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**PAKISTAN  
MEDICAL & DENTAL COUNCIL  
G-10/4, Mauve Area,  
ISLAMABAD.**

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To,  
The Vice Chancellors  
Of recognized Medical Universities  
&  
The Principals  
All recognized Medical / Dental Colleges

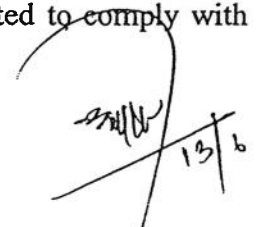
**SUBJECT: MBBS AND BDS (ADMISSIONS, HOUSE JOB AND INTERNSHIP) REGULATIONS, 2018**

I am directed to refer on the subject cited above. It is informed that the Council in its 197<sup>th</sup> Session held on 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 approved the amendments in MBBS / BDS (Admission, House Job and internship) Regulations, 2018" under the powers bestowed upon it by the PM&DC Ordinance 2019, Section 42(2).

Please find enclosed herewith the MBBS / BDS (Admission, House Job and internship) Regulations, 2018" as amended on 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 (also available on PM&DC official website i.e. [www.pmdc.org.pk](http://www.pmdc.org.pk)). The institutions are herewith directed to comply with the Regulations in true letter and spirit.

This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Respectful Regards.

  
(Dr. Sitara Hassan)  
Acting Registrar

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**Pakistan Medical and Dental Council**

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**NOTIFICATION**

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, 2018 (as amended on 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2019).

(2) These regulations shall apply to all medical and dental institutions, hospitals and institutions recognized 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.

(3) These shall come into force at once.

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

- (a) "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
- (b) "board" means the admission board constituted under these regulations;
- (c) "dental institution" shall have the same meanings as assigned to it in the Ordinance;
- (d) "dropout student" means a 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;
- (e) "medical institution" shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in the Ordinance;
- (f) "Ordinance" means the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Ordinance, 1962 (XXXII of 1962);
- (g) "region" means any separate administrative territory which is not included in any Province;
- (h) "Schedule" means the schedule to these regulations.

(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.-** (1) There shall be an admission board comprising of the following members, namely:-

- (a) President or a member of the Council nominated by him and who shall be the Chairperson of the Admission Board.
- (b) One member of the Council from each Province.
- (c) One member of the Council from Islamabad Capital Territory

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

- (a) **determine, regulate and** oversee the process of admission in MBBS and BDS in all provinces and regions;
- (b) have powers to **formulate, approve and** inspect any admission test conducted under these regulations;
- (c) ensure implementation of these regulations and any other directions of the Council, issued from time to time, for transparent and merit based admissions under these regulations;
- (d) issue directions and make recommendations to the concerned provincial and regional committee, for the maintaining secrecy of papers and proper conduct of the admission test.
- (e) cancel, annul admission tests and pass appropriate orders in case of any irregularity in the admission process and failure of the Admitting Authority to implement any direction/recommendation issued by the Admission Board.

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

- (a) Vice Chancellor of the Admitting University conducting entry test for admission in MBBS or BDS, or as the case may be, who shall be the chairperson of the committee.
- (b) Nominee of Secretary Health of respective province or, as the case may be, region, if any, not below the rank of Additional Secretary.
- (c) a member nominated by the President from amongst its members (for all provincial committees).
- (d) a member of the Council of respective province or, as the case may be, region, if any.
- (e) Principal of one medical or, as the case may be, dental institute to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor / Chairperson.
- (f) Nominee of Pakistan institution of Private Medical and Dental Institutions (PAMI).

(2) The provincial or regional admission committee constituted under sub-regulation (1) shall oversee and monitor the entire admissions process **in accordance with directions issued by the Admissions Board and** ensure transparent conduct of admission test in its area of jurisdiction.

5. **Institutional admission committee.-** (1) Every institute shall notify an Institutional admission committee comprising of the following, namely:-

- (a) Principal/ Dean of the institution, who shall also be the Chairperson of the committee.
- (b) Vice Principal/Senior most faculty member of the institution.
- (c) A faculty member nominated by the academic council of the institution.

(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 implement the **directions and** decisions of the **Admissions Board and the** provincial/regional admission committee 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 **and the Admission Board.**

(4) The institutional admission committee shall submit an undertaking for transparent and merit based completion of admissions in accordance with these regulations.

