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- 1. Admissions to Public Sector Medical and Dental Institutions of the Punjab are regulated by the Government through an Admission Board comprising Vice Chancellors and Principals of all public sector Medical & Dental Institutions of the Punjab. Currently, the Vice Chancellor, University of Health Sciences (UHS), Lahore, is the Chairman Admission Board. The Admission Board submits its recommendations with regards to the admissions process on yearly basis to the Government of the Punjab which after the approval of Chief Minister Punjab, become the Admission Policy for that session. The admissions are carried out strictly in accordance with this Admission Policy which is reflected in the Prospectus.
- Currently, the University of Health Sciences Lahore (<u>www.uhs.edu.pk</u>) is responsible for conducting the Admission Test (MDCAT) and finalizing the selection of candidates for MBBS and BDS in Public Sector Medical and Dental Institutions respectively.
- 3. Admissions to the public sector medical/dental colleges Institutions is strictly merit-based, with no discretion, whatsoever, vested in any authority.
- 4. The Admission Process starts every year with an advertisement in the major newspapers of the country. It usually appears on the Last Sunday of June or First Sunday of July. The advertisement is also uploaded on UHS website. It contains details about the application procedure and schedule of admissions.

5. <u>Admission Test (MDCAT)</u> :

i. The Medical & Dental Colleges' Admission Test is a standardized admission test which is mandatory for admission to MBBS and BDS programme in all public and private sector medical and dental institutions (except otherwise provided in the regulations) according to the regulations of Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PM&DC). It is a two and a half hour (150 minutes) paper based test that is offered once a year. The test is administered by the University of Health Sciences (UHS), Lahore, on behalf of the Government of the Punjab. UHS is responsible for producing and marking the test, and also facilitating an extensive province-wise centre network at which the candidates can sit the test.

- It is mandatory for candidates having domicile of any district of Punjab to appear in this Admission Test for admission against Open Merit, Disabled, Under-Developed Districts and Reciprocal Seats in Public Sector Colleges and for Local Seats in Private Sector Colleges of the Province.
- iii. The candidates desirous for admission against Overseas/Foreign seats in Public as well as Private Sector Medical and Dental Institutions can either appear in the Admission Test or in lieu of Admission Test they can present their SAT II scores (which must not be less than 550/800 in Biology, Chemistry and Physics/Mathematics each) or American MCAT scores (which must not be less than 24 in old scoring system and 498 in new scoring system in aggregate (43 or above percentile)). The validity period for SAT II/MCAT scores is 02 years. This means that scores declared before 1st October 2015 shall not be acceptable for admissions for the session 2017-18. It is also to be noted that these scores are a prerequisite for admissions. The results declared after the last date of submission of Admission Forms for Public sector Medical/Dental Institutions shall not be acceptable.

6. Admission Procedure:

- The Admission Process in Public Sector Medical/Dental Institutions begins in October after the declaration of HSSC Part II result by all the Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education in Punjab.
- UHS invites applications from eligible candidates for admission against Open Merit and Reserved Seats including Disabled, Under-Developed Districts, Reciprocal (for Punjab-domiciled candidates) and Overseas/Foreign Seats as per the schedule advertised earlier.
- iii. The merit is worked out as per the regulations of Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PM&DC), and is based on the aggregate percentage of the candidates worked out by adding the marks in the following ratio:

Matriculation (SSC or Equivalent)	_	10%
HSSC/F.Sc (Premedical or Equivalent)	_	40%
Admission Test/SAT II/American MCAT	_	50%

 iv. The Formula for calculation of merit is as follows:
 <u>Marks obtained in SSC /Equivalent</u> x 1100 x 0.10 = 10% of SSC/Equivalent Total marks of SSC/Equivalent

<u>Marks obtained in HSSC /Equivalent</u> $x 1100 \times 0.40 = 40\%$ of HSSC/Equivalent Total marks of HSSC/Equivalent

<u>Marks obtained in Admission Test /SAT II/MCAT</u> x 1100 x 0.50 = 50% of Test Total marks of Admission Test /SAT II/MCAT

10% SSC/Equivalent +40% HSSC/Equivalent +50% Admission Test = Agg. Marks

<u>Aggregate Marks</u> x 100 = Aggregate Percentage 1100

Example 1 :

