



**Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (Assessment of Undergraduate  
Medical and Dental Institutions) Regulations, 2025**

*Islamabad, the of\_\_\_\_, 2025*

In exercise of the powers conferred in section 47(2) clause (h) of the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Act, 2022; the Council, is pleased to make the following regulations.

**PART-I  
PRELIMINARY**

**1. Short title and commencement.** (1) These regulations may be called the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (Assessment of Undergraduate Medical and Dental Institutions) Regulations, 2025.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

**2. Definitions.** (1) In these regulations, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context, -

a) "**Act**" means the Medical and Dental Council Act, 2022;

b) "**An attached hospital**" means an attached teaching hospital of a medical / dental institution.

c) "**Approved hospital**" means a hospital, or an institution included in the Fourth Schedule;

d) "**Council**" means the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council constituted under this Act;

e) "**Dental institution**" means an institution, recognized under this Act, within or outside Pakistan, which trains for, or grants, or both trains for and grants, degrees or diplomas in dentistry;

f) "**Executive Committee**" means the Executive Committee constituted under section 16 of the Act;

g) "**Inspector**" means a medical or dental Inspector appointed under Sub-Section 1 of Section 32 of the Act;



- h) **“Medical institution”** means any institution recognized under this Act, within or outside Pakistan, which trains for or grants, or both trains for and grants, degrees or diplomas in medicine;
- i) **“Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (M/o NHR&C)”** means Ministry as referred in various provisions of the PM&DC Act, 2022;
- j) **“Pakistan university”** means any university established in Pakistan under applicable Pakistan law and having a constituent medical or dental college or both;
- k) **“President”** means President of the Council;
- l) **“Registrar”** means the Registrar of the PM&DC under section 14 of the PM&DC Act, 2022;
- m) **“Recognized medical qualification”** means any basic medical qualification included in the First Schedule;
- n) **“Recognized dental qualification”** means any basic dental qualification included in the Third Schedule;

## PART-II

### PROCEDURE AND PROCESS OF EVALUATION / ASSESSMENT OF UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL AND DENTAL INSTITUTIONS

#### 3. Applications for recognition.

An institution desirous of seeking recognition under the PM&DC Act, 2022 shall apply by submitting an application in the prescribed format, along with the required documentation in the following terms;

(1) **Application for recognition of a medical institution in Pakistan.** An institution desirous of recognition as a medical institution for grant of recognised medical qualification (MBBS), shall under section 21 of the PM&DC Act, 2022, apply to the Federal Government through Minister Incharge (M/o NHR&C) for the same. The M/o NHR&C after being satisfied that the application is complete shall transmit the application to the PM&DC. After fulfilling the criteria of recognition such medical institution shall be included in the First Schedule by the Federal Government through notification in the official Gazette of Pakistan.



*Provided that the application in above terms shall reach the PM&DC through the M/o NHR&C by 31<sup>st</sup> May of each calendar year.*

**(2) Application for recognition of a dental institution in Pakistan.** An institution desirous of recognition as a dental institution for grant of recognised dental qualification (BDS), shall under section 29 of the PM&DC Act, 2022, apply to the Federal Government through Minister Incharge (M/o NHR&C) for the same. The M/o NHR&C shall transmit the application to the PM&DC. After fulfilling the criteria of recognition such dental institution shall be included in the Third Schedule by the Federal Government through notification in the official Gazette of Pakistan.

*Provided that the application in above terms shall reach to the PM&DC through the M/o NHR&C by 31<sup>st</sup> May of each calendar year.*

**(3) Application for recognition for teaching hospital for house job in Pakistan.** A hospital/institution desirous of recognition as an approved Hospital or teaching Institution for house job shall apply to the Federal Government through Minister Incharge (M/o NHR&C) for the same under section 22 of the PM&DC Act, 2022. The M/o NHR&C shall transmit the application to the PM&DC. After fulfilling the criteria of recognition such hospital / institution shall be included in the Fourth Schedule by the Federal Government through notification in the official Gazette of Pakistan.

*Provided that the application in above terms shall reach to the PM&DC through the M/o NHR&C by 31<sup>st</sup> May of each calendar year.*

**(4) Application for enhancement of seats of a medical or dental institution in Pakistan.** (a) A recognised medical or dental institution desirous of enhancement of its annual number of seats shall apply to the PM&DC as per minimum defined standards of accreditation / recognition.

*Provided that the application in above terms shall reach to the PM&DC by 31<sup>st</sup> May of each calendar year.*

(b) The Private Sector Medical Colleges shall not be allowed for more than 150 MBBS seats and Private Dental College shall not be allowed for more than 75 BDS seats.



