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NATIONAL ADMISSION SCHEDULING COMMITTEE OF PMC CONFIRMS CONSENSUS ADMISSION DATES FOR 2022-23 MEDICAL AND DENTAL COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

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The National Admissions Scheduling Committee of the Pakistan Medical Commission at its meeting held on Friday 15th July at PMC Head Office by consensus decided the admission schedule for the 2022-23 admission to medical and dental colleges. It was also decided that admissions of all Public Medical Colleges shall be started from 17th October 2022 and shall be fully concluded by 31st December 2022 including all special seats. The admission to Private Medical Colleges shall be concluded by 31st January 2023. Thereafter, admissions to Public Dental Colleges shall be concluded by 14th February 2023 and finally admissions to Private Dental Colleges shall be concluded by 28th February 2023. Colleges and Universities as per regulations are at liberty to initiate the application process at any time after May 2022.

The MDCAT exam result will be declared on 7th October 2022 with over 200,000 students across Pakistan and internationally registered to take the MDCAT exam. Students who gave the MDCAT exam in 2021 will also be able to use their 2021 results equivalenced to 2022 MDCAT when applying for admissions. For admission to public colleges, each Province or territory shall determine the merit structure based on the student having qualified the MDCAT at 65% for admission to medical colleges and 55% for admission to dental colleges. Private colleges/universities frame their individual merit criteria for admissions subject to again students having qualified the MDCAT as per notified eligibility for medical and dental programs.

As per regulations framed by the Medical & Dental Council, the National Admissions Scheduling Committee consists of a total of 11 members. The members of the Committee are; Dr. Allah Rakha (Punjab-UHS), Prof. Jawad Ahmed (KPK-KMU), & Prof. Riaz Ahmed Shaikh (Sindh-), Prof. Dr. Zahir Khan Mandokhail (Balochistan Admission Committee), Prof. Mulazim Hussain Bukhari (AJ&K Admissions Committee), Prof. Moosa Khan (Federal Capital Territory-SZAMBU), Brig. Azhar Shams (NUMS), Prof. Dr. Abdul Rasheed Mian & Mr. Ghulam Noorani (nominees of the private medical colleges), and Dr. Ali Farhan & Dr. Muhammad Rizwan Saghir Chatha (nominees of the private dental colleges). The meeting was attended by Dr. Allah Rakha, Prof. Jawad Ahmed, Prof. Dr. Zahir Khan Mandokhail, Prof. Riaz Ahmed Shaikh, Prof. Mulazim Hussain Bukhari, Brig. Azhar Shams, and Dr. Ali Farhan. The Executive Member PMC and the Member Licensing PMC assisted the Committee.

The Pakistan Medical Commission as part of continuing efforts to establish consensus based benchmarks for medical and dental colleges earlier this year had framed regulations for forming of the National Admission Scheduling Committee. The Committee has representation of all Provinces representing the public colleges and representation of private medical and dental colleges. Every private medical and dental college was requested to submit nominations. Two persons each receiving the highest number of nominations from medical colleges and dental colleges were notified to the Committee.

Misleading rumours about a boycott appeared in some press reports on Friday attributed to PAMI. PMC refutes the rumours as baseless as it's the prerogative of the colleges to nominate representatives which they did and from amongst them members were appointed to the Committee. The misleading reports allegedly stated that the boycott was for the reason that PAMI members wanted 3 weeks time between close of public medical admission and private medical admissions and 2 weeks time between close of public dental admission and private dental admissions, in that order. The order of admissions for public and private colleges had already been notified by PMC as part of its admission policy and regulations earlier in the year and the Committee in fact granted a time of 4 weeks between close of public and private medical admissions and 2 weeks time between public and private dental admissions. It is highly unfortunate that such misleading rumours are spread to undermine the work of the national regulator, which is being carried out not only for the benefit of the colleges but more so for the thousands of students while ensuring highest merit corresponding to the objective of developing quality, and not merely quantity, of doctors in Pakistan.