Marks obtained in Matriculation	=	992 / 1050
Marks obtained in HSSC/FSc	=	980 / 1100
Marks obtained in Admission Test	=	970 / 1100

By applying the aforementioned formula:

992 / 1050 x 1100 x 0.10	=	103.92
980/1100 x 1100 x 0.40	=	392
970/1100 x 1100 x 0.50	=	485

Aggregate Marks = 103.92 + 392 + 485 = 980.92

Aggregate Percentage = 980.92 / 1100 x 100 = 89.1745%

Example 2 :

Equivalence of O-Level	=	812/900
Equivalence of A-Level	=	925/1100

SAT II Score	=	2100/2400
812/900 x 1100 x 0.10	=	99.24
925/1100 x 1100 x 0.40	=	370
2100/2400 x 1100 x0.50	=	481.25
Aggregate Marks	=	99.24 + 370 + 481.25 = 950.49
Aggregate Percentage	=	950.49/1100 x 100 = 86.4081%

- v. Final calculation in percentage will be rounded up to four decimal points.
- vi. No marks will be deducted for extra attempts availed in HSSC/FSc examination by the candidate beyond the period two years after passing the SSC/ Matriculation annual examination.

vii. Criteria for Open Merit Seats:

- a. The candidate must have a domicile of any district of Punjab or Islamabad (ICT).
- b. The candidate must have appeared in the Admission Test of the Punjab for the current session. SAT II/American MCAT are not acceptable for Open Merit Seats.
- c. The candidate must not have an aggregate percentage less than <u>84%</u> (excluding Hifz-e-Quran Marks) as calculated through PM&DC formula given above.

viii. Criteria for Seats Reserved for the Disabled:

a. The admission against these seats shall be carried out strictly on merit from amongst the Punjab-domiciled candidates who apply for these seats and who have appeared in the Admission Test for the session and passed HSSC/F.Sc. (Pre-Medical) or equivalent examination with a minimum of 60%(660/1100) marks. (The condition of minimum 84% aggregate score shall not be applicable in this case).

- b. The candidate shall have to attach a certificate from a government certified specialist about the nature of his/her disability. Such certificate, however, will only make him/her eligible to apply against the reserved seats.
- c. A Medical Board constituted by the Chairman Admission Board will make final decision about the eligibility of the candidate for admission against the reserved seats.
- d. The Medical Board shall consist of following committees each comprising 3 to 5 experts in the relevant filed:
 - i. Physical Disability Committee
 - ii. Visual Disability Committee
 - iii. Hearing Disability Committee
- e. Disability for the purpose of admission to medical and dental institutions is defined as a physical impairment that has a substantial and permanent, adverse effect on candidate's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities and puts him/her at disadvantage as compared to a normal person for acquiring education before entering a medical or dental institution. Here:
 - 'substantial' means neither minor nor trivial
 - 'permanent' means that the effect of the impairment is likely to last for the rest of the person's life
 - 'normal day-to-day activities' include mobility, manual dexterity, speech, hearing, seeing, understanding danger, and memory.
- f. The threshold of disability will be judged by the Medical Board, according to a structured criterion.
- g. The Merit List of disabled candidates shall be finalized on the basis of *inter se* merit.
- h. The decision of the Medical Board shall be final.

ix. Criteria for Under-Developed Districts' Seats:

- a. In compliance with the judgment of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, these seats have been reserved for the students of 06 districts of Southern Punjab including D.G.Khan, Muzzafargarh, Rajanpur, Lodhran, Bhakkar and Layyah.
- b. The candidate must have a **domicile** of the same District Area.
- c. The candidate must have studied, from class one to twelve, from the same district. He/she shall have to submit original certificates from Head Masters/ Principals of the concerned institutions where he/she has studied from class one to twelve. These certificates should be duly verified by the concerned EDO (Education) and DEO (Colleges), and countersigned by the Deputy Commissioner (DC) of the same district.
- d. Candidates belonging to those tribal areas where there are no high schools or colleges available or the facility for teaching science subjects does not exist, they must have obtained their education from Class-1 to Class-12 from the district in which their respective tribal area falls and have passed their SSC and HSSC examinations from the relevant Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education.
- e. The candidates from these areas can also apply against open merit seats if they have the required aggregate percentage. These reserved seats will be in addition to any number of candidates being admitted on open merit from these districts. The candidates from each of the above six districts, **admitted or not admitted on open merit**, can compete within their districts for reserved seats.
- f. The merit list of candidates of under-developed districts will be displayed on district basis after ascertaining merit from amongst the candidates of the specific district subject to fulfillment of all other requirements and after verification of their documents from the concerned authorities.
- g. The candidates eligible for admission against both open merit as well as reserved seats can avail only one seat. The Admission Board will allocate a seat to such a candidate purely on merit in a college of his/her choice

