

## **NRE IS A STANDARD EXAMINATION: NO COMPROMISE ON TRANSPARENCY TO ENSURE PATIENT SAFETY IN THE COUNTRY**

Islamabad, 15 January 2026: The National University of Medical Sciences (NUMS), Rawalpindi, has been entrusted with the conduct of the NRE to ensure credibility, integrity, and transparency. NUMS has been conducting the NRE for the past two years and is responsible for paper setting, compilation, and declaration of final results. The NRE is conducted in two steps, at least twice a year, in accordance with the approved NRE Standards, Structure, and Syllabus, which are available on the official website PM&DC

The NRE is conducted on the curriculum at par with the MBBS /BDS in Pakistan. Candidates are encouraged to submit any complaints or concerns through the online portal. The National Registration Examination (NRE) is conducted exclusively by the National University of Medical Sciences (NUMS), Rawalpindi. NUMS is responsible for the NRE examination, including paper setting, examination conduct, evaluation, compilation, and declaration of results for NRE Step-I. The Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PM&DC) has no direct role in the paper development, conduct, or result preparation of the NRE examination.

The policy governing NRE results is well-defined. NUMS declares the conduct and results of the examination in a timely manner. The results of the most recent NRE Step I have been published on the PM&DC website, and detailed marks are available through the official online portal of PM&DC as well. The passing criterion for the NRE is 60 percent, with no negative marking.

In addition, the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PM&DC) provides candidates with the opportunity to apply for re-totaling of results. For the NRE held in December 2025, only two candidates submitted applications for re-totaling.

As the national regulatory authority, PM&DC affirms that no discrimination has been exercised at any stage of the examination process. All procedures are conducted robustly and transparently to ensure fairness, accountability, and alignment with best national and international practices. Any allegations regarding the transparency of the examination are totally baseless.

The National Registration Examination (NRE) for Foreign Medical Graduates (FMGs) is a mandatory requirement under an Act of Parliament, aimed at ensuring transparency, standardization, and quality in medical and dental education and professional practice in Pakistan.