

PAKISTAN MEDICAL COMMISSION
Mauve Area, G-10/4,
Islamabad



**ORDER IN THE MATTER OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST ABWA MEDICAL
COLLEGE FAISALABAD REGARDING ADMISSIONS IRREGULARITIES FOR
THE SESSION 2020-21**

1. This order shall dispose of the proceedings initiated against Abwa Medical College, Faisalabad on the basis of admission irregularities brought to the knowledge of the Pakistan Medical Commission through the complaints filed by the students/candidates and the court cases pending before the different benches of High Courts in Pakistan.
2. Pakistan Medical Commission (the "Commission") established under Section 3 of the Pakistan Medical Commission Act, 2020 is the exclusive regulator to provide for the regulation and control of the medical profession and to establish a uniform minimum standard of basic and higher medical education and training and recognition of qualifications in medicine and dentistry.
3. Numerous complaints were filed with the Commission regarding admission irregularities which included admissions after closing of admission deadline, admission in program other than chosen by student, lack of transparency in interview process and merit lists, seeking fee deposit before completion of admission process, imposing unfair terms and conditions regarding fee charged to students and such other matters.
4. In view of abovementioned students' complaints filed with the Commission and concerns raised by the High Court, it was decided to hold a hearing in the matter to determine whether the admission process adopted by the private colleges is in contravention of the PMC Admissions Regulations Amended 2020-21 (the "Admission Regulations"). A hearing notice was issued to Abwa Medical College to appear to the avail the opportunity of hearing on 08-04-2021 along with the following record:
 - All merit lists issued by the college
 - Final list of admitted students
 - Complete list of interviews held along with detail of marks
 - Copies of fee deposits bank challan receipts of admitted students
 - Bank statements of all accounts of college from 1st February to 30th March 2021



5. Representative of the college appeared on the scheduled date of hearing and submitted a letter dated 07-04-2021 stating that;

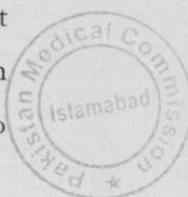
“it is not practically possible to proceed in the matter due to paucity of time. Further, it may be noted that almost entire staff of accounts department is currently not available on account of Covid-19.....

the Notice does not provide any insight on the issue (if at all) allegedly raised in the complaints against college purportedly received by Pakistan medical Commission with respect to admission in the session 2020-21.

Keeping in view the above, to further proceed in the matter in accordance with law, it is requested that the alleged complaints (as mentioned in paragraph 3 of the Notice) be shared with the College and a reasonable time preferably a period of ten days may kindly be allowed afterwards to properly respond thereto.

This response is without prejudice to any and all rights/remedies that the college may have under the law.”

6. During the hearing, the college was warned on its non cooperative behavior. It was made clear that hearing notices have been issued to sixty one colleges and all of them have appeared for hearing and also submitted the required documents within the time frame given in the notice except Abwa Medial College. Further, it was categorically made clear in the hearing notice that no adjournment will be given and in case the college does not attend the hearing or provide documents, admission of the college shall be suspended. The College is answerable for the process it has adopted for admission to the regulatory authority irrespective of individual complaints therefore, the ground taken that in the absence of the complaints being shared it shall not respond is also not tenable. Therefore, the request of the college as contained in the letter as a whole is not tenable and the college was therefore, instructed to submit the requisite documents immediately which the representative of the college agreed to.
7. Later, matter was also discussed with the Mr. Asim (Admission Branch) of the college and clear instruction was given vide email dated 09-04-2021 to submit the requisite documents mentioned in the hearing notice dated 05-04-2021. However, the college has continued to ignore the demand for information and repeated instructions issued by the regulator and failed to submit the required information/documents.
8. Notwithstanding the College’s conduct as noted above, the College has failed otherwise to submit the final list of students admitted to the College in an appropriate manner. The merit list submitted by the college does not provide sufficient detail as to what criteria has been applied to prepare merit list. The College had sought to challenge the right of the PMC to



regulate admissions before the Hon'ble Lahore High Court in Writ Petition No. 54112 of 2020. The Hon'ble Lahore High Court vide Judgment dated 21-12-2020 dismissed the said Writ Petition and held that the PMC being the regulator has the power and authority to regulate admissions. The Intra Court Appeal No. 5251 of 2021 instituted by the College against the said Judgment was also dismissed vide Judgment dated 26-01-2021 of the Hon'ble Division Bench of the Lahore High Court. Consequently, the College has no basis to continue refusing to abide by the Admission Regulations and directions of the Commission to submit its final admitted list of students.

9. Consequently, the failure of the College to submit the requisite information/data of admitted students, and hence avoiding scrutiny of its admission process raises a serious apprehension that admissions have been carried out in patent violation of the Admission Regulations. Therefore, Abwa Medical College is directed to submit the complete record as mentioned in the hearing notice issued to it on 05-04-2021, within three (03) days of issuance of this Order, failing which admissions of Abwa Medical College for the session 2020-21 shall stand cancelled permanently and no student shall be registered as admitted to Abwa Medical College for the 2021 Session by the Commission. Furthermore, if it is found that the College has misrepresented to students as to regular admission to the College and obtain any fee from them the matter will be referred to the Medical Tribunal for taking cognizance of the same.

