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The Vice Chancellor,
Superior University,
17km Raiwind Rd, Kot Arian,
LAHORE.

Subject: CLARIFICATION REGARDING POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS AND COMPLIANCE WITH PM&DC ACT, 2022.

Pursuant to an advertisement regarding offering admissions in postgraduate program i.e. Fellowship in Regenerative Aesthetics (FRA) to the medical and dental specialists.

2. In this regard, it is to convey that, postgraduate qualifications relevant to medical and dental allied health sciences being offered, fall within the regulatory purview of PM&DC to the extent prescribed under the PM&DC Act, 2022. Such qualifications awarded by the Universities are submitted to the PM&DC by the MBBS/BDS medical/dental graduates for endorsement on their registration certificates apart from the HEC recognition. In this context, attention is invited to Section 25 of the PM&DC Act, 2022, which mandates that:

- No institution may train or grant postgraduate medical or dental qualifications without prior recognition through the prescribed statutory process;
- All recognized institutions and qualifications must be notified in the Second Schedule through Gazette notification.

3. Under Section 34 of the PM&DC Act-2022, the law overtly bars to the universities, DAIs and affiliated training centers and thus, any proposition, direct or obscure, that such programs may operate under any framework other than PM&DC authorization is legally indefensible that:

“No institution shall train, grant, or affiliate medical and dental postgraduate programs/qualifications without recognition/accreditation under the PM&DC Act-2022.

4. Notwithstanding the foregoing, PM&DC, being a statutory body, is further mandated to grant specialist registration for practice in Pakistan. The ibid provisions leave no ambiguity on exclusive jurisdiction of PM&DC over postgraduate medical and dental education in Pakistan.

5. Under Section-35 of the PM&DC Act-2022 (Establishment and running of medical and dental institutions without recognition), penal consequences for violation attract severe statutory penalties upon all degree awarding institutions and attached training sites operating without accreditation with PM&DC within Pakistan including (i) rigorous imprisonment, (ii) financial penalties up-to 20 million and (iii) closure of institutions/programs.

6. Accordingly, PM&DC remains committed to upholding the statutory safeguards enshrined under the PM&DC Act-2022 and ensuring their effective implementation within its regulatory domain. In view of the above, it is reiterated that all such degree programs and training sites currently accredited but not recognized by PM&DC under Section-25 are required to be brought

within the regulatory framework of PM&DC immediately. In view of forgoing, following is submitted for necessary compliance:

- All training sites of Superior University, Lahore operating without prior PM&DC accreditation under Section-25 and is advised in their own interest to regularize their status before issuance of such admission notice and immediately suspend the admissions until such recognition is obtained.
- Superior University, Lahore is advised to suitably review and amend the published admission notice that may construed as inconsistent with PM&DC Act-2022.

7. It is further reiterated that continued non-compliance with the statutory framework may necessitate PM&DC to initiate appropriate legal and regulatory proceedings against the institutions, including action under Section 34 & 35 of PM&DC Act-2022.

The subject matter may be treated as most urgent and of serious regulatory concern.


Registrar
Pakistan Medical & Dental Council Islamabad
5/5/26

For Information To:

- The Chairman, HEC, Islamabad with the request to take an action against the University offering unrecognized postgraduate program and violating the provision of PM&DC Act-2022.
- The Chairman, Punjab Higher Education Commission, Lahore with the request to take an action against the University offering unrecognized postgraduate program and violating the provision of PM&DC Act-2022.
- PS to President PM&DC Islamabad.
- PS to Registrar PM&DC Islamabad.
- HoD IT Department with the request to publish the notice on the official website under the "Tickers" section for wide dissemination.
- Concerned File.