

Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Economic Affairs

F.No. 1(8)FS/MBBS/BDS/2020-21

Islamabad, 4th March, 2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: ADMISSION OF FOREIGN NATIONAL STUDENTS IN MBBS/BDS 2020-21

The undersigned is directed to refer to Khyber Medical University (KMU) letter no. 808/Dir/Admissions/KMU dated 24th February, 2021 on the subject noted above. KMU had refused to enroll foreign students on the ground that their admission test score was less than 60% as prescribed mandatory by the Pakistan Medical Commission (PMC). In this regard, it is stated that the PMC's Admission Regulations (Amended) 2020, notified on December 23, 2020, provides that:

"2. Any student seeking admission in any medical or dental college shall mandatory be required to have passed the MDCAT examination held by Pakistan Medical Commission. The passing marks for the MDCAT examination shall be 60%, provided the mandatory requirement of having passed the MDCAT examination shall not apply to any student admitted on a quota seat on the basis of a government scholarship program for foreign students under bilateral agreements with other countries subject to such student not being entitled to apply for a Full License to practice in Pakistan".

2. The above referred regulation makes it abundantly clear that the mandatory condition of passing MDCAT with minimum 60% marks shall not be applicable to foreign students who are admitted under a bilateral arrangement with friendly countries under PTAP. This point was further clarified during a meeting held in the Ministry of Economic Affairs (MoEA) on March 2, 2021 and Chaired by the Secretary, MoEA, wherein the PMC agreed to relaxation in admission criteria on basis of confirmation by MoEA that these students have been nominated by the Government of Pakistan on a government sponsored PTAP Policy under a bilateral government-to-government arrangement.

3. Therefore, you are requested to take urgent next steps for the admission of foreign students, accordingly.

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- f) Rawalpindi Medical University, Rawalpindi.
- g) Sahiwal Medical College, Sahiwal.
- h) Faisalabad Medical University, Faisalabad.
- i) Nishter Medical University, Multan.
- j) Quaid-I-Awam Medical College, Bhawalpur.
- k) Sindh Medical College, Karachi.
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- o) Khyber Medical College, Peshawar.
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