listed higher as per his/her order of preference in his/her admission form. For example, if a candidate is being admitted, according to his/her order of preference, in college number 10 on Open Merit, and in college number 8 on Under-Developed Districts' Seats, his admission will be finalized in the latter category. No application against the decision of the Admission Board shall be entertained afterwards.

x. Criteria for Seats reserved for FATA students:

- a. These seats are also reserved in compliance of the judgment of Supreme Court of Pakistan.
- b. The schedule of each academic session is advertised in the press by the Joint Admission Committee, Khyber Medical College, Peshawar in respect of (MBBS) seats reserved for FATA candidates in various Medical/Dental Colleges of the country.
- Applications will be submitted by the candidates directly to Joint Admission Committee, Peshawar for seeking admission in MBBS (1st year). Candidates cannot apply directly in Punjab.
- d. Candidates shall appear in the Admission Test of KPK and not of Punjab.
- e. A meeting of the Joint Admission Committee will be convened for conducting interview of the eligible candidates on the basis of their merit score of entry test etc. The choices and eligibility, etc., of the candidates will be considered during the aforesaid meetings of the Committee.
- f. A list each of Agency/FR-wise and joint/combined merit of the eligible candidates for seeking admission against (MBBS), FATA reserved seats will be submitted to the Ministry of SAFRON at least 10 days before the date of the meeting of the Committee. However, the merit lists shall not be disclosed for general public unless final notification in this regard to be issued by the Nominating Agency for admission to various Medical/Dental Colleges. Only result cards and certificates of the entry test marks shall be issued by the Joint Admission Committee on the request of the candidates.

g. In case a candidate nominated against FATA reserved seat does not avail the facility for which he has been nominated the Nominating Agency should be informed by him/her immediately failing which a penalty of debarring for one/two years will imposed on the defaulter candidate(s) for his/her future selection/nomination against reserved seats.

xi. Criteria for Seats reserved for students of Gilgit-Baltistan:

- a. The students of Gilgit-Baltistan apply to Directorate of Education, Gilgit-Baltistan for nomination against seats reserved for them in medical/dental colleges of the Punjab. They cannot apply directly for admissions in Punjab
- b. Candidates are required to appear in the Admission Test of the Punjab conducted by UHS.

xii. Criteria for Seats reserved for students of Azad Jammu & Kashmir:

- a. The candidates having domicile of any district of Azad Jammu & Kashmir and refugees of Jammu & Kashmir (having State Subject Certificate) shall have to appear in the State Entry Test conducted by the Government of Azad Jammu & Kashmir (w.e.f., session 2012-13), for admission against seats reserved for them in Punjab. They cannot appear in the Admission Test of the Punjab.
- b. Candidates shall apply to Joint Admission Committee, Muzaffarabad,
 Azad Jammu & Kashmir for nomination against these seats.

xiii. Foreign Students Seats under Pakistan Technical Assistance Programme (PTAP):

- 1. Foreign students and students of Pakistani-origin having dual nationality can apply against these seats if:
 - i. The applicant and his/her parents hold a permanent foreign nationality (dual nationality for Pakistani-origin applicants). In case of students from friendly countries, parents' nationality evidence is not required.