**(5) Continuation of recognition of a medical / dental institution in Pakistan.** A recognised medical or dental institution desirous of continuation of recognition with the Council, shall have to maintain the Council-defined minimum standards of accreditation / recognition. The PM&DC shall assess infrastructure / examination periodically to all recognised institutions imparting medical / dental education as deem appropriate.

*Provided that an institute requesting for enhancement of its seats may apply for the same once their first batch has been passed out.*

**(6) Inspection of Examinations.** A recognised medical / dental institution imparting medical / dental education shall each year intimate / notify the PM&DC within 7 days of the issuance of the datasheet about its calendar of professional examination. The PM&DC may inspect each and every examination of the institution.

**(7) Change of name of an institution / affiliating university.**

(a) A recognized institution intending to change its name or affiliating university shall formally apply to the PM&DC requesting for change of name of the institution / affiliating university.

(b) For Private medical / dental colleges, the following documents with new name shall be required:

- i. Ownership documents or Lease agreement (minimum 33 years).
- ii. Governance structure.
- iii. Copy of the approved map of college building from the relevant authority.
- iv. Recommendations / Notification of the concerned affiliating university.
- v. A Registration certificate from the Security and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP).
- vi. Bank Guarantee of required amount with the college name.
- vii. Change of title of account, along-with supporting documents for working capital and endowment fund etc.
- viii. A notarized stamp paper shall be provided by the Principal of medical/dental institution mentioning that if any document found fake/forged/ tempered at any stage, action shall be taken as per law.

(c) For Public medical / dental colleges following documents with new name shall be required:

- i. Approval / recommendations from the Federal/Provincial government.
- ii. Governance structure in compliance with applicable government regulations.



iii. Recommendations/Notification of the concerned affiliating university

(d) The Inspection Department of the PM&DC may seek any additional information, as it may deem appropriate.

**(8) Change of name of a recognized teaching hospital.**

(a) A hospital recognized for **medical / dental training / education** for undergraduate study desirous of a change of its name shall formally apply to the PM&DC requesting approval of change of name of the hospital.

(b) For Private Hospitals, the following documents, reflecting the proposed new name shall be required:

- i. Proof of ownership documents (self-owned Hospital)
- ii. Executed lease Agreement (Affiliated hospital/s)
- iii. A certified copy of approved site plan of hospital building issued by relevant authority.
- iv. A Registration certificate from the Security and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP).
- v. Letter regarding approved bed strength issued by the relevant Healthcare Commission.
- vi. Valid certificate from the Pakistan Nuclear Regulatory Authority (PNRA).
- vii. Bank Guarantee of required amount, reflecting the new hospital name.
- viii. A notarized stamp paper shall be provided by the Head of institution mentioning that if any document found fake/ forged/ tempered at any stage, action shall be taken as per law.

(c) For Public Hospitals, following documents shall be submitted in relation to the new name:

- i. Official Approval/Notification issued by the Federal / Provincial government.
- ii. Approval/Notification of the relevant Healthcare Commission

(d) The Inspection Department of the PM&DC may seek any additional information, as it may deem appropriate.

**(9) Change of University affiliation.**

(a) Any private medical and dental college may obtain affiliation with any university having a duly recognized medical faculty and university's territorial jurisdiction.



(b) Subsequent to recognition if any institution intends to change its university affiliation for any reason, it shall apply to the PM&DC along-with the Act or charter of the relevant university, affiliation agreement between the college and university and approval of the Federal/Provincial government/relevant authority.

(c) Upon verification of the documents, an inspection of the new proposed university (if not previously recognized) shall be convened in line with university Accreditation Standards approved by the Council and the matter along-with inspection report shall be placed before the Executive Committee/ Council for consideration/ approval.

(d) If a medical/dental college intends to change affiliation with already recognized university there shall be no need of inspection of university and the case shall be placed before the Council for change of affiliation of university only.

#### **4. Transmission of application through the Ministry.**

The Federal Government through the Minister-in-charge shall transmit to the Council the applications submitted by institutions for recognition as defined under Regulation 3(1), (2), (3) after being satisfied that the application is complete and is in accordance with the prescribed procedure.

*Provided that the applications for continuation of recognition and enhancement of seats of a medical institution shall be furnished to the Council for consideration.*

#### **5. Scrutiny of Applications.**

(1) Scrutiny of all applications shall be conducted in accordance of the Standards approved by the Council.

