

PM&DC STARTS CRACKDOWN AGAINST SUBSTANDARD MEDICAL AND DENTAL COLLEGES

PM&DC recommends closure of two medical and dental colleges

Islamabad 10th November 2017: The Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) have recommended closure of two medical colleges to the Ministry of NHRS&C. The following colleges are recommended for closure.

- **ABBOTTABAD INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL COLLEGE, ABBOTTABAD**
- **JINNAH MEDICAL COLLEGE, PESHAWAR**

The President PM&DC told media that the Council in its 156th meeting held on 09th November, 2017. The Council, after considering the recommendations of inspectors, unanimously decided that above mentioned colleges shall be recommended for closure on immediate basis and Federal Government will be informed to de-notify the college and scheme of adjustment of students will be decided within a week by the Committee constituted by the PM&DC.

He added that the Comprehensive / Surprise inspection reports of these colleges were placed before the PM&DC Council. He said that Abbottabad International Medical College, Abbottabad has gross deficiencies in the college. As per recommendation of inspectors the criteria of hospital was not up to the mark. The affiliated teaching hospital was 48.6 km from the Medical College. Which takes one hour to reach the affiliated hospital from the College, this was the major violation of Part V, Rule 17 sub regulation III of PM&DC regulation.

The deficiencies were communicated to the College for rectification as pointed out by the inspection team including own hospital. The Executive Committee granted six month time period to the college for rectification of deficiencies as per request of the college authorities but the college failed to rectify the deficiencies.

He added that the other college i.e **Jinnah Medical College, Peshawar** has been recommended for closure due to not fulfilling the minimum criteria of PM&DC. He said that both colleges have been recommended for closure according to the rules as mentioned under:

25. Substitution of section 22, Ordinance XXXII of 1962.— *In the said Ordinance, for section 22 the following shall be substituted, namely: -*

22. **Withdrawal of recognition.**— *(1) If a recognized institution is violating provisions of this Ordinance and regulations made there under or the facilities for training for the courses of study or standard of examination in the institution to obtain a recognized medical or dental qualification, additional medical or dental qualification, training for house job or internship or foundation year or in the continuous professional development opportunity providing organization has deteriorated to an extent that the standard of proficiency required from candidates at any examination held for the purpose of granting such qualification is not such as to secure to persons holding such qualification the knowledge and skill requisite for the efficient practice of medicine or dentistry, the Council may stop further intake of students in the institution and forward and summary of its findings and its intent to the medical or dental institution may submit its explanation to the Council and may request for a hearing before the Council if it so desires.*

- (2) *If the Council is not satisfied with the explanation then it shall make recommendations to the Federal Government for closure of the institution to which shall include a scheme for adjustment of student in other recognized institution of the corresponding public or private sector, as the case may be.*
- (3) *On recommendations of the Council, the Federal Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, direct that an entry shall be made in the First, Third, Fifth, Sixth or Seventh Schedule, as the case may be, against the said medical or dental or a postgraduate institution and qualification granted by it, hospital or continuous professional development opportunity provider declaring that it shall be a recognized medical, dental or additional medical or dental qualification, institution, hospital and continuous professional development opportunity provider only before the date of notification.*

He also apprised that PM&DC Council has reduced the seat allocation of **Pak International Medical College, Peshawar** after considering the recommendations of inspection reports, The Council unanimously decided for reduction of seats from 100 to 50 MBBS seats for session 2017-18. Furthermore, college will be re-inspected after three months for rectification of deficiencies pointed out by the inspection team.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr. Farhat', is located in the lower right quadrant of the page. The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.