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## NOTIFICATION

### ISSUES OF FOREIGN MEDICAL GRADUATES

Discussions were held between Dr. Faisal Sultan the SAPM Health, the Ministry of National Health Services & Regulation and the Pakistan Medical Commission on the issues raised by some foreign medical graduates. The Commission informed the SAPM Health that the Authority had much earlier of its own motion and after analysis of the last two NLE Step 2 results considered these core issues. The Authority has already on the recommendation of the President and Vice President of the Council, forwarded certain issues to the National Academic Board for consideration. The key issues pertain to the removal of mandatory stations in the NLE Step 2 and secondly enlarging the limit of attempts from 3 to a fixed time period within which unlimited attempts could be made by the applicant to qualify the NLE exams.

The National Medical and Dental Academic Board is the recommending authority on these issues and once it has considered the issues at its upcoming meeting, its recommendations will be placed on an urgent basis before the Medical and Dental Council for consideration and approval so that any change recommended may be implemented prior to the upcoming NLE exams scheduled for last week of March 2022.

As to the issue of passing marks of the NLE, the Commission confirmed that this was set at 70% by the Academic Board to ensure quality of the doctors being granted licenses in Pakistan and is the same as applicable to Pakistani Medical and Dental graduates, therefore it is unlikely to be reduced at this stage as the same would represent a reduction of quality which is contrary to the regulators mandate and obligation to the key stakeholders being the citizens of Pakistan.

At the request of the SAPM Health, the Authority is also publicly issuing the results of the students who failed the NLE Step 2 so that they are aware of their results.

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