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Action sought against CPSP for issuing 'unrecognised' degrees

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ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) has requested the Ministry of National Health Services to take action against College of Physicians and Surgeons (CPSP) which has issued more than 2,000 FCPS degrees even though its programme is not 'recognised'.

CPSP is an autonomous institution offering certification following postgraduate training in specialties of medicine, surgery and dentistry.

However, PMDC has not recognised its courses due to which there is tension between the two bodies.

An official of PMDC, requesting anonymity, said the council had requested CPSP a few ago to provide data of all the FCPS degrees which the latter had issued. However,

CPSP failed to do so and was hiding details of the degrees.

"After failing to obtain the required information, PMDC wrote a letter to the Ministry of National Health Services to take suitable action and constitute an inquiry committee to acquire the data from CPSP.

"The ministry has also been requested to hold an academic, administrative and financial audit of CPSP," he added.

When contacted, Registrar PMDC Dr Amjad Mehmood confirmed that a letter had been sent to the ministry.

He said the council would not compromise on the standards of medical and dental education.

"It is in the interest of doctors intending to get admission in post graduate programmes to verify these," he said, adding that a list of PMDC approved training institutions had been uploaded on its official website.