

PM&DC ADVISE UNIVERSITIES TO ENSURE PRE-HOC ANALYSIS OF PAPERS FOR MDCAT 2025

Islamabad, 14th October 2025: The MDCAT examination has been scheduled for October 26, 2025 (Sunday). A total number of 140,125 applicants have been registered for the Medical & Dental Colleges Admission Test (MDCAT) 2025, which will be conducted nationwide at 35 venues, including one international center i.e. Riyadh (Saudi Arabia).

The test will be conducted through universities: University of Health Sciences Lahore, Sukkur IBA University, Khyber Medical University Peshawar, Bolan University of Medical & Health Sciences Quetta and Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University, Islamabad.

As per the PM&DC statement, the MDCAT exam is going to be conducted by universities nominated by the federal and provincial authorities, not by PM&DC. However, PM&DC as a regulator and as per its legal mandate, has given all the exam conducting universities the policy and structure of the MDCAT examination well in advance, including access to a uniform, national item bank.

All the exam conducting universities are under an obligation to ensure that PM&DC standards are strictly followed while paper setting, development and printing. All the admitting universities have to make the necessary arrangements to facilitate the large number of applicants across all provinces and international center.

Universities have to ensure that the development, pre-hoc analysis, and printing of the MDCAT question papers will be conducted with the highest standards so that papers are aligned with the PM&DC syllabus in letter and spirit and no question is incorrect or out of the syllabus. The secrecy and confidentiality of all question papers will be strictly maintained by the universities and they will only be opened in the presence of official witnesses.

The exam conducting universities have to fully aligned with the PM&DC curriculum and syllabus, ensuring that the test reflects the educational objectives and standards required for medical and dental education.

The universities will ensure that candidates will receive their admit cards/roll number slips seven days prior to the examination, enabling them sufficient time for preparation and verification.

The university will also prepare the results of the MDCAT and officially declare it within seven days of the examination, ensuring timely communication and transparency for all candidates.