- The applicant has physically studied and passed HSSC/12th grade examination from outside Pakistan during his/her stay abroad, having a certificate from the institution last attended.
- iii. The applicant has scored minimum of 60% marks in HSSC/ 12th grade examination.
- iv. The applicant has either appeared in the Admission Test of the Punjab OR passed SAT-II examination with a minimum score of 550 in each subject i.e., Biology, Chemistry and Physics/Mathematics OR passed American MCAT with minimum aggregate score of 24 (498 or above as per new scoring system). The validity period of SAT II/MCAT scores shall be two years for the purpose of admission.
- v. The applicant has valid TOEFL or IELTS with a score of 500 or 5.5 respectively in case he/she has obtained his/her required qualifications from those institutions where the medium of instruction for these qualifications is not English (An alternate to TOEFL and IELTS is a certification by NUML Islamabad after one year English language course).
- The applicants seeking admission to medical/dental institutions of the Punjab under this category should submit their applications to the Government of Pakistan (Economic Affairs Division, Islamabad) which will make necessary selection and allocation on the basis of Merit/Choice/ Availability.
- The nominations against these seats, shall be communicated to the Health Department, Government of the Punjab, and Chairman Admission Board, by Economic Affairs Division, Islamabad, for onwards transmission to the concerned institutions.
- 4. Applications submitted directly to the Chairman Admission Board or to the Government of the Punjab, shall not be entertained.

xiv. Merit Seats for the Children of Overseas Pakistanis/Dual Nationality Holders of Pakistani Origin:

- (a) The Government of the Punjab, vide Notification No: S.O.(ME)9-4/2015, dated 10th August, 2015, has converted **76** Foreign Self-Finance Seats (72 MBBS and 04 BDS) already earmarked in public sector medical and dental colleges of the Punjab, into Open Merit Seats for the Children of Overseas Pakistanis/Dual Nationality Holders of Pakistani Origin with effect from the Session 2015-16.
- (b) The selection against these 76 reserved seats shall be made by the Admission Board for Government Medical/Dental Colleges of the Punjab through University of Health Sciences (UHS) Lahore.
- (c) The fee structure for these 76 reserved seats shall be the same as that for Open Merit Seats for local students. The detail is available in the Prospectus of the current session.

(d) Eligibility Criteria for Children of Overseas Pakistanis:

- (i) "Overseas Pakistani" is defined as any person holding a Pakistani Passport/ NIC/ NICOP/ POC or any other official document providing his/her Nationality and is stationed abroad.
- (ii) The candidate and/or his/her parents (real father and/or mother) have valid Residence Permit/*Iqama* of a foreign country duly verified by the Embassy of Pakistan concerned.
- (iii) The candidate and/or his/her parents (real father and/or mother) have valid Domicile of any district of Punjab.
- (iv) The Parents (real father and/or mother) have valid Overseas Pakistanis Foundation (OPF) membership.
- (v) Parents (real father and/or mother) should have not less than 05 years of continuous stay back from the date of submission of application, in a foreign country as verified by concerned Embassy of Pakistan. If they have resided in more than one foreign country

during last five years, they shall provide the certificates from all relevant Embassies of Pakistan.

- (vi) The candidate has passed HSSC (Pre-Medical)/ equivalent examination with minimum of 60 per cent marks either from abroad or Pakistan. The subjects in HSSC/equivalent examination must include Biology and Chemistry.
- (vii) The candidate has either appeared in the Admission Test of the Punjab for the current session or has appeared in SAT II examination scoring a minimum of 550/800 marks each in Chemistry, Biology and Physics/Mathematics or has cleared MCAT® of United States with an aggregate score of 24 or above (498 or above as per new scoring system). The scores of Admission Test of Punjab are valid for one year, that is, for current session only whereas the validity of SAT II and MCAT® scores is two years. (Note: For admission against local Open Merit seats appearance in Admission Test of Punjab is mandatory).

(e) <u>Eligibility Criteria for Children of Dual Ntionality Holders of Pakistani</u> <u>Origin:</u>

- (i) "Dual Nationality Holder" means a Pakistani citizen holding both Pakistani and Foreign citizenship/nationality with proof of such citizenship/nationality.
- (ii) The candidate and/or his/her parents (real father and/or mother) have dual nationality.
- (iii) The candidate and/or his/her parents (real father and/or mother) have valid Domicile of any district of Punjab.
- (iv) The candidate has passed HSSC (Pre-Medical)/ equivalent examination with minimum of 60 per cent marks either from abroad or Pakistan. The subjects in HSSC/equivalent examination must include Biology and Chemistry.
- (v) The candidate has either appeared in the Admission Test of the Punjab for the current session or has appeared in SAT II

examination scoring a minimum of 550/800 marks each in Chemistry, Biology and Physics/Mathematics or has cleared MCAT® of United States with an aggregate score of 24 and above (498 or above). The scores of Admission Test of Punjab are valid for one year that is for current session only whereas the validity of SAT II and MCAT® scores is two years. (Note: For admission against local Open Merit seats appearance in Admission Test of Punjab is mandatory).

xv. Reciprocal Seats:

a) Admission of students from other Provinces

Five (05) candidates from other provinces on reciprocal basis will be selected by the respective Provincial Governments.

