

## **Pakistan Medical Commission**

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The Secretary
Government of the Pakistan,
Ministry of National Health Services,
Regulations & Coordination,
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Kohsar Block, Pak Secretariat,
Islamabad.

## Subject: Federal Government Special Program for Foreign Students

There exist some Special Programs initiated by the Government of Pakistan through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Economic Affairs Division under which foreign students from specific countries and Indian Occupied Kashmir, under bilateral or other approved arrangements, are selected for admission in medical and dental colleges in Pakistan.

The students for these Special Program are selected in collaboration with the authorized entity or authority in the foreign country or by the Government of Pakistan agencies and do not apply for admission as regular students in Pakistan.

The Pakistan Medical Commission has already clarified that any foreign nationals selected under these Special Programs by the Government of Pakistan shall be permitted to be placed in public colleges over and above the allocated strength of the college subject to;

- a) The Provincial Government/ Public College confirming the number of seats allocated for these Special Programs in response to requests issued by the Government of Pakistan or its authorized agency and the over and above allocation notified to the PMC for record; and
- b) The students admitted under these Special Programs shall be registered temporarily with the Pakistan Medical Commission as 'Special Foreign Students' and shall not be retained on the student register after having completed their degrees and house jobs, if they so elect to do a house job in Pakistan as part of their degree programs.
- c) Foreign Students admitted to medical or dental programs under these Special Programs on over and above seats shall not be eligible for the National Licensing Exam or grant of a Full License in Pakistan irrespective of having obtained an MBBS or BDS qualification from a Pakistani college.

The Government of Pakistan and the Provincial Governments are requested to strictly follow the policy when allocating seats for these special programs and admitting foreign students against these special programs.

In addition, it is requested that all such Special Programs as approved by the Government of Pakistan may be notified to the Pakistan Medical Commission through the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination to ensure the students so admitted and retained by colleges are duly regulated for record.

Kind regards,

Secretary

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## Copy to:

- The Chief Secretary, Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan, AJ&K and Gilgit Baltistan.
- The Secretary Health, Government of Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan, AJ&K and Gilgit Baltistan.
- The Chairman, Higher Education Commission, H-9, Islamabad.
- The Vice Chancellor, Public Sector Universities, Federal, Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa & Balochistan.
- The Director, Economic Affairs Division, Red Zone, Islamabad.
- The Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Constitution Avenue, G-5/1, Islamabad.
- Member Education & Evaluation, National Medical Authority, PMC.
- Member Examination, National Medical Authority, PMC.
- P.S. to the President, PMC.