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) The Council shall each year before 1<sup>st</sup> August determine and declare the ceiling for admissions permissible in public sector and private sector medical and dental institutions.**

**For clarification the seats for each college shall be allocated as per applicable regulations by the Council subject to evaluation of each college.**

**(3) The Federal Government or the Provincial Governments may by notification declare a fixed number of seats for admission in public sector medical and dental institutions, from amongst the fixed allocated seats for each institution not exceeding 5% of such fixed allocated seats, to accommodate a specified category of students, and declaring the qualifications for such specified category seats, subject to students admitted to such special seats shall be within the overall minimum merit for the given year.**

**(4) The defined seats for military cadets in the military medical and dental colleges that are attached with military teaching hospitals shall also be notified by the Federal Government and admission to such seats for military cadets shall be on the basis of nominations received by NUMS from the competent authority of each of the Pakistan Army, Pakistan Air Force and Pakistan Navy.**

**(5) The students domiciled in a particular province or region shall have first preference to public sector medical and dental colleges located in such province or region upto 90% of the total seats, including special category seats, in such college. The remaining 10% of the seats shall be available to students irrespective of their domicile.**

**Provided there shall be no restriction of domicile or preference on any seat of any private medical or dental college.**

#### 7. **Eligibility criteria for MBBS and BDS courses in Pakistan.**

(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 and shall not be registered with the Council as student unless he fulfills the following eligibility criteria, namely:—

- (a) he must have passed obtaining minimum seventy 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 seventy percent marks in aggregate in, an examination of a course from a foreign university or examining body or foreign education system with at least three science subjects i.e. 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 overseas Pakistani students having completed their last two years of schooling from abroad, 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 seventy 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 subjects i.e 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) Pakistani students having passed from foreign education system (i.e O levels, A levels etc) in Pakistan shall not be eligible for foreign quota seats.

(5) Without prejudice to any other eligibility criteria under these regulations, a foreign 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) the candidate must pass English language proficiency test e.g. valid TOEFL or IELTS with a minimum score of 500 or 5.5 or have a certification by National University of Modern Languages (NUML) after one year English language course, where medium of instructions for obtaining required academic qualifications for admission test is not English.
- (b) candidates having foreign 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 i.e biology, chemistry and either physics or mathematics or a foreign MCAT with minimum score of 500.

**8. Self-finance and foreign quota seats .—** (1) Private medical and dental institutions may admit students on foreign seats quota upto fifteen percent of their total annual seats allocated by the Council purely on merit.

(2) No candidate shall be eligible for foreign quota seats in the public and private medical and dental institutions under sub regulations (1) unless, he holds a permanent foreign nationality or is an overseas (being a Pakistani citizen permanently resident in a foreign country) Pakistani student, and who has studied and passed HSSC 12<sup>th</sup> grade examination or equivalent from outside Pakistan and is a resident of a foreign country at the time of applying for admission and possess a certificate from the institution last attended to this effect.

(3) 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.

(4) 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 **in a Public medical and dental institution** shall not exceed fifteen percent of total allocated seats.

9. Medical and dental institutions admission test.– (1) The concerned Admitting Authority processing admission for private medical and dental institutions shall also process the admission on foreign seats for the foreign, dual national and overseas students fulfilling the eligibility criteria laid down in these regulations.

(2) Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination or, as the case may be, provincial 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 as Admitting University under sub regulation 2(a), to conduct a single test for admission in MBBS and BDS courses in that province or, 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. For nomination of reserved seats of an inter province or inter regional or inter province and regional arrangement, result of the entry test of respective province or region shall be applicable to other provinces and regions.

**Provided that the National University of Medical Sciences (NUMS) shall be notified as the Admitting University responsible for the military medical and military dental constituent/affiliated colleges that are attached with military teaching hospitals.**

(3) For the purpose of admission in MBBS and BDS course, no public and private medical or dental institution shall hold its own admission test, aptitude test or interview, by whatever name called for:

Provided that medical college having academic, clinical and financial standards validated through audit by internationally reputable firms and having secured more than ninety percent on standardized performa as provided in the schedule, may conduct additional tests and interviews for admission to medical college and not withstanding provisions of Regulation 12, may determine higher tuition fee, subject to supervision, control and approval.

