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Information Guide

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FOREWORD

It gives me great pleasure to share the MDCAT 2025 Information Guide, prepared by the University of Health Sciences (UHS) Lahore. This guide has been carefully designed to help you understand every step

of the Medical and Dental Colleges Admission Test (MDCAT) with clarity, transparency, and confidence.

The MDCAT is not just an assessment of academic knowledge; it reflects your preparation, discipline, and commitment to serve humanity through the noble professions of medicine and dentistry. At UHS, we believe that merit, honesty, and hard work are the cornerstones of success.

All candidates must report to their examination centre well before the time mentioned on the admit card. Late entry will not be permitted under any circumstances. You must bring your original photo identification document and admit card, as entry will not be allowed without them. Please do not carry any digital or electronic device — including mobile phones, smart watches, calculators, or earphones — to the examination hall. Any attempt to use unfair means will result in disqualification and legal action.

Remember that the official UHS website and helpline are your only trusted sources of information. Do not be misled by any person, group, or online rumour claiming to influence results or provide special assistance. Your honesty and discipline are your greatest strengths.

As the admitting university for Punjab, UHS remains committed to ensuring a fair, transparent, and merit-based process so that only the most deserving candidates enter the medical and dental profession. Study this guide thoroughly, follow the instructions carefully, and approach the examination with integrity, calmness, and confidence.

The MDCAT is one milestone in your journey, but what truly defines you is your perseverance, ethical conduct, and dedication to serve others.

I wish you all the best for MDCAT 2025 — may your sincerity and hard work lead you to success.

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1. General Information

1.1 **Advisory to Candidates:** We advise the candidates to please be aware of the following as they read this booklet:

1.1.1 This document constitutes the Official Medical and Dental College Admission Test (MDCAT) 2025 Guide. It contains the official provisions, procedures, rules, and regulations governing the conduct of the MDCAT. All candidates shall be bound to comply with these provisions in letter and spirit.

1.1.2 The University of Health Sciences (UHS), Lahore does not recognize, approve, or endorse any commercially available preparatory courses, publications, or material purporting to assist candidates in preparation for the MDCAT.

1.2 Contact Information

For all matters pertaining to MDCAT registration, curriculum, format, or content of the test, candidates shall contact the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PM&DC) at:

Pakistan Medical and Dental Council

Landline: +92-51-9190000 (Ext. 301, 302)

E-mail: examination@pmdc.pk

Website: www.pmdc.pk

Postal Address: G-10/4, Mauve Area, Islamabad

For issues relating to the conduct of the test, administration of examination centres, or declaration of result, candidates shall contact the University of Health Sciences (UHS), Lahore at:

University of Health Sciences, Lahore

Landline: +92-42-111333366 (Ext. 373, 376, 377)

E-mail: mdcat2025@uhs.edu.pk

Website: www.uhs.edu.pk

Postal Address: Khayaban-e-Jamia-e-Punjab, Lahore – 54600, Pakistan

2. General Policy

- 2.1 The MDCAT 2025 shall be conducted by the University of Health Sciences (UHS), Lahore, being the “Admitting University” duly notified by the Government of the Punjab, in accordance with the provisions of the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PM&DC) Act, 2022.
- 2.2 Appearance in and qualification of the MDCAT shall not, by itself, confer any vested right upon a candidate for admission to any MBBS or BDS programme. Admission to a medical or dental institution shall remain subject to fulfillment of all eligibility criteria and conditions prescribed by the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PM&DC), the Admitting University, and the Government of the Punjab.
- 2.3 The information contained in this Guide is subject to amendment, revision, or substitution pursuant to decisions made by the PM&DC or the Government of the Punjab from time to time. Any such changes shall be binding upon all candidates without prior notice.
- 2.4 The PM&DC and the Admitting University reserve the right to withdraw or cancel, at any stage before the conduct of the test, any permission granted to a candidate who is subsequently found to be ineligible for appearance in the MDCAT, whether such permission was granted erroneously or otherwise.
- 2.5 Candidates are advised to regularly visit the official websites of the PM&DC (www.pmdc.pk) and the UHS (www.uhs.edu.pk) for updates, notifications, or clarifications relating to MDCAT 2025.