(2) The Legal and Finance Departments of the PM&DC shall scrutinize the applications to ensure compliance with the prescribed standards of accreditation / recognition.

(3) Compliance with the legal and financial requirements of the institution shall be a pre-requisite and must be completed prior to an inspection.

(4) The Inspection Department will verify essential documents and may ask the institution to provide any additional information, as it may deem appropriate.

(5) The Faculty Department of the PM&DC shall provide status of Faculty of an institution at least three days prior to the inspection. A faculty member not holding



a faculty registration certificate shall not be considered as a recognized faculty at the date of inspection.

(6) A notarized stamp paper shall be provided by the Head of institution mentioning that if any document found fake/ forged/ tempered at any stage, action shall be taken as per law.

## 6. Inspections.

(1) (a) The PM&DC shall inspect all medical / dental undergraduate institutions and teaching hospitals for house job as per Council approved minimum standards of accreditation / recognition for the purpose of initial recognition, continuation of recognition, inspection of examination, change of affiliation of university (in case of a new / unrecognized university) as per Council approved minimum standards of accreditation of university and surprise inspection, etc.

(b) All routine inspections shall be scheduled ahead of time after fulfillment of mandatory requirements under the applicable law and standards made thereunder. It shall be the duty of the Inspection Department of the PM&DC to ascertain the date of inspection after fulfillment of codal formalities, for the institutions which may be inspected;

(c) In case of examination inspections, it shall be the duty of Inspection Department of the PM&DC to ascertain from the institutions and examining bodies the dates and places of every examination which may be inspected. All examining bodies shall submit a detailed schedule of examinations as soon as they finalize it.

Provided that for inspection of the institution for continuation of recognition the inspection section of PM&DC shall propose schedule for the inspection of such institution.

(2) For each inspection, an institution shall be given a prior notice of two weeks in writing.

*Provided that a surprise inspection shall not require a prior notice and may be ordered by the President PM&DC at any time given the following:*

(a) Major deficiencies identified in previous inspection reports and the time period given to rectify deficiencies has lapsed;

(b) In case of multiple complaints against the institution.

(c) Due to any other appropriate reason.



(3) A fee as prescribed by the Council shall be charged from the institution to cover the expenses incurred on the inspection.

(4) The inspection shall be carried out over a span of two days maximum or as per the requirement of the inspection,

(5) (a) A list of inspectors from all over the country shall be compiled by the inspection department and shall be approved by the Executive Committee under section-32(1) of the PM&DC Act-2022. The list may be reviewed by the Executive Committee at any time.

(6)(a) The President shall commission medical / dental inspectors as mentioned in rule 5 to inspect/assess the facilities for training available at the medical or dental institutions and to attend any or all of the examinations held by medical or dental institutions in Pakistan recognized under the Act for the purpose of granting recognized medical or dental qualification;

(b) Each inspection team shall comprise of a minimum of six experts including a clinical sciences expert, a basic sciences expert, a medical educationist, a biomedical engineer, a civil engineer / architect and a hospital management expert; provided the President may commission a greater number of inspectors. The date of inspection shall be decided by the President PM&DC;

(c) From amongst the inspectors the President shall designate one inspector to be the convener with the responsibility of framing recommendations for the Executive Committee after consulting other inspectors;

(d) In case of verification of rectification of deficiencies, the President can commission any number of inspectors as per deficiencies pointed out.

(e) As approved by the President, every inspector shall receive from the President a formal commission in writing under the seal of the Council, specifying the purpose of inspection of institution / examination, which (s)he is required to inspect and to report thereon to the Executive Committee of the PM&DC;

(f) For the purpose of inspection each inspector shall be made acquainted with previous reports of the institution / examination/ teaching hospital (where applicable) for which (s) he is appointed to inspect;



(g) Each inspector shall sign a “no conflict of interest declaration” prior to the inspection and shall attend in person the institution / examination / teaching hospital which (s) he is required to inspect;

*Provided that in case of examination inspection, such institute can be inspected online.*

(h) Inspectors will compile a comprehensive report about the facilities for training in the institution / process of examination and shall not interfere with conduct of any examinations.