(4) The conduct of examination, secrecy and **issuing the results** shall be the sole responsibility of the Admitting University 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 these regulations 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 a region shall apply to the concerned Admitting University. The Admitting University shall process the applications strictly on merit by preparing separate 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 result. The concerned admitting university shall prepare a merit list by a weightage formula as under:-

(a) F.Sc (Pre Medical)/ HSSC/ Equivalent. (50%); and

(b) Admission test (50%).

**Provided that no candidate shall be considered eligible on merit if the student has not acquired a minimum of 60% marks in the Admissions Test and the minimum qualification standards set down under Sub Regulation 7(1) and 7(2) and obtained an aggregate merit of not less than 70% for Medical and 60% for dental, pursuant to this Sub Regulation (8).**

(9) A Hafiz-e-Qur'an certified as such by the appropriate body/authority shall be entitled to addition of twenty marks to his marks obtained in HSSC or, as the case may be, F.Sc./ Equivalent, provided he/she passes Hifz-e-Quran test conducted by the Admitting University 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 Authority 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 pattern of admission test shall be based on multiple choice questions (MCQs). It shall be conducted in the subjects of Biology, Chemistry, Physics and English and any other subject relevant to admission

(13) Entry test shall be valid for one year of the same session in the public and private medical and dental institutions. SAT and foreign MCAT scores from abroad, where applicable, shall be valid for two years from the date of passing of those examinations.

**(14) The first merit list of public medical and dental institutions shall be displayed before 31<sup>st</sup> October of each year and the last merit list, whether it be for public or private medical and dental institutions for admissions held under these regulations shall be displayed before 31<sup>st</sup> December of each year.**

**Provided that the Council may extend the deadline in the event of a delay in the announcement of results of F.Sc or HSSC in any province.**

(15) The concerned Admitting University under sub regulation 2(a) 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.

(16) The admissions in public-sector medical and dental institutions shall be completed before the 30th November of each year 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 prescribed admission 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 in that year. The vacant seats occurring on account of non-deposit of prescribed admission fee within 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 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.

(17) At least one week after the advertisement for admissions in public sector medical and dental institutions of respective province and region, the Admitting University shall advertise process of admissions for private sector medical and dental colleges. No private medical and dental institution or its affiliating university shall advertise, interview or process admissions in any manner or admit students on any behest.

(18) Admission schedule for public and private medical and dental institutions, for admission in such public and private medical and dental institutions shall be advertised separately in the leading national newspapers of wide circulation as well as through its website by the Admitting University, ,, Advertisement shall clearly mention the last date of submission of applications, dates of display of merit lists and date of deposit of fee for open merit and foreign quota seats or self finance seats.

(19) After the display of third merit list by the Admitting University if there are any vacant seats in public sector medical or dental institution, top merit student of a private sector medical and dental institution shall be offered admission against such vacant seats in public sector medical or dental institution and consequent vacant seats in private sector medical or dental institution shall be offered to the students next in merit on the waiting list.

(20) 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. Any admission made in violation of merit or on the basis of donations or kick back or unauthorized and unlawful payments in any form shall constitute grave violation of these regulations entailing penal action/ criminal proceedings and withdrawal of recognition under the Ordinance/ Law.

**(20-A) Students applying for admissions shall give an order of preference for their top three choices from amongst the public sector medical and dental institutions in the province of domicile of the student and two preferences for public sector medical and dental institutions in any other province.**

(21) The order of preferences once given by the candidate in his/her application shall be final and cannot be changed subsequently. Similarly, in case of occurrence of vacant seat, the candidate maybe upgraded in subsequent lists to an institution listed higher in his/her order of preference.

(22) All admissions for private medical and dental institutions shall be completed by the 31<sup>st</sup> December of each year except admissions under Regulation 12 (9) of Part II. 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.

(23) 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 31<sup>st</sup> March of each year. For registration, the college shall forward details of students for the purpose of student registration not later than 31<sup>st</sup> March of each year 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:–

**TABLES.**

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. (1)	Name of professional examination (2)	To be conducted (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

(3) Mandatory attendance for eligibility of professional examinations shall be as prescribed by the Admitting University.

(4) The respective university shall provide to the Council the schedule of examinations to be held under sub regulation (1) and (2) at least 90 days prior to the first of such examinations and shall provide to the Council the results of each of the examinations conducted under sub regulation (1) and (2) within 30 days of each result having been announced by the respective university.