The nomination against reciprocal seats will be communicated to the Secretary Health, Government of the Punjab by the respective Provincial Health Secretary. The candidates nominated for admission must have passed HSSC/FSc (Pre-Medical) or equivalent examination with at least 60% marks, and appeared in the admission test of their respective province.

b) <u>Goodwill seats of Balochistan</u>

As a goodwill gesture, the Government of Punjab has allocated **20 seats** for Balochistan domiciled students to be nominated by the Balochistan Government for admission in medical institutes of the Punjab on unilateral basis. The candidates nominated for admission must have passed HSSC/FSc (Pre-Medical) or equivalent examination with at least 60% marks, and appeared in the provincial admission test of Balochistan for the particular session.

c) Admission of Punjab domiciled students in other Provinces

Fourteen (14) students of Punjab will be admitted in medical colleges of provinces of Balochistan and KPK and the State of Azad Jammu and Kashmir.

Punjab-domiciled candidates applying for admission on Open Merit seats will also be eligible to apply for Reciprocal seats. They can opt for these colleges on the same Admission Form alongwith the medical/dental institutions of the Punjab. Separate applications will not be required. The Chairman Admission Board shall offer these 14 seats considering the merit and choices of candidates. The Selection list of these seats shall be displayed separately.

xvi. College Choice

- (i) When filling out the application, every applicant has to rank the medical and dental colleges in order of preference, starting with his/her first choice. In other words, all eligible candidates are allowed to list up the full names of medical and dental colleges in the order that they would like to be considered for admission.
- (ii) <u>The order of preferences once given shall be final and cannot be</u> <u>changed subsequently. This condition is mandatory and neither</u> <u>any subsequent change is entertainable nor any exceptions will</u> <u>be made.</u>
- (iii) Starting with the first preference, applicants will be assessed and ranked according to the merit for each college. A computerized matching process will allocate applicants meeting the minimum merit requirements a place to the highest listed preference for which they are eligible.
- (iv) Once offered a place to the highest listed preference, an applicant cannot demand admission to a college named lower in his/her preferred list.
- (v) An applicant, under no circumstances, shall be considered for a college, he/she has not named in his/her order of preferences. The Admitting Authority shall not assign a college by itself if the alternate choices are not indicated.
- (vi) Applicants are advised not to name their preferred college repeatedly in every space on the Admission Form. Similarly, it is also pointless to name only one college. In either case, the applicant

will receive a single place on the list for that college and it will not increase the chances of his/her being allocated a seat in that particular college.

(vii) Only those candidates applying for admission against Open Merit seats can opt for all the public sector medical/dental colleges of the Punjab. Those applying for admission against any category of reserved seats only (and not for Open Merit seats) can opt for only those colleges where these reserved seats are available.

xvii. Procedure for Submission of Admission Form

- (i) There is no need to submit separate admission forms for MBBS and BDS programmes. A candidate can only submit one form. Similarly, a candidate can apply for more than one category of seats on s single Admission Form.
- (ii) The candidates shall submit their Admission Forms by hand.
 Admission Forms received by post or shall by email not be entertained.
- (iii) Candidates must attach all the documents as given in the Prospectus with the Admission Form.
- (iv) Admission Form along with all required documents once submitted shall not be returned. Similarly, documents once submitted cannot be changed and shall be considered as final.
- (v) <u>Revision of result or improvement of marks by any Board after</u> <u>the closing date of submission of Admission Form shall not</u> <u>affect the merit list of admissions for the current year in any</u> <u>way. In other words, revised marks certificate shall not be</u> <u>acceptable after the closing date of submission of Admission</u> <u>Form. Similarly, results declared after the closing date of</u> <u>submission of admission forms shall not be accepted for</u> <u>admission in the current session.</u>

