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### Honourable Lahore High Court Reaffirms Legality of the National Licensing Examination (NLE) in Landmark Judgement

The Honourable Lahore High Court has held NLE applicable to all medical and dental students who graduated after 24 September 2020 irrespective of the fact they were admitted in medical or dental college before the promulgation of PMC Act 2020.

The Honourable Lahore High Court did not accept the plea of the petitioners that they were enrolled into medical undergraduate degree program during the tenure of defunct PMDC and the regulations existing at that time and that they are not required to undergo the test of NLE. The Hon'ble High Court has clarified that after the promulgation of PMC Act 2020 all matters for the grant of full license are to be governed under the said Act. The Hon'ble High Court has held that:

*“it would be unreasonable for any candidate who has passed the examination subsequent to its promulgation to allege that he or she was not governed by the provisions of the Act, 2020 which is applicable to all such students who passed the examination subsequent to the date of its promulgation”.*

The Hon'ble Court further observed that the question here is not regarding the prospectively or retrospectivity of the PMC Act 2020 but the real issue is the applicability of the law on the date when the petitioner completed his medical education. If the law applicable on that date was the PMC Act 2020 then the petitioner will be governed under the PMC Act.

