of candidates shall stand cancelled automatically in case of failure to join the course or deposit fee within seven days of display of merit list on website or notice board of the admitting university and such candidates shall have no vested right of admission thereafter. The vacant seats occurring on account of not joining the course or failure to pay prescribed fee within stipulated period by selected candidates in first or second merit list shall be filled subsequently by displaying next merit lists, as the case may be, strictly in accordance with merit. The candidates may be upgraded to another institution in subsequent merit list based on merit and preference and the fee deposited by upgraded candidates in previous institution shall be transferred to new institution without any deduction.

(18) No private medical and dental institution or its affiliating university and admitting university shall advertise, process admissions in any manner or admit students before the 31st October or before display of final merit list of public-sector medical and dental institutions of respective province and region.

(19) The admission to MBBS and BDS course in a medical and dental institution shall be made strictly on the basis of merit and in accordance with these regulations and no student shall be charged for any sort of donation, bribe, kick back or monetary gain in any form. Any admission made in violation of merit or on the basis of monetary gain in any form and reported to or noticed by the Council shall be considered a violation of these regulations entailing penal action under the Ordinance.

(20) Only the admitting university, under sub regulation 2(b) shall advertise, in leading national newspapers of wide circulation as well as through its website, admission schedule for private medical and dental institutions, for admission in such private medical and dental institutions, by mentioning closing date of submission of applications, date of display of merit lists and date of deposit of fee for open merit and foreign quota seats or self finance seats.

(21) All admissions for private medical and dental institutions shall be completed by the 31st December each year. Students admitted after due date shall not be registered by the Council. However, last date of admission in medical and dental institutions may, in extra-ordinary circumstances, be extended by not more than one month by the Admission board constituted under regulation 3.

(22) The lists, showing particulars of admitted students in public and private medical and dental institutions, shall be submitted by the concerned admitting university to the Council not later than the 31st March each year, for registration and no such list and particulars of any student for registration shall be entertained after the said date.

**10. Mandatory professional examinations for MBBS and BDS course.**—(1) For awarding MBBS degree, the respective university shall conduct professional examinations specified in column (2) of the Table below in the academic year as specified in column (3) thereof, namely:—

**TABLE**

S.No.	Name of professional examination	To be conducted
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	MBBS first professional examination	At the end of first academic year
2.	MBBS second professional examination	At the end of second academic year
3.	MBBS third professional examination	At the end of third academic year
4.	MBBS fourth professional examination	At the end of fourth academic year
5.	MBBS final professional examination	At the end of fifth academic year

(2) For awarding BDS degree, the respective university shall conduct professional examinations specified in column (2) of the Table below in the academic year as specified in column (3) thereof, namely:—

**TABLE**

S.No.	Name of professional examination	To be conducted
(1)	(2)	(3)
1	BDS first professional examination	At the end of first academic year
2	BDS second professional examination	At the end of second academic year
3.	BDS third professional examination	At the end of third academic year
4.	BDS final professional examination	At the end of fourth academic year

**11. Re-admission of students.**—Any student who fails to clear first or second professional examination in four consecutive chances availed or un-availed and has been expelled on that account shall not be eligible for

continuation of medical and dental studies of the MBBS and BDS in the subsequent professional examinations.

12. **Fee and refund thereof.**—(1) The fee in respect of an yearly session shall be charged on annual basis only, subject to eligibility for that session.

(2) There shall be no extra tuition fee for supplementary examination. The students repeating the year on account of being debarred from University examination shall be charged full yearly tuition fee. The detained students shall be charged tuition fee in proportion to number of failed subjects of that professional examination as prescribed by PM&DC.

(3) A private medical and dental institution shall not charge in respect of training for MBBS or, as the case may be, BDS fee and charges, specified in column (2) of the Table below, exceeding the limit as specified in column (3) thereof, namely:—

**TABLE**

S.No. (1)	Fee or charges by whatever name called for (2)	Amount in Rupees (3)
1.	Annual tuition fee per student excluding university examination fee, taxes, hostel fee and transport fee. etc.	Not exceeding Rs. 642,000
2.	One time admission fee.	Not exceeding Rs. 50,000
3.	Prospectus fee.	Not exceeding Rs. 3,000

(4) All private medical and dental institutions shall maintain a separate online account in a scheduled bank and all fee and charges to be received from students shall be deposited by students or their parents or guardians in the online account and no cash shall be demanded from students for any fee and charges. This account number must be mentioned in prospectus and website with fee and charges' structure.

