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The Pakistan Medical Commission held its first council meeting on Friday, 2nd October. Please find below official announcements as shared by the council:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- National MDCAT single exam to be held in the 2nd week of November by PMC. NUMS appointed as the examination providing entity on the basis of a common FSC syllabus of all provinces in Pakistan. Students can use the syllabus already announced by NUMS for their entrance exam.

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- Admissions Policy 2020-2021 approved by Council to regulate the admissions and fee structures.

Administrative

- Dr. Shaista Zeeshan appointed as Secretary to the Council on a 60-day contract or till such time as the permanent Secretary is appointed pursuant to a competitive process.
- Mr. Raza Shah appointed as Director IT on a 60 day contract or till such time as the permanent Member IT is appointed pursuant to a competitive process.
- Formation of the following committees of the Council;
 1. Human Resource & Administration Committee
 2. Finance Committee
 3. Examinations Committee
 4. Legal & Regulatory Committee.
- Transparent and merit based process for appointment of Members under Sec.15 PMC Act 2020 to be initiated immediately through the Human Resource Committee and to be completed within 45 days.

Examinations & Admissions

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EXACT DATE OF THE MDCAT EXAM WILL BE ANNOUNCED WITHIN A WEEK AFTER FINALIZING ALL LOGISTICS.
- Pass marks of MDCAT shall be 60%.
- Admission to all public or private colleges including all government notified quota seats shall be subject to mandatorily having passed the MDCAT exam.
- Admission to all public colleges will be held on merit by each Province between November and December.

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- Admissions of the constituent, administered and affiliated colleges of NUMS shall be carried out by NUMS based on merit and the NUMS Entry Test being conducted by NUMS on 11th October 2020 will be part of the admission criteria in addition to MDCAT. Similarly admissions of Agha Khan Medical College will be conducted by Agha Khan Medical University based on their declared prospectus subject to mandatory condition of having passed the MDCAT.
- Admission to all other private colleges for the 2020-2021 session will be conducted by PMC through a centralized automated system strictly on merit with MDCAT being given 50% weightage and balance weightage to FSC or alternative high school qualification.

Fee Structure

- Admissions Policy 2020-2021 approved by Council to regulate the admissions and fee structures.
- Proposed fees of all private colleges will be submitted to PMC and notified by PMC including tuition and all ancillary charges. These will be fixed for the period of the entire program for the students obtaining admission this year.

Licensing

- With immediate effect all applications to be made to PMC including licensing, renewals etc. shall be made available online for ease of applicants.
- All pending applications for licenses, renewals and certificates and verifications shall be processed on an urgent basis to be completed within four weeks.
- Students who are completing their house jobs as of 25th September 2020 shall not be required to take the NLE for grant of Full License.
- For granting permission to foreign graduates to seek a license, foreign colleges verification will be initiated on an immediate basis. Only students graduating from recognized foreign colleges will be permitted to take the NLE for grant of Full Licenses in Pakistan

International Admissions

- Students seeking admission to foreign colleges currently would be doing so at their risk and cost pending verification of these foreign colleges.
- On a report from the Pakistan Embassy in Kyrgyzstan, all medical colleges in Kyrgyzstan are currently placed on a restricted black list and degrees awarded shall not be considered by PMC as valid for purposes of grant of license to practice in Pakistan.

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