3. Definition and Scope

- 3.1 The Medical and Dental College Admission Test (MDCAT) is a standardized admission examination which is mandatory for admission to MBBS and BDS programmes in all public and private sector medical and dental institutions across Pakistan in accordance with Section 17(2) of the PM&DC Act, 2022.

In the Province of Punjab, the test shall be administered, conducted, and assessed by the University of Health Sciences (UHS), Lahore, as the Admitting University. The format, content and weightage of the MDCAT 2025 shall conform strictly to the curriculum notified by the PM&DC.

The UHS shall also be responsible for providing logistical arrangements, including the establishment and management of test centres across the province for the facilitation of candidates.

3.2 Structure & Weightage:

Structure

Total number of MCQs:	180
Duration of MDCAT:	3hours
Format:	Paper-based MCQs
Minimum pass marks for Medical College Admission:	55%
Minimum pass marks for Dental College Admission:	50%
No negative marking	

Weightage

Subject	Weightage	
	Percentage	No. of MCQs
Biology	45%	81
Chemistry	25%	45
Physics	20%	36
English	5%	09
Logical Reasoning	5%	09
Total	100	180

4. Test Centres

- 4.1 In the Province of Punjab, the MDCAT 2025 shall be conducted in the following twelve (12) cities:

Bahawalpur, Dera Ghazi Khan, Faisalabad, Gujrat, Gujranwala, Lahore, Multan, Rahim Yar Khan, Rawalpindi, Sahiwal, Sargodha, and Sialkot.

- 4.2 Each candidate has already exercised the option to select the city of preference for appearance in the MDCAT at the time of registration on the PM&DC Portal. The University shall allot the examination centre to each candidate within the selected city, as indicated on the candidate's online registration form available on the PM&DC Portal.

5. Test Date and Duration

- 5.1 The Medical and Dental College Admission Test (MDCAT) 2025 shall be held on **Sunday, 26th October 2025.**

- 5.2 All Examination Centres shall be opened for entry of candidates at **8:00 a.m.** The entry gates of all centres shall be closed and sealed at **9:00 a.m. sharp**, after which no candidate shall be permitted to enter the premises under any circumstances.
- 5.3 The duration of the test shall be three (03) hours. **The test shall commence at 10:00 a.m. and shall conclude at 1:00 p.m. sharp.**
- 5.4 The total marks of the test shall be 180, corresponding to 180 multiple-choice questions (MCQs) as determined by the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PM&DC).

6. Pre-Test Procedures

6.1 Download Your Admittance Cards

- 6.1.1 All candidates registered through the PM&DC Portal for appearing in the MDCAT 2025 from the Province of Punjab shall be eligible to download their Admittance Cards from the official website of the University of Health Sciences (UHS) (www.uhs.edu.pk) with effect from **16th October 2025**.
- 6.1.2 To access and download the Admittance Card, the candidate shall be required to enter his or her Full Name and the last four digits of the identity document (CNIC/Passport/B-Form) used at the time of registration on the PM&DC Portal.
- 6.1.3 Candidates shall print a clear copy of the Admittance Card on white, plain A4-sized paper.
- 6.1.4 The Admittance Card shall be deemed to have been issued provisionally and shall be subject to verification of eligibility. Discovery of any false or misleading information at any stage before or after the test shall render the candidate's registration and candidature void ab initio.
- 6.1.5 In case of any discrepancy in personal particulars or the photograph on the Admittance Card, the candidate shall immediately approach the PM&DC with supporting documentation for rectification. The University shall not alter any data unless written confirmation to that effect is received from the PM&DC.
- 6.1.6 Queries or complaints regarding access to or downloading of the Admittance Card shall be directed to the University at mdcat2025@uhs.edu.pk.