(i) An inspector may accept ordinary hospitality, but may not accept hospitality of boarding and lodging from any official of the institution in which he is conducting an inspection;

(j) For inspection of an examination, it will be the duty of an inspector to set forth in his reports in order all necessary particulars as to the questions proposed in the written, oral and practical parts of each examination inspected by him, the cases and the appliances provided for clinical and practical examinations, the arrangements made for invigilation, the method and scale of marking, the standard of knowledge shown by successful candidates and generally all such details as may be required for adjudicating on the scope and character of the examination;

(k) For inspection of institutions it will be the duty of an inspector to set forth in his reports in order all necessary particulars as to the questions proposed in the evaluation proforma, and generally all such details as may be required for adjudicating on the scope and character of the institution;

(7) The inspection team shall be accompanied by a facilitator / coordinator from the PM&DC, who shall ensure that the report is duly signed by the convenor and the inspection team on the same day the visit is concluded and shall ensure safe custody of the report until his/ her return to the PM&DC Secretariat.

(8) The inspection team shall report to the Executive Committee on the standard of the institution/ teaching hospital and examination inspected which that attend and on the courses of study and facilities for teaching provided by the medical or dental institution/ teaching hospital and examination inspected for different stages leading up to examinations and on any other matters in regard to which the President or the Executive Committee may require them to report.



(9) The Executive Committee through Inspection Department shall forward a copy of any such report along with recommendations to the medical or dental institution concerned.

(10) The inspection report, observations of the inspection team, remarks / recommendations of the Executive Committee and the response of institution along with a copy of such documents as it may deem necessary shall be placed before the Council for a decision.

(11) Reports of inspectors shall be deemed confidential unless in any particular case the Council otherwise directs.

(12) For the purpose of recognition, a copy of every report of an Inspector, with the observations of the institution concerned, and the opinion of the Executive Committee thereon, shall, after approval by the Council, be forwarded to the Federal Government along with its recommendations.

(13) Upon receiving recommendations from the Council, the Federal Government through Minister-in-charge shall grant recognition to such institution /teaching hospital as provided under the relevant section of the PM&DC Act, 2022.

(14) The notification for the grant of recognition may also direct that an entry shall be made in the last column of the relevant schedule of the Act against such institution/ teaching hospital and medical /dental qualification granted by it, declaring that it shall be a recognized medical/ dental institution or qualification only when granted after the date of notification.

(15) No institution shall admit a student unless granted recognition by the Federal Government and in case of enhancement of seats, unless communicated by the Council.

*Provided that the notification / letter for the seat enhancement shall be issued by the PM&DC Council.*

(16) In case an institution is barred by the Council for intake of students, the same shall be considered by the Council for recall once the reason of stop/suspended intake is resolved.



### PART-III DECISION MAKING BY THE COUNCIL

#### 7. Meeting of the Executive Committee.

The inspection reports of the institution shall be placed before the Executive Committee as and when its meeting is held at Islamabad or at such other place as the Executive Committee may, from time to time, decide and on such dates as may be fixed by the President, PM&DC. Once the Executive Committee has considered / reviewed the inspection reports observations of the inspection team shall be shared with the institution.

#### 8. Meeting of the Council.

Once the response on the observations of the inspection team are received from the institution; the inspection reports along-with response of the institution regarding rectification of the deficiencies by a college shall be placed before Council presided by the President as and when its meeting is held at Islamabad or at such other place as the Council may, from time to time, decide and on such dates as may be fixed by the President, PM&DC.

*Provided that the President may allow agenda item to be circulated to the Executive Committee / Council through circulation for consideration. The Executive Committee / Council may grant approval or comment on the agenda item within 03 days.*

#### 9. Agenda.

The Inspection Department of the PM&DC shall ensure that the agenda placed before the Executive Committee and Council is complete in all respects and includes all necessary documents required to make an informed decision.

**10. Decision.** (1) The discussion and decision of Executive Committee and Council regarding any institution shall be preserved in the form of printed minutes, which shall be authenticated by the Executive Committee and Council and after confirmation, by the signature of the Registrar.

(2) The Council shall have the power to grant recognition to medical and dental institutions in Pakistan which train or grant or both train and grant medical and dental and to the qualifications granted by these institutions leading to registration of the graduates of those programs to practice medicine and dentistry in Pakistan.

(3) The Council may, of its own motion or otherwise, call for and examine the record of any proceedings in which an order has been passed by any officer,



committee or board of the Council for the purpose of satisfying itself as to the correctness, legality or propriety or any finding or order and may pass such orders as it may deem appropriate.

(4) All institutions at the time of seeking recognition for undergraduate medical and dental programs of study based in Pakistan are to comply with the accreditation standards defined by the Council and thereafter consistently maintain the standards.

#### **PART IV. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTY**

##### **11. Stop Intake and Withdrawal of Recognition.**

(1) If a recognized medical or dental institution is found to be in violation of these regulations, or the facilities for training for the courses of study or standard of examination in the institution has deteriorated to such an extent that the standard of proficiency required from candidates at any examination held is not such as to secure to persons the knowledge and skill requisite for the efficient practice of medicine or dentistry, the Council may stop further intake of students in the institution.

