

## PM&DC ESTABLISHES REDRESSAL CELL FOR MEDICAL GRADUATES

Islamabad 24 February 2016: Pakistan Medical and dental council has setup a redressal /grievance cell for all foreign medical /dental graduates and their parents who have appeared in the NEB exams. The purpose of establishing this cell is to ensure the satisfaction of the graduates appeared in the exam if they have any complaints regarding the NEB Exam held they may email to the redressal cell or visit personally .The president has deputed the Registrar and Deputy Registrar NEB to take prompt and action on the complaints if received.

NEB has always remained a challenge for PM&DC to hold in a transparent way, in the recent past how ever the newly elected Council of PM&DC took strict measures to ensure the transparency of NEB exam as multiple complaints and stories surfaced by the press and published about involvement of bribe and corruption but the new Council accepted the challenge.

A brief comparison of examinations are as follows:

Sr .#	Exam Conducting University	Year	Name of Exam and no of candidates appeared	Passed	Pass %
•	Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University, Islamabad	11 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> February, 2016	Step-III=681	Step-III=523	76.79%
•	University of Health Sciences, Lahore	19 <sup>th</sup> September, 2015	Step-I=2139 Step-II=845	Step-I = 504 Step-II=630	23.56% 74.55%
•	Dow University of Health Sciences, Karachi	18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> April, 2015	Step-III=657	600	91.32%
		17 <sup>th</sup> February 2015	Step-I=1478 Step-II=1094	Step-I=330 Step-II=571	22.32% 52.19%
		8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> November, 2014	Step-III=474	Step-III=377	79.53%
		14 <sup>th</sup> September, 2014	Step-I=1508 Step-II=1038	Step-I=514 Step-II=463	34.08% 44.60%
•	Khyber Medical University, Peshawar	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> June, 2014	Step-III=236	Step-III=232	98.30%
		18 <sup>th</sup> March, 2014	Step-I=1376 Step-II=801	Step-I=386 Step-II=139	28.05% 17.35%

While talking to the President Prof.Dr.Shabir Lahri, he told that the last NEB Exam Step-III was held in April, 2015 by DUHS, Karachi due to which precious time of these foreign graduates had been wasted. He told that previously Exam used to be held in Hotels etc, which is brought to the real hospital setup in the current exam. Simulators (Patients alike) were used to access the clinical skill of the candidates were replaced by the real hospital admitted patients in this Exam.

He told that for the first time in the history of Pakistan, the NEB Exam was evaluated by the Third party i.e. British Council, UK and they evaluated the whole procedure and appreciated the exam.

Member Executive committee Dr Amir Hussain Bandeshah said that PM&DC has received several appreciations from all medical/dental professionals and stake holders of the medical profession on conducting such well organized and transparent exam. He added that our priority is to engage credible examiners consisting of Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors for current exam, whereas in past junior doctors used to take exam.

He added in the past only 8 examiners were appointed for assessment, whereas in the current exam each batch was assessed by the 15 examiners and the result of the exam was uploaded at PM&DC website on the same day within 2-3 hours.

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