- (vi) A candidate can submit only one admission form. In case, he/she submits more than one form, the form(s) submitted subsequently will be rejected.
- (vii) Incomplete or unsigned Admission Forms will be rejected. NO form or document shall be accepted after the last date of submission of form.

xviii. Marks of Hifz-e-Quran

- (i) Twenty (20) marks will be added to HSSC/FSc or equivalent marks of a Muslim Hafiz-e-Quran subject to the verification of the same by a Committee comprising eminent Huffaz-e-Quran, constituted by the Chairman Admission Board.
- (ii) The Committee will conduct a structured test of the candidates who claim to be Huffaz-e-Quran.
- (iii) To appear in the test, the claimants will have to get themselves registered for the test at the University as per given schedule.
- (iv) Hifz-e-Quran certificate alone issued by any Madrassa is **NOT** acceptable for the award of twenty (20) marks.
- (v) Hundred percent (100%) proficiency in Hifz is required at the time of test by the candidate to attract the benefit of twenty (20) marks.
- (vi) As these Twenty (20) marks are to be added in FSc marks, therefore, the merit will be calculated by adding 40 per cent of Hifz-e-Quran marks (i.e., 08 marks) in the previous aggregate score of the successful candidate.
- (vii) The decision of the Committee shall be final in this regard.

xix. Selection and Admission of Candidates

 The candidate will be selected by the Admission Board. The decisions of Admission Board in respect of selection and admission shall be final.

- (ii) The Chairman Admission Board shall be competent to rectify any error or omission found in the Selection List.
- (iii) The selection of the candidates against open merit seats shall be made on the basis of Merit, Choice, Availability of seat, and in that order.
- (iv) Whenever two or more than two candidates are bracketed, i.e., they have exactly the same percentage after calculation, the one senior in age will be given preference to the other for the purpose of admission. In case the tie continues, higher score in Matriculation (SSC or equivalent) shall be preferred for admission.
- (v) There shall be separate Selection Lists for MBBS and BDS for open merit and reserved seats.
- (vi) Complaint, if any, against the selection list may be lodged within 10 days of the notification. No complaint will be entertained thereafter.
- (vii) If considered necessary, the Admission Board may call any candidate for interview at his/her own expenses.
- (viii) The Admission Board may refuse admission to any candidate who seems, for reasons to be recorded in each case at the time of interview, to be unsuitable or unlikely to become a good doctor. In case such a candidate is admitted, he/she can be struck off the rolls of the college, after issuing a notice to him/her to that effect.
- (ix) No intimation whatsoever about non-selection will be sent individually and no correspondence in this regard shall be entertained.
- Selected candidates will be issued call letters by concerned colleges for interview.
- (xi) "All selected candidates shall have to deposit all original documents including Matric, F.Sc, Domicile, Charter Certificate etc., at the time of interview/admission in the medical/dental college in which he/she has been selected alongwith attested copies of these documents. The signature and thumb impression of the concerned student on the back of attested copies of documents will be taken by concerned college committee (to be nominated by the concerned Principal). The original

academic documents etc, will not be returned to the students until and uncles:

- a) He/she will complete his/her MBBS/BDS education (after passing final year professional examination or otherwise;
- b) He/she have been debarred for further studies due to failure in 1st professional examination or otherwise;
- c) In case of cancellation of admission/studies due to bogus/fabricated documents, original documents shall, in no case, be returned to the candidate and shall only be handed over to police/investigating agency, if required, after taking qualified receipt."
- (xii) At the time of admission, every medical/dental students submit a Surety Bond worth Rs.three (3)million stating that he/she would serve Government of the Punjab, Health Department as "Probationary Medical Officer / Woman Medical Officer" in the primary healthcare facilities for a period of one year after completing the foundation year/house job. In case he/she fail to fulfil the commitment, he/she shall be liable to pay Rs.three (3)million to the Government". (Health Department Notification No.S.O.(ME)9-4/2015 dated 24th August, 2015).
- (xiii) The Medical Board of the respective medical colleges will examine selected candidates. If a candidate is disqualified medically, for reasons to be recorded, he/she will not be admitted. The Candidate must produce certificate to have been:
 - a. Inoculated against the enteric group of fevers within the preceding 12 months.
 - b. Fully vaccinated against Tetanus.
 - c. Fully vaccinated against hepatitis "B" virus.
 - d. Foreign students will have to produce a certificate of their HIV status from prescribed laboratories in Pakistan. If during the course of studies any student is found to be positive for HIV

infection, he/she shall be repatriated at his/her own cost to his/her country of origin.

