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PPRA finds the joint agreement between Pakistan Medical Commission and the technology partner as valid

The Committee of PPRA issued its Order on the 18th of October, 2021 in a matter referred to them by the Honourable Lahore High Court. The order stated that the Pakistan Medical Commission falls under the Public Procurement Framework and the joint venture agreement between PMC and technology partner is valid under PPRA laws.

The Committee of PPRA held that PMC is an autonomous body performing functions that are in connection with the affairs of the state. Thus, the collection of fees would be considered public funds under the PPRA laws. It held that the agreement is valid as it falls under the alternative method of procurement "in terms of conditions prescribed in the respective provisions of Public Procurement Rules, 2004 i.e., 42(c)(v), 42(d)(ii) and 42(d)(iii)".

The matter was referred to PPRA by the Honourable High Court to determine whether the Pakistan Medical Commission is amenable to the Public Procurement laws and if so whether the joint venture entered into by the Pakistan Medical Commission with a technology partner to enable the Commission to conduct its computer based examinations was a valid procurement.

