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Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical
University, Islamabad.

Subject: **QUERIES OF ADMITTING UNIVERSITIES:**

Reference to the certain queries raised by Admitting Universities during the meeting held on 4th August 2019 with the Admission Board of PM&DC. The response to such queries are noted below:

1. In respect of Public Medical and Dental Colleges the policies of the respective provincial or federal governments relating to any applicable quota would apply to admissions to public colleges. PM&DC will not interfere with such public quotas fixed under provincial or federal government policies.

For further clarification, in respect of Private Medical and Dental Colleges, there are no applicable provincial quotas except those as approved by the PM&DC or notified by the Federal Government.

However, the Admitting Universities are directed to provide to PM&DC by or before 30th August 2019 all relevant policies issued by the respective provincial or federal governments in respect of public colleges falling under the domain of each Admitting University so that the same can be applied and ensured by the Admission Board during the admissions process.

2. The requirements imposed upon students seeking admission as Foreign Students shall be applicable upon admissions to be held in 2019 for the 2020 session without exception.
3. The requirement of SAT II for a Foreign Student is only applicable if the student applies on a Foreign Student seat. Any foreign student who wishes to apply on an open merit seat in addition to a Foreign Student seat will have to do so on the basis of having qualified in the Admission Test (MDCAT).
4. A Foreign Student will only be admitted if they qualify and fall within the overall merit. Any Foreign Student having a merit below the minimum qualifying merit will not be eligible for admission.
5. Seats allocated to each college for Foreign Students, if not filled on the basis of merit, will be transferred to the Open Merit / Self Finance allocated seats for Pakistani students.

6. A student obtaining a minimum of 70% marks in F.Sc. and 60% marks in MDCAT shall be eligible for being entered into the merit lists. The minimum aggregate score is calculated by adding the percentages achieved in F.Sc. and MDCAT and dividing by 2, i.e 50% weightage of the combined score. The minimum aggregate score that will be considered the minimum floor benchmark for a student to be entered into the initial 3 merit lists will be 70% for medical and 60% for BDS. Only after completion of the 3 initial merit lists, if there are seats that remain vacant, the Admission Board will reduce the minimum floor benchmark of the merit to allow students having obtained an aggregate score of between 65% to <70% to be entered into a final merit list for medical, and those that have obtained an aggregate score of between 55% and <60% to be entered into a final merit list for BDS, to be approved and issued by the Admission Board for the balance vacant seats.
7. The preferences are limited to 3 to avoid the chaos that unlimited choices created in the last admissions process. If a student qualifying within the overall merit of a merit list does not qualify for any of his given 3 preferences, the student will be allocated a college on the basis of their merit and the corresponding merit of the college matching such student merit. It will then be the option of the student to accept within 7 days such admission offered by depositing their fee. It is to be noted that there is no 'upgrading' applicable to the admissions as per amended regulations hence it is required to limit the preferences. Also a preference does not create an absolute right in favour of the student and this will be explained in the admission prospectus to be issued prior to opening of admissions process.
8. In respect of FMDC; the MDCAT result of the Admitting University of a student having the domicile of the relevant province on whose quota the student is applying for, will be accepted by SZAMBU. Therefore, a student having domicile of Sindh can apply through SZAMBU for a Sindh Quota seat in FMDC and for purposes of merit the student's MDCAT result issued by Liaquat University of Medical & Health Sciences shall be considered valid.
9. The Admitting University of Balochistan is Bolan University of Medical & Health Sciences. The Admitting University may enter into an agreement with any other Admitting University or any other recognized entity to assist in holding the MDCAT. However, PM&DC cannot change the notified Admitting Universities which will remain as notified by the respective Province or Federal or Territory Government.
10. PM&DC does not appoint Admitting Universities and does not hence stipulate the number of years an Admitting University can retain that status, as that is the decision of and by notifying authority being the Federal Territory or Provincial Government.
11. The Admission process is wholly separate to the MDCAT Admissions Test process. The admission process will be initiated in September 2019 as per schedule notified by the Admission Board. Currently there are no pre-conditions on students seeking to appear in the MDCAT Admissions Test such as F.Sc. results.
12. The Admissions process, including formation of merit lists and reporting of payment of fees and reporting to the Provincial Admission Committee and the Admissions Board, shall be finalized in consultation with the Admitting Universities by the Admission Board immediately after the completion of the first MDCAT exam on 25th August and before the 2nd MDCAT exam on 8th September.

Regards,

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Registrar

- P.S. to the President, PM&DC.