6.2 Compliance with Instructions

- 6.2.1 Candidates shall carefully read, comprehend, and strictly comply with all instructions printed on the Admittance Card as well as those issued by the University through official notifications, circulars, or media releases.

- 6.2.2 Candidates are further advised to keep themselves informed through public notices and instructions issued by the University of Health Sciences (UHS) in print and electronic media from time to time.

6.3 Advisory to Parents and Guardians

- 6.3.1 Parents and guardians are advised to visit the test centre location at least one day prior to the examination to familiarize themselves with the route and venue. Late arrival beyond 9:00 a.m. on the test day shall not be excused on any ground.
- 6.3.2 In view of the restrictions imposed under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, no public gathering shall be permitted in or around the examination centres. No waiting or rest area for parents or guardians shall be available outside the centres for security reasons. Parents/guardians shall drop the candidates within the reporting time, vacate the area immediately, and return to collect them after the conclusion of the test at 1:00 p.m.
- 6.3.3 Parents and guardians must ensure that candidates do not bring mobile phones or any other prohibited items to the test centre as defined under Clause 7.2.

7. Conduct on the Test Day (Sunday, 26th October 2025)

7.1 Mandatory Requirements

- 7.1.1 Every candidate shall bring the following items for entry into the examination hall:
- a) Original Photo Identification (CNIC, NICOP, Juvenile Card, Passport, Family Registration Certificate, or original SSC/HSSC result card with candidate's photo on it). Photocopies or alternative documents shall not be accepted;
 - b) Printed Admittance Card issued by the University;
 - c) Candidates failing to produce the Original Photo ID and Admittance Card shall not be permitted to sit in the test;
 - d) Transparent clipboard, blank and free of any writing or marking;
 - e) Two blue ballpoint pens (markers, pointers, pencils, gel pens, or ink pens are prohibited);
 - f) A small transparent water bottle. No other food or drink shall be allowed.

7.2 Prohibited Items

- 7.2.1 Candidates are strictly prohibited from bringing any of the following items into the examination centre:

- a) Any written, printed, or electronic material other than the Admittance Card and original identification documents;
- b) Geometry boxes, calculators, log tables, rulers, pens other than those permitted, or any stationery item capable of concealment of material;
- c) Any electronic or communication device, including mobile phones, Bluetooth devices, earphones, pen drives, smart watches, digital pens, pagers, microphones, cameras, health bands, etc.;
- d) Personal items such as wallets, handbags, jewelry, goggles, caps, or any item not expressly permitted by the University.

7.2.2 Possession of any such barred item, whether during frisking or thereafter, shall constitute use of unfair means, and disciplinary action shall be taken against the candidate under the University Regulations for Unfair Means in Examinations.

7.3 Between Reporting Closure and Commencement of Test (9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m)

- 7.3.1 All candidates shall be subjected to frisking, verification, and identification by the invigilation staff. Where biometric verification by the NADRA team is required, the candidate shall bear a fee of Rs.150, payable directly to NADRA officials present at the test centre.
- 7.3.2 Candidates shall proceed to their allocated examination halls or rooms, as indicated by signage displayed prominently within the centre premises.
- 7.3.3 Invigilation staff shall ensure seating arrangements strictly according to roll numbers displayed on desks or chairs. Candidates must verify that the assigned seat corresponds to their roll number. A candidate found occupying a seat or hall other than the one allotted shall have his or her candidature cancelled forthwith.
- 7.3.4 After verification and seating, the invigilation staff shall distribute answer sheets (Response Forms) and convey necessary instructions for attempting the paper in accordance with University directives.

8. During the Test

- 8.1.1 Shortly before commencement, each candidate shall receive a specialized, double-sheeted, pre-printed, barcoded Response Form (Bubble Sheet) for marking answers. Only one Response Form shall be issued per candidate.

