



GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
SPECIALIZED HEALTHCARE &
MEDICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
(MEDICAL EDUCATION WING)

Dated Lahore the, 27th September, 2023



NOTIFICATION

NO.SO(ME-II)2-1/2023.

Pursuant to the approval of the Government of the Punjab/ Caretaker Provincial Cabinet, Admission Policy for admissions to the MBBS and BDS Courses for the Academic Session 2023-2024 in public and private sector Medical and Dental Colleges in Punjab is notified hereunder:

1. University of Health Sciences (UHS), Lahore, "Admitting University", shall conduct admissions to MBBS/ BDS courses of public and private sector Medical and Dental Institutions/ Colleges in Punjab for the Session 2023-2024.

2. The merit determination formula for the Session 2023-2024 shall be as under:

1.	MDCAT	50% weightage
2.	F.Sc (Pre-Medical)/ HSSC/ Equivalent	40% weightage
3.	Matriculation/ SSC/ Equivalent	10% weightage

3. The pass percentage and validity period for MDCAT shall be as under:

Examination	Course	Pass %	Validity Period
MDCAT	MBBS	55	Three years (from the date of conduct of examination)
	BDS	50	

Note: The result of last year's MDCAT (i.e. MDCAT-2022) shall not be valid for seeking admission in the Session 2023-24.

4. The eligibility criteria for admissions shall be:

- has passed the MDCAT Examination*;
- has obtained a Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC) qualification or an equivalent 12th grade qualification recognized in Pakistan (IBCC Equivalence Certificate is mandatory in that case) and having obtained minimum 60% marks therein; and
- has passed the subjects of Biology and Chemistry and either Physics or Mathematics in the examination of the Higher Secondary School Certificate Examination or an equivalent 12th grade qualification recognized in Pakistan.

**Provided that the mandatory requirement of MDCAT shall not apply to the candidates admitted on special program seat pre-defined exclusively for foreign students and on the seats reserved for Overseas (being a Pakistani citizen permanently resident in foreign country)*

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Pakistanis, who have studied and passed HSSC 12th grade examination or equivalent from outside Pakistan. Such students shall qualify SAT-II with minimum score of 550 in each subject or a foreign MCAT examination or UCAT examination with 50% marks in the subjects prescribed as stated supra in 4(C).

5. Hafiz-e-Quran Marks:

The marks for Hifz-e-Quran shall not be granted for admission to Medical and Dental Colleges in the light of PM&DC Medical and Dental Undergraduate Education (Admissions, Curriculum And Conduct) Policy and Regulations 2023 and the decision of six membered Bench vide Order dated 04.04.2023 in Suo-Moto case.

6. Students applying for admissions shall give an order of preference for public and private sector Medical and Dental Colleges. There shall be no restriction on the number of colleges to be opted by a candidate. The application shall be editable till the closing date of submission, however; the number and order of preference shall be final and cannot be changed after last date of submission of on-line application. A college, not included in the preference list of student, shall not be considered for grant of admission.

7. The admission process shall be conducted through an on-line portal. The University of Health Sciences, Lahore shall charge a fee of Rs.2000/- from each candidate applying for admission to public and private sector Medical & Dental Colleges in Punjab. Each candidate shall apply separately to a medical or dental program. A student having not applied to a given program shall not be entitled to admission to such program. The selected candidate shall deposit prescribed college fee within three (03) working days after the display of the merit list. The University shall prepare college-wise selection list(s) in accordance with merit-cum-preference of candidates through a fair digitalized system developed/ acquired by the University. The following procedures shall be followed:

- i. Candidates shall deposit prescribed colleges fee in any branch of Bank of Punjab pan Pakistan. In case of failure to deposit the prescribed admission fee within stipulated time period, such candidates shall have no vested right of admission in that year.
- ii. Only those candidates shall be considered as admitted candidates who will "join" the program by (a) depositing the prescribed fee and other dues by due date, and (b) reporting (in writing) to their respective colleges by due date.
- iii. The deposited fee will be disbursed to the concerned colleges immediately after completion of admissions in designated Bank accounts

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of concerned colleges by the UHS, Lahore.

8. The cut-off dates for receipt of nominations from Federal/ Provincial Governments and other Nominating Agencies/ Authorities for respective categories of seats shall be as under:

Program	Deadline for Nominations on Special Category seats (PTAP, Afghan Nationals and IIOJK)	Deadline for Nominations from other provinces/ regions/ Nominating Agencies
MBBS	7 th December, 2023	7 th December, 2023
BDS	23 rd January, 2024	23 rd January, 2024

No nomination shall be accepted by the Government of the Punjab after the cut-off date.

9. Display of Merit Lists:

The admissions to public and private sector Medical & Dental Colleges shall be completed as per following schedule:

For Public Sector

Program	Merit list to be made public by or before	Admissions to be completed
MBBS	15 th December, 2023	31 st December, 2023
BDS	10 th February, 2024	15 th February, 2024

For Private Sector

Program	Merit list to be made public by or before	Admissions to be completed
MBBS	15 th January, 2024	31 st January, 2024
BDS	17 th February, 2024	28 th February, 2024

The admissions in public and private sector Medical and Dental Colleges shall be completed after display of three or more merit lists by the University. The vacancies in second and subsequent merit lists shall be filled through the process of up-gradation, based on merit-cum-preference.

