



PRESS RELEASE



Interim Agreement reached for the conduct and management of medical and dental programs at ISRA University and its constituent colleges; Al-Nafees Medical College Islamabad, Al-Tibri Medical College Karachi, Faculty of Medicine and Allied Medical Sciences, Isra University Hyderabad and Isra Dental College Hyderabad.

All persons involved with the management of ISRA University and its four constituent colleges Al-Nafees Medical College Islamabad, Al-Tibri Medical College Karachi, Faculty of Medicine and Allied Medical Sciences, Isra University Hyderabad and Isra Dental College Hyderabad agreed to an interim working framework to ensure that all the four colleges and the University fully comply with the regulatory requirements of the Commission and ensure that the students, their education and their well-being are not affected.

A hearing was held on the 19th of November 2021 at the Pakistan Medical Commission attended by all persons involved in the currently sub judice dispute relating to management and control of ISRA University along with the principals of Al-Nafees Medical College Islamabad, Al-Tibri Medical College Karachi, Faculty of Medicine and Allied Medical Sciences, Isra University Hyderabad and Isra Dental College Hyderabad. The hearing was called by the Commission in response to several regulatory violations pertaining to registration of students, holding of professional examinations and verifications required from the University under the PMC Act 2020 and relevant regulations framed thereunder.

During the hearing the Commission emphasized that the role of PMC is to regulate the process of admissions and to ensure the implementation and enforcement of the regulatory processes developed to protect the students and ensure they receive a quality education. Due to the ongoing dispute as to the control and management of the University which is currently sub judice before the Honourable Sindh High Court the management of the four colleges had caused serious concerns as the University had failed to fulfill some of the mandatory requirements imposed on it by law and correspondingly the colleges were failing in the delivery of their mandatory obligations. A failure to verify students admitted at two of the colleges in 2020 had severely delayed the registration of these students with PMC. Similarly failure of the University to hold final professional examinations at two of the colleges and such examinations being held by the colleges





PRESS RELEASE



directly were a violation of the mandatory requirement of ensuring proper examination leading to awarding of qualifications and degrees. The ongoing disputes had led to serious concerns regarding the management of the currently ongoing admissions which had led the Commission to call for the hearing.

All parties concerned agreed to an interim arrangement to ensure that all regulatory requirements were strictly fulfilled and the pending dispute would not affect the education of the students at the four colleges. The interim agreement will not prejudice the matters pending before the Honourable Court. A joint agreement submitted to the Commission undertook that:

- The University without any objection shall verify the student data uploaded by the representatives of respective colleges on the PMC Portal for the year 2020/2021. The data shall be verified in compliance with the PMC Medical and Dental Undergraduate Education (Admission, Curriculum and Conduct) Regulations 2021.
- For the admission of the year 2021/2022 the colleges shall be conducting the admissions and will upload the information of the admitted students on the PMC Portal which will be verified by the affiliating university without objection as per the PMC Medical and Dental Undergraduate Education (Admission, Curriculum and Conduct) Regulations 2021.
- A Joint Committee shall be constituted comprised of two members Dr. Abdul Sattar Memon and Dr. Asad Jiskani, which will be responsible for the conduct of final professional examinations on behalf of the University. The committee shall jointly perform the functions of the Controller of Examination for all campuses at Hyderabad, Karachi and at Islamabad.

The Commission thanked all parties involved with the University and the four colleges for their willingness to put aside their disputes to reach an interim working solution ensuring the well-being of the students and guaranteeing their education.