- 8.1.2 Candidates shall carefully read the instructions printed on the Response Form and fill in their Roll Number, personal particulars, and signature at the designated spaces.
- 8.1.3 The Roll Number shall be entered in the following manner ensuring accuracy and completeness:

Blank Response Form

Roll No.						
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9	9	9	9

Examples of filling the roll number on Response Form

Roll No.						
0	1	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9	9	9	9

Roll No.						
1	1	0	0	8	4	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9	9	9	9

Roll No.						
0	7	5	3	9	7	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9	9	9	9

- 8.1.4 Candidates are advised to practice at home the correct method of filling in their Roll Numbers on the Response Form prior to the test day. The University shall not bear responsibility for any error in Roll Number entry, and no replacement Response Form shall be provided under any circumstances.
- 8.1.5 Candidates shall record their answers only by completely filling the circles corresponding to their chosen options on the upper coloured sheet of the Response Form using a blue ballpoint pen. The marked impression shall automatically transfer to the lower carbonized sheet.
- 8.1.6 Candidates are strictly prohibited from detaching, separating, or tampering with the two sheets of the Response Form until the conclusion of the test and formal instructions to hand over materials are issued.
- 8.1.7 The Response Form shall not be folded, torn, crumpled, or otherwise defaced in any manner. Any such damage may render the Response Form invalid and result in cancellation of the paper.
- 8.1.8 At 09:50 a.m., the invigilation staff shall distribute the Question Papers to all candidates.

8.1.9 There shall be multiple Question Paper Codes/IDs (for example: A, B, C, D), each containing the same set of questions arranged in a different order to ensure fairness and integrity.

8.1.10 The first page of each Question Paper shall contain important instructions for candidates as well as the Question Paper Code/ID. Candidates are required to read these instructions carefully and follow them strictly throughout the examination.

8.1.11 Upon receipt of the Question Paper, each candidate shall immediately enter his or her Roll Number and affix signature on the front page at the designated space. The Roll Number and signature shall also be recorded on each page of the Question Paper where space is provided.

8.1.12 Candidates shall correctly fill the Question Paper Code/ID on the Response Form by shading the circle corresponding to the appropriate ID as indicated in the official instructions.

	A	B	C	D
ID	☒	☐	☐	☐
1	☐	☐	☐	☐
2	☐	☐	☐	☐
3	☐	☐	☐	☐
4	☐	☐	☐	☐

8.1.13 Failure to correctly fill the Question Paper Code/ID shall result in incorrect or null evaluation of the Response Form, for which the University shall bear no responsibility.

8.1.14 Each Question Paper shall consist of 180 questions. It shall be the sole responsibility of the candidate to verify the completeness of the Question Paper prior to attempting any question. If any page is missing, blank, misprinted, or damaged, the candidate shall immediately report the matter to the invigilation staff and obtain a replacement Question Paper of the same Code/ID within 15 minutes of commencement of the test. No complaint in this regard shall be entertained after the expiry of this period.

8.2 Instructions for Marking Responses

8.2.1 Candidates shall use a blue ballpoint pen only to fill the appropriate circle corresponding to their chosen response on the Response Form.

8.2.2 No markings, ticks, notes, or writings shall be made on the Question Paper, except where rough work is expressly permitted.

8.2.3 Each question (from 1 to 180) shall have four (04) possible responses printed against it. The candidate shall indicate the correct choice by completely filling the corresponding circle on the Response Form.

	A	B	C	D
ID	☒	☐	☐	☐
1	☐	☒	☐	☐
2	☐	☐	☐	☐
3	☐	☐	☐	☐
4	☐	☐	☐	☐
5	☐	☐	☐	☐
6	☐	☐	☐	☐
7	☐	☐	☐	☐
8	☐	☐	☐	☐
9	☐	☐	☐	☐
10	☐	☐	☐	☐
11	☐	☐	☐	☐
12	☐	☐	☐	☐
13	☐	☐	☐	☐
14	☐	☐	☐	☐

For example:

Q.1 The branch of Biology which deals with the study of the use of living organisms, systems, and processes for the benefit of people is called:

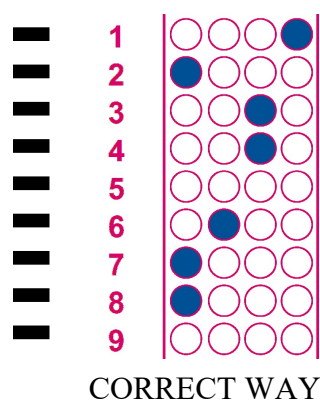
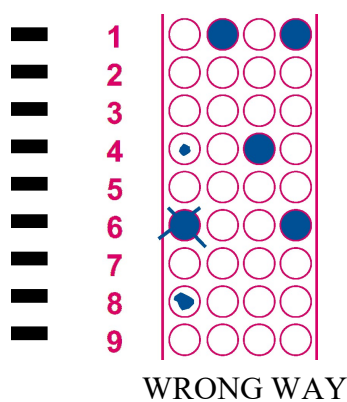
A) Environmental Biology B) Biotechnology C) Social Biology D) Microbiology

The correct answer is (B). The candidate shall locate Question No. 1 on the Response Form and fill circle B completely.

8.2.4 The marking shall be dark, complete, and confined within the circle.

8.2.5 Only one circle shall be filled for each question. Once marked, answers cannot be altered.

8.2.6 Circles that are lightly or incompletely filled shall be rejected by the Optical Mark Reader (OMR) as invalid responses and no mark will be given for such responses.



8.2.7 Candidates must ensure complete satisfaction regarding their chosen answer before filling the circle. Use of erasers, correction fluid, or overwriting on the Response Form is strictly prohibited, as these forms are machine-readable and any such alteration may lead to erroneous evaluation.

8.2.8 No rough work shall be done on the Response Form. Space provided at the end of the Question Paper may be used for all rough work.

8.2.9 During the course of the examination, candidates shall be required to sign the attendance sheet twice — first, immediately after commencement of the test, and second, upon conclusion — at the appropriate space designated by the invigilation staff.

8.3 At the Conclusion of the Test

8.3.1 The test shall conclude precisely at 1:00 p.m.

8.3.2 Upon the announcement of “Stop” by the Centre Superintendent, all candidates shall cease writing immediately, place their pens down, and turn over their Question Papers and Response Forms.

- 8.3.3 It shall be mandatory for every candidate to hand over the upper coloured sheet of the Response Form and the first page of the Question Paper to the invigilation staff before leaving the hall. Failure to comply shall result in disqualification of the candidate.
- 8.3.4 Candidates shall be permitted to retain the lower carbonized sheet of the Response Form as well as the remaining pages of the Question Paper for their record.
- 8.3.5 Candidates shall remain seated until all Response Forms and Question Paper covers have been collected, counted, and verified by the invigilation staff. Candidates shall only be allowed to leave the examination hall after the formal announcement by the Centre Superintendent.

9. Unfair Means Practices and Breach of Examination Rules

9.1 DEFINITION: “Unfair Means Practice” shall include any act, omission, or attempt by a candidate to obtain an undue, unauthorized, or illegal advantage over other candidates during the examination. Such practices shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- i. Possession of any barred item as defined under Regulation 7.2;
- ii. Impersonation, or having another person appear in the test on one’s behalf, or falsifying identity in any form;
- iii. Manipulation, alteration, or fabrication of online documents, including but not limited to the Admittance Card, photograph, application form, or certificates;
- iv. Providing incorrect or misleading information on the Question Paper, Response Form, or Attendance Sheet;
- v. Marking responses on any material other than the Response Form issued by the Centre Superintendent;
- vi. Mutilation, tearing, or destruction of the Response Form, Question Paper, or Attendance Sheet;
- vii. Removing or attempting to remove the upper colored sheet of the Response Form from the Examination Hall;
- viii. Smuggling out, attempting to smuggle out, or reproducing any portion of the Question Paper or Response Form;
- ix. Altering, erasing, or tampering with any printed or written information on the Response Form or Attendance Sheet;
- x. Communicating, attempting to communicate, or establishing contact with any person other than authorized Examination Staff during the test;