Provided the Council shall have the power to obtain as a random sample, review and recheck any number of checked papers of students from any affiliated or constituent college to determine the reliability of the examinations held.

11. **Re-admission of students**— Any student who fails to clear any professional examination in two consecutive chances shall not be eligible for continuation of medical and dental studies of the MBBS and BDS in the subsequent professional examinations.

Provided a student who has failed two consecutive chances to clear any professional examination shall be afforded, at the students request, a maximum of two opportunities to repeat the relevant year that he has failed to clear the professional examination off.

12. **Fee and refund thereof.**— (1) The fee in respect of 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 the case may be, BDS fee and charges in excess of the maximum fee limits notified by the Council based on category and rating of each medical and dental institution determined by the Council on the performance evaluations carried out of each medical and dental college 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 <u>all inclusive of university examination fee, university retention/ affiliation fee or, Academic / administrative fee or as the case may be, hostel fee and transport fee, etc.</u>	Not exceeding Rs.950,000
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) Applicant desirous of admission in private medical and dental institution shall submit a wealth statement of either parent/guardian, equivalent to five years tuition fee, income tax return of either parent / guardian and shall also submit insurance certificate to ensure the payment of fees for the remaining duration the course in case of demise of parent/guardian.

(6) A public and private medical and dental institution shall, against foreign quota seats **from foreign students or overseas Pakistani students**, 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**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Fee and charges</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>(1)</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(3)</b>
1.	Annual tuition fee per student all inclusive of university examination fee, university retention/ affiliation fee or, Academic / administrative fee or as the case may be, hostel fee and transport fee, etc.	Not exceeding USD18,000
2.	One-time admission fee.	Not exceeding Rs.50,000
3.	Prospectus fee.	Not exceeding Rs.3,000

(7) The copy of deposit slips of fee and charges in respect of every registered 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.

(8) If a student is being overcharged or being asked for donation / bribery he/she may file a complaint to PM&DC under intimation to the Admitting University. Upon satisfaction that the college is guilty of misconduct, the college shall be liable to penalty under the Ordinance/ Law.

(9) Where a student has deposited fee and joins or does not join classes but, within fifteen working days on the commencement of classes, informs in writing to 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 one time admission fee and a student from waiting list may be admitted against this vacant seat in accordance with merit.

(10) Where a student who has paid the fee and joins classes and thereafter leaves the medical or dental institution within three months of the admission, such student shall be entitled to 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 such vacant seat in accordance with merit. Such occurrence and subsequent admission is to be brought to the knowledge of the Council by the Admitting University.

(11) 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. Admissions against dropout students seat.**— No institution shall be allowed admissions against drop out or vacant seats.

**14. Cancellation of Admission**

- (a) If any document/information provided by the candidate is found false/fake/ fabricated at any stage of MBBS/BDS admissions and /or during the course of studies, the admission of the candidate shall be cancelled and he/she will be debarred from admission for a period of seven (07) years besides initiation of any action under the law including criminal proceedings against him/her.
- (b) If the candidate is found medically unfit at any stage of MBBS/BDS course, the admission of the candidate shall be cancelled on the recommendation of the appropriate Medical Board to be constituted by the Admitting University on case to case basis.
- (c) If a candidate fails to report for admission and/or deposit the fee on due date, the admission of the candidate shall be cancelled.

**15. 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 more than five years. A student joining the MBBS or BDS course after a study gap of three years shall re-take his/her last professional examination subject to a degree being completed within a ten year cumulative period.

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/her 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.

A recognized medical or dental college shall be responsible to create house job vacancies annually in its teaching hospital equivalent to its approved annual intake.

(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. In Government teaching hospitals without medical/dental colleges, house jobs can be created on a bed strength as specified in institutions accreditation performa of PM&DC.