- (xi) The parent(s) or legal guardians must accompany all the candidates at the time of interview.
- (xii) No candidate will be admitted unless he/she has paid the fee and other dues. All dues must be paid by the due date, otherwise the admission of defaulting students will be cancelled and next candidate on merit will be considered for admission.

(xiii) Admission Rules for already admitted students

- a. If a candidate already admitted in any medical/dental institution (public or private) of the country, wishes to get admission in Government Medical & Dental Institution of the Punjab, he/she will have to surrender his/her previous admission completely and will not be entitled to any credit of examinations passed as well as dues paid prior to fresh admission.
- b. He/she will have to appear in the Entrance Test afresh in the current year.
- c. He/she shall have to **disclose** his/her previous admission in the Admission Form and shall also have to declare (as per specimen given as **Annexure-III** of the Prospectus) that he/she will not be entitled to any credit earned on the basis of his/her previous admission.
- d. The candidate must not have exhausted all his/her chances to clear first professional examination and should be eligible to carry out further medical/dental education in Pakistan according to PMDC Rules and Regulations.
- e. Non-disclosure of previous admission shall result in cancellation of admission secured in the current session.
- f. Under no circumstances a student will be allowed to rejoin the surrendered course.

- (xiv) A student who is admitted to the first year MBBS/BDS class but is continuously absent from the beginning of the academic session for a period of **four weeks** without any valid reason shall be struck off from the college roll and his/her seat will be filled on the basis of merit from the waiting list.
- (xv) There shall be two or more rounds of selection of candidates depending on the availability of vacant seats.
- (xvi) For second or subsequent round no separate form will be filled by the candidates. The choices of colleges, once entered in the form by the candidate, shall be final and irrevocable. This final data shall be used in entire selection process for the admission to first year MBBS/BDS for the current academic year.
- (xvii) The candidate getting selected in previous round will be considered for betterment/up-gradation in the subsequent round. The betterment/up-gradation herein means the higher preference exercised by the candidate. The shift in such up-gradation shall be compulsory and mandatory and no exception, whatsoever, will be taken under any circumstances.
- (xviii) Request for mutual transfer or status retention or down-gradation is not permissible under any circumstances. Such requests will not be entertained.
- (xix) The selected candidate must join the college at which he/she is selected, on or before the date prescribed by the college authorities, failing which his/her admission stands cancelled. The selected candidate who has joined the college and wants to cancel the admission should cancel it, at the respective college. The college should accept the cancellation and inform the Chairman Admission Board alongwith copy of the cancellation letter immediately.
- (xx) A candidate, who is selected but does not join the college or cancels the admission after joining, is not eligible for further selection process.

If a seat falls vacant, the next candidate on merit in that category will be selected. Admission will be closed after a lapse of a period of three
 (3) months from the start of first year MBBS/BDS class. However, if any vacancy occurs as a result of a candidate having been struck off the college roll on account of securing admission by fraudulent means, it will be filled in to safeguard the right of the next person on merit list up to the end of the first year class. However, he/she will not be permitted to appear in first year examination till he/she has attended 75 per cent lectures and 75 per cent of practical classes held.

xx. Cancellation of Admission

- (a) The admission of the candidate shall be cancelled and he/she will be <u>debarred from admission for a period of seven (07) years</u>, if any document/information provided by the candidate is found false/fake/fabricated at any stage of MBBS/BDS admissions as well as during the course of studies.
- (b) The admission of the candidate shall be cancelled if it is found at any stage of MBBS/BDS course that the candidate was not entitlement for admission according to the admission policy for medical/dental institution of the Punjab.
- (c) The admission of the candidate shall be cancelled if the candidate is found medically unfit at any stage of MBBS/BDS course on the recommend of the appropriate Medical Board to be constituted by the University on case to case basis.
- (d) The admission of the candidate shall be cancelled if he/she fails to report for admission and/or deposit the fee on due date.