



Pakistan Medical Commission
Foreign Colleges' Recognition and Licensing Pathways

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PRESS RELEASE

Foreign Undergraduate Colleges' Recognition Categories and Licensing Pathways

[Islamabad, 4th February 2021]: The Pakistan Medical Commission (PMC) has made notable strides with respect to assessment of foreign colleges. The pathways to licensing, incorporating the category of colleges assessed, have been placed on the PMC website. Any foreign graduate seeking to apply for licensing to practise Medicine and Dentistry in Pakistan shall be required to follow the designated licensing pathways.

The licensing pathways established by PMC are in line with recognized international standards adopted by well regulated jurisdictions around the world. For the purposes of the 5 different pathways, PMC has placed the assessed foreign undergraduate medical and dental colleges in 3 distinct categories.

Category A represents colleges and qualifications offered by these colleges that have been assessed and accredited at multiple levels by internationally recognized accreditation agencies and by recognized national regulators. **Category B** represents colleges and qualifications that are recognized by national regulators; however, these colleges do not have a second tier independently assessed accreditation and verification, pursuant to inspection of these colleges. **Category C** represents colleges and qualifications that neither currently fulfil the necessary accreditation and recognition standards applicable to Category A or B of colleges nor are they offering qualifications which are licensable in their own countries.

Countries have been categorized in two lists for purposes of providing robust licensing pathways; **List 1** representing countries with a stringent internationally recognized licensing regulatory framework. All other countries are placed in **List 2**.



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As the medical and dental licensing regulator, PMC constantly strives to maintain the quality of licensing of healthcare professionals in Pakistan. It should be noted that an institution, based on its accreditation status in its own country, may shift from one list to the other in the future, based on international accreditation assessments, as well as those conducted by PMC.

For more information regarding the licensing pathways, as well as the categories of colleges and lists of countries, you can visit:

www.pmc.gov.pk/Colleges/ForeignUnderGraduateColleges