10. Number of Seats:

For public sector Medical and Dental Colleges, the admissions for the session 2023-24 shall be made on the following seats:

Sr. No.	Category	Number of seats
1	Open Merit	3236
2	Quota	380
3	Over and Above	180

The detail of the seat allocation for each category for the session 2023-24 is attached at Annexures-A & B.

11. The criteria for admissions against the quota seats in public sector Medical &

Dental Colleges is at **Annexure-C**. In addition, following criteria shall be applicable:

- i. the candidates should fulfill the mandatory eligibility criteria as given above at Para 4.
 - ii. for admission against 66 seats (62 MBBS & 04 BDS) reserved for Children of Overseas Pakistanis *students shall qualify SAT-II with minimum score of 550 in each subject or a foreign MCAT examination or UCAT examination with 50% marks in the subjects prescribed as stated supra in 4(C)*
12. Domicile of any district of Punjab* is mandatory for admission to the following categories of seats in public sector Medical and Dental Colleges:
- i. Open Merit Seats
 - ii. Reserved Seats for:
 - a) Disabled students;
 - b) Cholistan;
 - c) Under-Developed District ;
 - d) Reciprocal basis for Punjab candidates in other provinces.

**Provided that candidates having domicile of Islamabad (ICT) shall be eligible to apply for admission on Open Merit seats in Punjab.*

13. The Prospectus for Admission to Public sector Medical & Dental Colleges, Session 2023-24 shall be prepared by the University of Health Sciences, Lahore and shall be made available for the applicants on its website, www.uhs.edu.pk.
14. The schedule for commencement of classes of public and private sector Medical & Dental Colleges of Punjab shall be as follows:

Program	Commencement of classes
MBBS	Thursday, 1 st February 2024
BDS	Friday, 1 st March, 2024

15. A Provincial Admission Committee, comprising the Vice Chancellors of all public sector Medical Universities in Punjab, shall vet the selections list(s) before public display. Vice Chancellor, UHS, Lahore shall be the Chairman of the Committee. Representative of SHC & ME Department, not below the rank of Additional Secretary, shall also be a member of the said Committee.

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(ALI JAN KHAN)
SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
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No. Even Dated Lahore, the 27th September, 2023

A copy is forwarded for information & necessary action to the:

1. Minister for SHC & ME, Government of the Punjab.

2. Secretary, Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination, Islamabad.
3. Secretary, Government of Pakistan, Ministry of Economic Affairs Division, Islamabad.
4. President, Pakistan Medical & Dental Council, Islamabad.
5. Registrar, Pakistan Medical & Dental Council, Islamabad.
6. Principal Secretary to Governor, Punjab
7. Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Punjab.
8. Secretary, Health Department, Government of Sindh.
9. Secretary, Health Department, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
10. Secretary, Health Department, Government of Baluchistan.
11. Secretary, Health Department, Government of Gilgit-Baltistan.
12. Secretary, Health Department, Government of Azad Jammu & Kashmir.
13. Chairman, Higher Education Commission, Islamabad.
14. All Vice Chancellors of public sector Medical Universities in Punjab.
15. All Vice Chancellors of private sector Medical Universities in Punjab.
16. All Principals of public sector Medical and Dental Colleges in Punjab.
17. All Principals of private sector Medical and Dental Colleges in Punjab.
18. Incharge ICT Cell, SHC & ME Department with the request to upload the same on the official website.
19. PSO to Chief Secretary, Government of the Punjab.
20. PSO to Secretary, SHC & ME Department.
21. PS to Special Secretary (D&R) & (Ops), SHC & ME Department
22. PAs to Additional Secretary (Technical), (Admin), (Establishment), (Finance), (Procurement) & (Development), SHC&ME Department.

Walid Muhammad Waseem
27.8.23
(DR. HAFIZ MUHAMMAD WASEEM)
ADDITIONAL SECRETARY (ME)