(5) A public and private medical and dental institution shall, against foreign quota seats, not charge in respect of training for MBBS or, as the case may be BDS fee and charges, specified in column (2) of the Table below, exceeding the limit as specified in column (3) thereof, namely:—

TABLE

S.No.	Fee and charges	Amount
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Annual tuition fee per student all inclusive, university examination fee, taxes, hostel fee and transport fee, etc.	Not exceeding eighteen thousand US dollars
2.	One-time admission fee.	Not exceeding Rs. 50,000
3.	Prospectus fee.	Not exceeding Rs. 3,000

(6) The copy of deposit slips of fee and charges in respect of student, duly signed and stamped by authorized officer of the bank, shall, by the concerned medical and dental institution, be submitted along with copy of student registration forms to the Council and affiliating university. The Council and the affiliating university shall keep record of such deposited slips and bank statements.

(7) Where a student has deposited fee and joins or not joins classes but, within fifteen working days on the commencement of classes, informs in writing the medical and dental institution, admitting university and the Council that he wishes to leave the institution, his seat shall be deemed to have become vacant upon furnishing of this information and he shall be entitled to hundred percent refund of all his deposited fees and charges, except onetime admission fee and a student from waiting list may be admitted against this vacant seat in accordance with merit.

(8) Where a student who has paid fee and joins classes opts for another medical or dental institution within three months during same admission process, that student shall be entitled for refund of fee after deduction of fee for study period availed in terms of months in that medical or dental institution and the seat shall be considered as vacant. No fee shall be refunded after three months of commencement of session. A student from waiting list may be admitted against this vacant seat in accordance with merit. Such occurrence and subsequent admission is to be brought in the knowledge of the Council through the admitting university.

(9) Where a student gets migrated from one medical or dental institution to another medical or dental institution at any stage of the academic session, the medical or dental institution, as the case may be shall be bound to refund all dues and fee charged proportionate to remaining period of academic session, to be counted from start of session.

13. **Registration of medical and dental students.**—Every medical and dental student admitted under these regulations shall, for the purpose of

registration as medical or dental practitioner under the Ordinance, be required to be registered with the Council in accordance with the Ordinance and regulations made thereunder including the Pakistan Registration of Medical and Dental Practitioners Regulations, 2008.

**14. Admissions against dropout students seat.**—(1) The failures and detained students shall be counted in strength of the class to which they were admitted and shall not fall under the category of dropout student.

(2) All dropout students shall be reported with evidence to the Council and the affiliating university within two weeks.

(3) On receipt of information under sub-regulation (2), the Council shall consider to give, upon satisfaction, permission and define the number of admissions which can be allowed in lieu of dropouts or vacant seats, if any.

(4) Upon permission of the Council under sub-regulation (3), the medical or, as the case may be, dental institution shall admit additional students in subsequent session against the vacant seats not exceeding ten percent of total allocated yearly admissions so as to maintain standard of education in accordance with available training facilities.

(5) Any student admitted over and above of the total allocated seats or as dropped out students without prior permission of the Council, shall not be registered by the Council's office and the institution shall be liable to penalty as proposed by the Council under the Ordinance.

**15. Gap after discontinuation of study.**—Where any student has qualified a professional examination and discontinues his studies and desires to rejoin his studies of the MBBS or, as the case may be, BDS, within five years of his discontinuation, he may as one-time dispensation be allowed to continue his studies from the stage he discontinued. For a study gap of three years or more the student shall re-take the last professional examination.

### PART- III

#### HOUSE JOB OR INTERNSHIP

**16. House job for persons who have qualified MBBS or BDS course.**—(1) Without prejudice to the Pakistan Registration of Medical and Dental Practitioners Regulations, 2008 every student on completion of his degree of the MBBS or BDS as the case may be shall be required to undergo one year

house job or internship, by whatever name called for, before full registration with the Council.

