

PM&DC REFRAINS MEDICAL DENTAL INSTITUTIONS
FROM OFFERING UNRECOGNIZED POSTGRADUATE
PROGRAMS

Islamabad 11th March 2016: Medical/Dental students who intend to do postgraduate programmes should ensure that the programmes in which they want to get admission is recognized with Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PM&DC).

In this regard PM&DC has written letters and directed all institutions/DAIs/Universities which are awarding Post graduate medical/dental degrees or are training for the PG medical and dental qualifications like FCPS, MCPS, MS, MD, MDS, MPhill, Phd, MPH to not to advertise any unrecognized medical or dental program.

PM&DC does not register any postgraduate qualifications, which are not recognized in line with Section 16 of the PM&DC Ordinance, 1962 and Amendment Act 2012.

“16: Additional medical or dental qualification. (1) The Federal Government may grant recognition to any post-graduate medical or dental institution in or outside Pakistan which train or grant or both train and grant additional medical or dental qualifications and qualifications granted by them. All such recognized additional medical or dental institutions or qualifications shall be included in the third Schedule by the Federal Government by notification in the official Gazette.

The President PM&DC Prof.Dr.Shabir Lehri said institutions /programmes which are included in the Third Schedule of the PM&DC Ordinance 1962 and Amendment Act 2012 after due process as per PM&DC Postgraduate Regulations, therefore, the candidates for postgraduate Qualifications should check with the PM&DC before enrolment in any Postgraduate course.

He said admitting or advertising for admissions in any unrecognized postgraduate course would be a clear violation of the PM&DC Ordinance 1962 under Section 22(B) of PM&DC Ordinance, 1962 amended through Act # XIX of 2012.

“22(B): 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or dentistry, which is not recognized under section 11, 11A, 16, 16A or 18 or in respect of which recognition has been withdrawn under section 22, shall be guilty of an offence punishable with rigorous imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years but shall not be less than a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 ten million rupees but shall not be less than five million rupees or with both and shall also be liable to closure of such institution.

He added further that a list of PM&DC approved/recognized degree awarding institutions along with its programs is available on PM&DC official website www.pmdc.org.pk.

Dr. Shabir Lehri
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