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To
The Registrar
Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Medical University
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Subject: Lowering of MDCAT pass percentage to 50%

Dear Registrar

This is in response to your advertisement titled "Admissions in MBBS & BDS Programs Session 2021-22 for Public Sector Medical & Dental Universities/ Colleges of the Province of Sindh". The advertisement clearly directs institutions "to admit candidates in MBBS/ BDS having marks not less than 50% in MDCAT-2021 only, for the session of admission 2021-22, for the candidates of Sindh Province".

The Pakistan Medical Commission would like you to note that the MDCAT passing percentage for the admission year of 2021-22 was set at 65% or 137 marks by the National Medical & Dental Council.

The Supreme Court of Pakistan in its Judgment in CP No.4944 of 2021 and read with Section 18(1) of the PMC Act 2020 ONLY Students who have passed the MDCAT as per result announced by PMC shall be eligible for admission to a medical or dental college. This applies to ALL public and private medical or dental colleges in Pakistan without exception.

Under Section 13(c) read with Section 18(1) of the PMC Act 2020, the National Medical and Dental Academic Board and the Medical and Dental Council have the exclusive authority to determine and set the standard and passing marks for MDCAT. No other entity or authority can vary or alter the standard or passing marks for MDCAT in Pakistan.

Any student admitted without meeting the eligibility criteria will not be registered with PMC and will result in not being issued a license to practice in the country. Under Section 18(2) of the PMC Act 2020, a student who has not qualified for their MDCAT shall not be granted an MBBS or BDS degree in Pakistan. The medical or dental degree will not be accepted locally or internationally.

Any public or private medical & dental admitting students who have not passed the MDCAT will be held liable under the court of law. This includes the cancellation of their accreditation and registration as a medical or dental college. Strict legal action will be taken against any colleges that accept such admissions and fail to follow the published admission criteria as per the regulations.

The decision by the Government of Sindh to lower the MDCAT pass percentage to 50% is not in accordance with the PMC Act 2020 passed by the parliament and the senate of the Government of Pakistan. The decision is in direct violation of the Supreme Court of Pakistan and the judgement passed by the highest judicial body of the country. No federating unit can act on its behalf and negate the laws of the country.

The decision to lower the pass percentage of the MDCAT by the Government of Sindh is detrimental to promoting excellence in the healthcare education standards in the country. Accepting a lower grade for entry into a medical & dental college permits the admitting of students who have not qualified for the rigorous training in medicine and dentistry required from candidates.

You are required to immediately make corrections in the advertisement so that it is in complete compliance with PMC regulations and policies failing which action will be taken as per the law.



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Cc:

- Vice Chancellor, SMBBMU
- Director Admissions, SMBBMU
- Secretary, PMC