(2) The Council may forward a summary of its findings and its intent to the medical or dental institution with an intimation of the period within which the medical or dental institution may submit its explanation to the Council and may request for a hearing before the Council if it so desires.

(3) If the Council is not satisfied with the explanation, then it shall make a recommendation to the Federal Government through the Minister-in-charge for closure of the institution to which shall include a scheme for adjustment of students in other recognized institutions of the corresponding public or private sector, as the case may be.

(4) On the recommendations of the Council, the Federal Government through the Minister-in-charge may, by notification in the official Gazette, direct that an entry shall be made in the First, Second, Third, Fourth or Fifth Schedule, as the case may be, against the said medical or dental or a postgraduate institution and qualification granted by it, hospital or continuous professional development opportunity provider declaring that it shall be a recognized medical, dental or additional medical



or dental qualification, institution, hospital and continuous professional development opportunity provider only before the date of notification.

(5) In addition, if any recognized institution violates the provision of these regulations, the Council may reduce the number of seats of an institution not fulfilling / maintaining the standards of medical / dental institution. Such reduction of seats may be for a limited time period for a specific session or till any further order passed by the Council.

*Provide that in case of stop intake and reduction of seats, an institution shall have to be re-inspected for the Council to make any subsequent decision.*

**12. Establishment and running of medical and dental institutions without recognition.**— No person shall run nor establish any institution for training or grant or both training or grant of medical or dental qualifications, additional medical or dental education, training for house job, internship or foundation year or an organization for continuous professional development opportunity providing neither shall any university grant affiliation to any such an institution nor any such institution shall award any degree unless recognition has been granted to such college or institution under the Act.

**13. Penalty.**—(1) Whoever runs or establishes or endorses any institution or advertises admissions in an institution for imparting education in medicine or dentistry, which is not recognized under sections 21, 22, 25, 26 or 29 or in respect of which recognition has been withdrawn under section 33, shall be guilty of an offence punishable with rigorous imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years, but shall not be less than one year, or with fine which may extend to twenty million rupees, but shall not be less than ten million rupees, or with both and shall also be liable to closure of such institution.

(2) Where any contravention of this Act has been committed by a body corporate or institution and it appears from the relevant documents that such offence has been committed with the consent or connivance of or is attributed to any negligence on the part of any director, partner, manager, secretary or other officer of the body corporate or institution, such director, partner, manager, secretary or other officer of the body corporate or institution shall be deemed guilty of such contravention along with the body corporate or institution and shall be punished accordingly:



Provided that in the case of a company as defined under the Companies Act, 2017 (XIX of 2017), as amended from time to time, only its chief executive shall be liable under this section.

**Explanation.**—For the purposes of this section, “body corporate or institution” includes a firm, association of persons and a society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (XXI of 1860) as amended from time to time, or under the Co-operative Societies Act, 1912 (II of 1912), as amended from time to time.

**Repeal:-** The medical & dental council 2007 regulations and Medical and Dental Institutions (recognition, eligibility criteria for enhancement in annual admissions and accreditation standards) Regulations, 2012 are hereby repealed.

All orders made proceedings taken & Acts done under the previous regulations & council decisions shall deems to be & always to have been validly made or done.

Sd/-  
**Registrar**

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**Annual Schedule for Inspection**

Application for inspection should be received before 31<sup>st</sup> May of each year.

- i. For Initial recognition through Ministry
- ii. For Seat Enhancement apply directly to PM&DC

Scrutiny of documents by PM&DC office within fifteen days of receipt of application and communicate the deficiencies to the concerned institution, if any.

<b>First Phase</b> 01 <sup>st</sup> Jun — 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	<b>Second Phase</b> 01 <sup>st</sup> Sep — 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Third Phase</b> 01 <sup>st</sup> Dec — 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>Fourth Phase</b> 01 <sup>st</sup> Mar — 31 <sup>st</sup> May
If college fulfil the requisite requirements during this quarter, the inspection will be carried out otherwise the case will be considered in Second Phase	If college fulfil the requisite requirements during this quarter, the inspection will be carried out otherwise the case will be considered in Third Phase	If college fulfil the requisite requirements during this quarter, the inspection will be carried out otherwise the case will be considered in Fourth Phase	If college fulfil the requisite requirements during this quarter, the inspection will be carried out otherwise the case will be considered in First Phase of next year