- xi. Assisting, attempting to assist, or receiving assistance from any other candidate, directly or indirectly, in any manner;
- xii. Exchanging the Question Paper or Response Form with another candidate;
- xiii. Borrowing or lending any material or item to another candidate during the test;
- xiv. Causing disturbance or obstruction in the smooth and fair conduct of the examination;
- xv. Unauthorized or forceful entry into or exit from the Examination Centre/Hall, or leaving the Centre/Hall without permission;
- xvi. Disregarding or failing to comply with instructions issued by the Supervisory or Invigilation Staff;
- xvii. Manipulating or falsifying the carbon copy of the Response Form in order to challenge or dispute the official score before or after declaration of the result.

9.2 Punishment for Use of Unfair Means

- 9.2.1 If, at any time before, during, or after the examination, a candidate is found to have engaged in any act defined under Regulation 9.1 or any similar act constituting Unfair Means Practice, the candidate shall be deemed to have committed a breach of examination rules and shall be booked under Unfair Means (UFM).
- 9.2.2 The examination of such a candidate shall be cancelled forthwith, and the case shall be processed in accordance with the Examination Regulations of the University.

10 Review Request for Questions and Answer Keys

10.1 Review Request for Question Paper

A candidate may request review of one or more Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) of the MDCAT 2025 Question Paper through the prescribed online complaint portal available on the University's official website (www.uhs.edu.pk). The complaint shall be submitted using the same email ID registered for MDCAT 2025.

Such complaints must be submitted through the prescribed online proforma, complete in all respects, between 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM on the day of the Test.

10.2 Review Request for Answer Key

A candidate may challenge any question in the officially released Answer Key through the same portal from the time of publication of the "Official Answer Keys" on the University's website until 6:00 PM of the following day.

10.3 Invalid Complaints

No manual complaint, complaint submitted contrary to the prescribed guidelines, or complaint received after the specified deadline shall be entertained under any circumstances.

11 Scoring

11.1 The Test shall comprise 180 multiple-choice questions (MCQs) carrying one (01) mark each.

11.2 One (01) mark shall be awarded for each correct response.

11.3 There shall be no negative marking in MDCAT 2025.

11.4 Any bubble on the Response Form not properly filled shall be treated as an incorrect response and no mark shall be awarded for it.

12. Answer Key and Self-Scoring

12.1 The University shall display the Official Answer Keys for all paper codes/IDs on its official website (www.uhs.edu.pk) on the same day after the conclusion of the Test.

12.2 Upon release of the Answer Keys, candidates may calculate their own scores using the carbonized copy of their Response Form and the respective key.

12.3 The official result of the Test shall be declared on the University's website within seven (07) days of the conduct of the examination.

13. Declaration of Result

13.1 Candidates shall be able to download their MDCAT 2025 results from the University's official website once officially declared.

14. Rules Regarding Re-Counting

14.1 Validation of Test Items

A panel comprising subject experts shall review and validate the test items (MCQs) on the day of the examination. Any MCQ determined by the panel to be invalid, ambiguous, or inappropriate for assessment shall be deleted. The corresponding marks shall be adjusted proportionately in the total score of all candidates in accordance with the policy of the University.

14.2 Re-Counting of Scores

i. Candidates shall be afforded an opportunity to submit a representation regarding the recounting of scores after the declaration of the official result by the University.

- ii. Such representations shall be submitted through email at recounting.mdc2025@uhs.edu.pk within five (05) days of the publication of the result on the University's official website.
- iii. No request or complaint shall be entertained prior to or after the expiry of the prescribed period.
- iv. Where a score is revised upon re-counting, the updated result shall be notified on the University's official website.

15. Validity of MDCAT Scores

In accordance with Section 17(4) of the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Act, 2022, the MDCAT 2025 scores shall remain valid for a period of three (03) years from the date of conduct of the examination.

16. Weeding-Out Rules

The record of the MDCAT 2025 examination shall be retained for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of declaration of the result, after which it may be disposed of in accordance with the record retention policy of the University.

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