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## **Press Release (Pakistan Medical & Dental Council)**

### **PM&DC INTIMATE ALL MEDICAL & DENTAL PRACTITIONERS/ INSTITUTIONS/UNIVERSITIES NOT TO OFFER UNRECOGNIZED POST GRADUATE MEDICAL /DENTAL PROGRAMS**

4th July 2023, Islamabad: Pakistan Medical & Dental Council has written letters to all medical & dental Institutions / Universities to register themselves with PM&DC under section 25 of PM&DC Act for offering postgraduate programs.

On the directions of the Council the Registrar PM&DC has strictly refrained from all the colleges and universities, not to advertise / offer any unrecognized postgraduate medical and dental programs. In case of noncompliance to the intimation, PM&DC will initiate disciplinary proceedings under section 35(i) of PM&DC Act 2022 which states.

Section 35. Penalty.—(1) Whoever runs or establishes or endorses any institution or advertises admissions in an institution for imparting education in medicine or dentistry, which is not recognized under sections 21, 22, 25, 26 or 29 or in respect of which recognition has been withdrawn under section 33, shall be guilty of an offence punishable with rigorous imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years, but shall not be less than a year, or with fine which may extend to twenty million rupees, but shall not be less than ten million rupees, or with both and shall also be liable to closure of such institution.

Registrar PM&DC further stated that all medical /dental practitioners intending to acquire postgraduate medical /dental qualifications in Pakistan are informed to take admissions in PM&DC recognized postgraduate programs only. It is categorically informed that PM&DC shall register only those PG qualifications which are duly inspected and recognized by the Council and are included in the 2 schedule of PM&DC Act 2022.

He added PM&DC has set standards of excellence & continues to work towards implementing them in every Medical and Dental institute across Pakistan for both undergraduate and postgraduate education.

PM&DC will continue working towards the targets the PM&DC Council have set to raise the standard of medical and dental education and licensing in Pakistan while continuing to discipline individuals and organizations who do not meet the benchmarks of excellence set by PM&DC.

List of Recognized post graduate qualifications and DAI's are already available on PM&DC website i.e. [www.pmdc.pk](http://www.pmdc.pk).