(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
2.	Module – II	in medical allied departments is optional and up to candidate/institute's choice/convenience. Total three months duration
3.	Module – III	of three months in general surgery is compulsory
4.	Module – IV	in surgical allied departments is optional and up to candidate/institute's choice/convenience. Total 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 separately 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 paediatrics 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	Prosthodontics and allied	Three months
2	Operative dentistry and allied	Three months
3	Orthodontics and allied	Three months
4	Oral and maxillofacial surgery and allied	Three months

(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.**— The foreign medical and dental graduates shall have to first get the equivalence of their foreign qualification from the Council. 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 Ministry of Nation Health Services, Regulations and Coordination and will be required to complete one year mandatory house job or internship from within or outside Pakistan, in the hospitals approved for house job by the Council from the date of issuance 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 there shall be no house job/ internship in parent institute without honorarium. An institute may however provide house job / internship to graduates of other institutions depending upon its capacity but shall not be responsible for paying the graduates of other institutes. 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 to a foreign medical or dental graduate or Pakistani student studying medicine or dentistry at foreign institute unless registered with PM&DC as foreign student for the period of clerkship / observer ship.

## EXAMINATION

### PREAMBLE:

Evaluation is an essential part of the education process. These should be regular internal evaluation. The students should be evaluated in all 3 domains – cognitive, affective and psychomotor. The principles of internal evaluations should be uniformly applied by all medical colleges.

The Purpose of evaluation should be:

1. To give feed back to the students about their understanding of the course material. This purpose can be achieved by regular internal evaluation of each assignment or course.
2. To certify that the students have successfully completed the training and have achieved the objectives of the educational program as defined.
3. To determine the success of the teaching program.
4. To motivate and encourage students to direct their own learning.

In order to achieve the objective, it is mandatory to adopt the following process:

1. Continuous internal assessment consists of appropriate evaluation at the end of each assignment, term, stage of course of the curriculum. Proper record of internal evaluation should be maintained and the scores obtained in these tests should contribute **at least** 10% of final total score of the candidate. Final university examination of each subject should contribute **a maximum of** 90% to the total score and the students should score passing marks on the aggregate of the total marks.
2. Whatever may be the system of marking for all examinations throughout the medical course the percentage of pass marks in each subject should not be less than 50- i.e 50% in Theory and 50% in practical (including psychomotor and affective domain).
3. All professional are to be conducted by the university. The first professional examination shall be at the end of first academic year and second professional examination shall be at end of second academic year, **where an academic year shall be at least 9 calendar**. Any student who fails to pass the first professional MBBS examination and second professional MBBS examination in four chances each or does not avail the chances despite being eligible for each examination shall cease to pursue further medical education in Pakistan.
4. No student can be promoted to the higher classes unless he passes all the subjects of the previous classes.
5. No student should be eligible for a university examination without having attended 75% of each of the lectures, demonstrations, tutorials and practical or clinical work both in patients and out patients.
6. No grace mark should be allowed in any examination or practical under any guise or name.
7. There should be no more than two professional university examinations in an academic year.
8. Maximum number of eligible examiners from amongst the teachers may be involved in the internal evaluation examinations.
9. Written examination should consist of MCQs, Short structured essays, extended essays including OSCE/OSPE/long case/TOACS/short case
10. Clinical and practical examinations should include standardized multiple station examinations.

11. The final MBBS Examination in Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, and Obstetrics & Gynecology should not be further sub divided.
12. The clinical examination in medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, Ophthalmology and ENT should be held in PM&DC approved teaching hospitals.
13. At least four academic years should intervene between the dates of passing the first professional examination and the final professional examinations.
14. The final professional examination is not to be taken before the close of the fifth academic year of medical students.
15. At least 50 % of marks must be credited by external examiners/ assessors while assessment of written, oral and practical parts of university examinations.
16. Examiners for all subjects should be appointed from a list of examiners not below the rank of Asst. Professor. The number of external examiners and internal examiners shall be equal. The number of internal and external examiners should at least be one for a group of 100 (one hundred) students.
17. The external examiner should be a Professor or Associate professor of a recognized medical/dental college or at least an Assistant Professor with three years teaching experience in relevant subject.
18. The internal examiners for various subjects should be professor and head of Department who have been involved in teaching of the class being examined for at least six months and have delivered 50% of the total lectures. Second preference is Associate Professor / Assistant Professor who is involved in teaching of the class and posted there for one year. Third preference is a recognized professor of the subject.
19. Preparatory leave should not exceed one month in all professional examinations.
20. The result of each examination should be declared within one month of the last practical examination.

**23. Penalty for contraventions of regulations.–**

(1) 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/Law.

**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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