(2) Only persons provisionally registered with the Council as medical and dental practitioner shall be eligible for house job. The experience of house job or internship done prior to the provisional registration shall not be counted and accepted as experience of house job towards attainment of full registration.

(3) House job or internship training shall be carried out only in a hospital recognized by the Council under the Ordinance.

(4) Before awarding house job or internship, the hospital shall ensure that the candidate possesses a valid provisional registration with the Council.

17. **House job structure for MBBS.**—A house job or internship shall consist of residential, full time and structured modules specified in column (2) of the Table below for the duration as specified in column (3) thereof, namely:—

S. No. (1)	Modules (2)	Duration (3)
1.	Module-I of three months duration in internal medicine is compulsory Module - II in medical allied departments is optional and up to candidate/institute's choice/convenience.	Total six months duration (two modules of three months duration)
2.	Module—III of three months in general surgery is compulsory Module - IV in surgical allied departments is optional and up to candidate/institute's choice/convenience.	Total six months duration (two modules of three months duration)

**Explanation.**—Each main module (medicine and allied of six month's duration or surgery and allied of six month's duration ) shall have to be completed separately and in the same hospital. Compulsory module (three months) of internal medicine and optional module (three months) of allied departments shall be accomplished discretely and in same hospital and experience gained at two different hospitals for sub components of modules of medicine and allied shall not be accepted and experience gained for one module (three months) of general surgery and other module (three months) of medicine allied subject shall not be allowed. However, one module of three months duration at specialized hospitals of allied subjects like pediatrics medicine or cardiology or nephrology shall be accepted. The experience of house job or internship less than three months in any module shall not be accepted as experience.

Basic life support certification (BLS) course shall be mandatory during house job for full registration with the Council.

18. **House job structure for BDS.**—(1) A house job or internship for BDS shall consist of residential, full time and structured modules specified in column (2) of the Table below for the duration as specified in column (3) thereof, namely:—

S.No.	Modules	Duration
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Prosthodontics and allied	Three months each
2.	Operative dentistry and allied	
3.	Orthodontics and allied	
4.	Oral and maxillofacial surgery and allied	

(2) A maximum of six months of house job or internship in one particular specialty may be allowed, rest of the six months shall be utilized by rotations to cover all disciplines of dentistry.

19. **House job or internship from abroad.**—House job or internship or clinical training from abroad in all the teaching hospitals affiliated with accredited medical or dental schools recognized for house job or internship or clinical training by the medical regulatory authority of that country shall be accepted by the Council for the purpose of full registration with the Council.

20. **House job or internship for foreign medical or dental graduates.**—After passing registration examination of National Examination Board of the Council foreign medical and dental graduates shall be registered provisionally for house job purposes after notification by the Federal Government and will be required to complete one year mandatory house job, observership or internship from the date of issue of the Council's provisional registration.

21. **Stipend or salary for house job or internship.**—All public and private institutions shall be responsible to provide a paid house job to their graduates and any graduate of any other institution doing house job or internship in the institution. The amount of stipend or salary by whatever name called paid to house officer or internee in private sector hospitals shall not be less than the highest amount paid in any public sector hospital of that province. Honorary house jobs in special circumstances shall also be allowed in approved public sector hospitals if an applicant and a hospital so desires but the institution shall not allow house job beyond the slots allocated by the Council for house job in relevant institution.

22. No institute shall allow clerkship/observer ship/internship to unregistered medical or dental student or Pakistani student studying medicine or dentistry at foreign institute shall not be allowed clerkship/observer ship/internship at any hospital of Pakistan.

23. **Penalty for contraventions of regulations.**—Whoever contravenes any provision of these regulations or registers or unlawfully admits students shall, in addition to any action that can be initiated under the applicable service rules and regulations, etc, be punishable under the Ordinance.

24. **Repeal.**—On commencement of these regulations, all regulations, notifications, orders, instructions and circulars, etcetera, which regulate any matter under these regulations, are hereby repealed.

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DR. SYED AZHAR ALI SHAH,  
*Acting Registrar.*