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Subject: **ADMISSION COMMITTEE FOR MBBS & BDS IN PRIVATE COLLEGES**

A public notice has been brought to our notice issued by Jinnah Sindh Medical University inviting applications from all students seeking admission to private medical and dental colleges in Sindh.

As per the contents of the public notice students shall be required to apply to Jinnah Sindh Medical University for purposes of admissions to private medical and dental colleges and such admissions shall be undertaken by an Admission Committee apparently notified by the Health Department, Government of Sindh relying ostensibly on an Order No.SO (ME) I-I-AP/2021-22 dated 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 of the Health Department, Government of Sindh.

It is further stated in the said public notice that students with 50% or higher marks in MDCAT shall be eligible for admission relying on a notification No.SO (ME) I-I-AP-2021-22 dated 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 issued by the Health Department, Government of Sindh.

This public notice issued by you is not only directly in conflict with the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Pakistan Medical Commission Act, 2020, the PMC Regulations but also directly in conflict with the law as laid down conclusively by the August Supreme Court of Pakistan and the Honourable High Court of Sindh.

The public notice has unfortunately caused grave and unnecessary confusion amongst the students. This notice is therefore, required to be withdrawn on an immediate basis for the following reasons;

1. Neither Jinnah Sindh Medical University (JSMU) nor the Admission Committee or the Health Department of the Government of Sindh are legally mandated to undertake admissions in private medical and dental colleges. Under Section 18(3) of the PMC Act 2020 the admissions to private medical colleges is to be undertaken by the private colleges directly as per the criteria submitted in advance by each college. JSMU, the Admission Committee or the Health Department of the Government of Sindh cannot by way of a notification amend the PMC Act, 2020. Any attempt by JSMU to undertake admissions in private medical or dental colleges will amount to not only usurping a right of the private medical and dental colleges but further in direct violation of the PMC Act, 2020.



2. As has been previously advised by the Commission, the Health Department of the Government of Sindh does not have the power to alter the admission criteria laid down in the PMC Act 2020 requiring the mandatory qualification of MDCAT as per the result declared by the Pakistan Medical Commission. This is in direct contravention of the Judgment of the August Supreme Court of Pakistan in CP No.4944 of 2021.
3. The Health Department of the Sindh Government or the Sindh Cabinet as has been referred to in the public notice do not have the Constitutional or legal authority to take such decisions relating to the regulation of medical education or practice which is exclusively a federal subject as has been held conclusively by the Honourable High Court of Sindh in the Judgment titled '*Naila Maqbool Laghari vs. Government of Sindh*' reported as PLD 2018 Sindh 391. Therefore, any notification issued to such effect as referred to in the public notice would be in direct violation of not only the afore referred Judgment but further contrary to the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.
4. Each private medical or dental college in Pakistan is required to be mandatorily recognized and accredited by the Pakistan Medical Commission and are so regulated. Each medical or dental college is hence answerable to the Pakistan Medical Commission in respect of its actions including any violations of the PMC Act, 2020 or regulations framed thereunder in terms of admissions carried out by the college. Any attempt by JSMU to undertake such admissions acting as proxy of the private medical and dental colleges would amount to JSMU attempting to provide albeit an illegal umbrella to such colleges undertaking illegal admissions by way of admitting students who have failed the MDCAT exam. As JSMU is not registered with or regulated by the Pakistan Medical Commission by its said actions any illegal admissions undertaken and processed by it would be non actionable by the Commission while in turn attempting to lend protection to colleges in which such illegal admissions are carried out through JSMU. Be that as it may, the Commission has already informed the private medical and dental colleges that in the event of acceptance of any admission carried out by any third party including JSMU or accepting any student who has not qualified by the MDCAT as per result announced by PMC, they shall be acting in direct violation of the PMC Act 2020 and hence shall be liable to having their registration with the PMC terminated with immediate effect.

For the reasons stated above, and to avoid any further confusion for the students seeking to obtain admission in medical and dental colleges in Sindh, it would be in public interest to withdraw the public notice issued by you in this respect.

Notwithstanding the withdrawal of such notice by you, all private medical and dental colleges have been put on notice to ignore the said notice and carry out their admissions directly and strictly as mandated by the PMC Act, 2020 and the regulations framed thereunder. Any college acting in violation of the same shall be liable to immediate penalty whereas any student admitted to a private medical or dental college by JSMU pursuant to the referred public notice shall not be registered with the Commission and nor will such admission be considered as valid or capable of future regularization.

We hope and expect that the University will act strictly in accordance with the dictate of the Judgments of the August Supreme Court of Pakistan and Honourable High Court of Sindh and the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the law applicable.

Sincerely,



Secretary

Pakistan Medical Commission

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1. Secretary, M/o NHR&C, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Kohsar Block, Pak Secretariat, Islamabad.
2. Al-Tibri Medical College, Karachi.
3. Faculty of Medicine & Allied Medical Sciences/Isra University, Hyderabad.
4. Indus Medical College, Tando M. Khan.
5. Jinnah Medical & Dental College, Karachi.
6. Liaquat College of Medicine & Dentistry, Karachi.
7. Liaquat National Medical College, Karachi.
8. Muhammad Medical College, Mirpurkhas-Sindh.
9. Sir Syed College of Medical Sciences for Girls, Karachi.
10. United Medical & Dental College, Karachi.
11. Ziauddin Medical College, Karachi.
12. Hamdard College of Medicine & Dentistry, Karachi.
13. Baqai Medical College, Karachi.
14. Suleman Roshan Medical College, Tando Adam.
15. Altamash Institute of Dentsitry, Karachi.
16. Baqai Dental College, Karachi.
17. Bhattai Dental & Medical College, Mirpurkhas – Sindh.
18. Dental College, Sir Syed College of Medical Sciences for Girls, Karachi.
19. Jinnah Medical & Dental College, Karachi.
20. Liaquat College of Medicine & Dentistry, Karachi.
21. Fatima Jinnah Dental College, Karachi.
22. Isra Dental College, Hyderabad.
23. Ziauddin Dental College, Karachi.
24. Muhammad Dental College, Mirpurkhas – Sindh.
25. Dental Section, Hamdard College of Medicine & Dentistry, Karachi.
26. Member Education, National Medical Authority, PMC.
27. Spl. Assist. to the Vice President/ President, PMC.