



Press Release (Pakistan Medical & Dental Council)

**PMDC 2nd Council Meeting Held: MDCAT proposed for 27th August 2023**

4th June 2023 Islamabad:

The Pakistan Medical & Dental Council held its 2nd Council meeting in Islamabad. The meeting was chaired by President PM&DC Dr.Rizwan Taj. During the meeting, the Council discussed matters related to National Registration Exam, and Medical Dental Admission Examination (MDCAT) followed by other matters.

The Council taking up the most important agenda Related to MDCAT decided and proposed to hold the exam on 27th August 2023. The Council decided that the syllabus of the MDCAT will remain the same as last year's exam. The Council directed all provincial secretaries to start preparing for the said exam. The decision was made keeping in view the larger interest of students. Last year, almost 204259 Students appeared in exams. According to estimates this year 210000 students are likely to appear in the exams making the system more transparent and merit-based public sector Medical Universities from all four provinces and ICT will again test the exams as per the provincial curriculum. The Council emphasized that, before exams, all stakeholders will be taken on board, I.e., public medical universities' examination departments, to ensure the secrecy of exams. The MDCAT paper difficult index will also be taken into consideration for ease of students without compromising merit this year to ensure that all provinces conduct exams without any trouble to students.

It was decided that NUMS shall be the admitting university responsible for admissions in all armed forces-administered medical /dental colleges /institutes. NUMS admission test shall be considered at par with the national MDCAT to be applicable only for admission in all armed forces administered medical /dental colleges. The meeting was attended by the following members: Prof.Dr.Amjad Siraj Memon, Prof.Dr.Muhammad Zubair Khan, Mr.Jawad Amin Khan, Barrister Ch.Sultan Mansoor, Mr.Noor ul Haq, Dr.Mahmud Aurangzeb, Prof.Dr.Tahmina Asad, Lt.Gen.Mohsin Qureshi Surgeon General ,Prof.Dr.Muhammad Shoaib Shafi Secretary Health Ministry of NHRS&C and all Provincial Secretaries /nominees