

“Lahore High Court Judgment on eligibility Criteria for admission and fee to be charged by Private Medical Colleges - ABWA Knowledge Case”

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Lahore High Court in the case of ABWA Knowledge Pvt. Limited and others has settled the two main contentions raised by the Petitioner, i.e. whether the requirement of MDCAT was mandatory for seeking admission to a medical or dental college and whether private medical colleges were at a complete liberty to charge any fee.

The Hon'ble High Court has been pleased to hold that the contention of the private medical college that Section 18 (3) of Act exempts the Private Medical Colleges from MDCAT is misconceived. Section 18 (1) of the PMC Act provides MDCAT as mandatory requirement for All Students seeking admission to Medical or Dental under graduate program.

So far as the objection of the Petitioners with regard to fee structure of all medical and dental colleges is concerned, the Hon'ble High Court has held that Section 19(7) of the PMC Act deals with the fee (breakdown of fee of entire program of study for the students who are seeking enrollment/admission in those medical colleges). It is also imperative for all the medical colleges prior to initiating annual admission process to publicly declare the fixed tuition and all ancillary fee structure for the entire program of study. All medical colleges to submit their annual financial statement to the Authority. So far as the Regulations No.24 to 29 of the PMC Admission Regulations are concerned, the same are in continuation and explanation of Section 19(7)(8) and of the Act as these Regulations bind the medical colleges to give justification of fee fixed by them to PMC. The Hon'ble High Court further held that “prima-facie it appears that the Petitioners want to get liberty of unchecked authority regarding fixation of fee as per their own wishes, which under the law is not permissible.”

In view of above, ABWA medical college is required to follow the admission process laid down in the PMC Admission Regulations in letter and spirit and that the said medical college cannot admit students on its own and the only way to apply for admission to this college is through the PMC portal.

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