SHC & ME DEPARTMENT

Seat Allocation for Session 2023-2024

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Sl#	College/Institute	Open Merit	Reserved (To be filled by UHS)					Reserved (To be filled through nominations from Federal/Provincial Governments)					Total
			Students with Disabilities	Cholistan	Under Developed Districts	Overseas Pakistanis	Ex-FATA	Azad Jammu & Kashmir	Gilgit-Balistan	Reciprocal for KPK & Balochistan	Goodwill Balochistan	HEC Scholars of Ex-FATA & Balochistan	
Medical Colleges (MBBS Seats)													
1	King Edward Medical College, Lahore	315	2	-	-	4	-	1	3	-	-	-	325
2	Allama Iqbal Medical College, Lahore	315	2	-	-	4	-	1	3	-	-	-	325
3	Nishtar Medical College, Multan	269	2	-	18	4	-	3	3	1 (for KPK)	-	-	300
4	Fatima Jinnah Medical College, Lahore	285	2	-	-	4	-	3	3	1 (for Balochistan)	2	-	300
5	Services Institute of Medical Sciences, Lahore	213	2	-	-	2	-	1	2	-	-	-	220
6	Punjab Medical College, Faisalabad	271	2	-	10	4	-	3	3	1 (for Balochistan)	2	-	300
7	Rawalpindi Medical College, Rawalpindi	326	2	-	-	4	-	4	7	1 (for Balochistan)	2	-	350
8	Quaid-e-Azam Medical College, Bahawalpur	298	2	-	6	4	-	4	8	1 (for Balochistan)	2	-	325
9	Sheikh Zayed Medical College, Rahim Yar Khan	132	2	1	15	3	-	2	3	-	2	-	160
10	Sargodha Medical College, Sargodha	97	1	-	-	5	-	2	3	-	2	10	120
11	Navaz Sharif Medical College, Gujrat	51	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	6	61
12	Sahiwal Medical College, Sahiwal	93	-	-	-	5	4	2	4	-	2	10	120
13	Gujranwala Medical College, Gujranwala	93	-	-	-	5	4	2	4	-	2	10	120
14	D.G. Khan Medical College, Dera Ghazi Khan	87	-	-	5	5	5	3	3	-	2	10	120
15	Khawaja Muhammad Saifur Medical College, Sialkot	97	-	-	-	5	-	3	3	-	2	10	120
16	Arnee-ud-Din Medical College, Lahore	105	-	-	-	2	-	1	2	-	-	-	110
Total			3047	19	54	62	21	36	55	5	20	56	3376
Dental Colleges (BDS Seats)													
1	de Montmorency College of Dentistry, Lahore	98	1	-	6	2	-	1	2	-	-	-	110
2	Nishtar Institute of Dentistry, Multan	41	-	-	6	1	4	1	2	-	-	10	65
3	Dental Institute, Punjab Medical College, Faisalabad	50	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	-	-	10	65
Total			189	1	12	4	4	3	5	0	0	20	240
Grand Total			3236	20	66	66	27	39	60	5	20	76	3616

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**Seats Under "Over & Above"
Category Academic Session 2023-2024**

S#	College/Institute	PTAP	IIOJK	Afghan National
1	KEMU, Lahore	5	2	9
2	AIMC, Lahore	5	2	9
3	NMU, Multan	5	3	7
4	FJMU, Lahore	5	2	8
5	SIMS, Lahore	4	0	7
6	FMU, Faisalabad	5	10	0
7	RMC, Rawalpindi	5	5	8
8	QAMC, Bahawalpur	7	4	5
9	SZMC, Rahim Yar Khan	5	4	0
10	SMC, Sargodha	4	3	0
11	NSMC, Gujrat	1	3	0
12	SLMC, Sahiwal	5	0	0
13	GMC, Gujranwala	5	0	0
14	DGMC, D.G. Khan	5	0	0
15	KMSMC, Sialkot	4	0	0
16	AMC, Lahore	2	0	4
17	DCD, Lahore	5	0	0
18	NID, Multan	5	0	0
19	DS-PMC, Faisalabad	3	0	0
Total		85	38	57
Grand Total		180		






ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR QUOTA SEATS, SESSION 2023-24

1. Seats for Students with Disabilities:

- a. The candidate must have fulfilled the mandatory eligibility criteria as stipulated by the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council.
- b. The candidate must have domicile of Punjab.
- c. The candidate shall have to attach a certificate from a government certified specialist about the nature of his/her disability. Such certificate, however, will only make him/her eligible to apply against the reserved seats.
- d. A Medical Board constituted by the Vice Chancellor of the University shall make final decision about the eligibility of the candidate for admission against the reserved seats.
- e. The Medical Board shall consist of experts who will examine the candidate for physical disability, visual disability and hearing disability.
- f. Disability for the purpose of admission to medical and dental institutions is defined as "a physical impairment that has a substantial and permanent adverse effect on candidate's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities and puts him/her at disadvantage as compared to a normal person for acquiring education before entering a medical or dental institution. However, the person is, otherwise, capable of completing his/her medical or dental education and performing his/her duties satisfactorily as a medical or dental practitioner later on. Here:
 - 'substantial' means neither minor nor severe; a person with minor or severe disability is ineligible.
 - 'permanent' means that the effect of the impairment is likely to last for the rest of the person's life
 - 'normal day-to-day activities' include mobility, manual dexterity, speech, hearing, seeing, understanding danger, and memory."
- g. The threshold of disability will be judged by the Medical Board, according to a pre-defined, structured criterion.
- h. The Merit List of disabled candidates shall be finalized on the basis of *inter se* merit.
- i. The decision of the Medical Board shall be final.

2. Under-Developed Districts' Seats :

Sr. No.	District	NMC	QAMC	PMC	SZMC	DCD	NID	DGMC	Total	
									MBBS	BDS
1.	D.G. Khan	4 (03 for tribal area)	1	-	2 (for tribal area)	1	1 (for tribal area)	3 (for tribal area)	10	2
2.	Muzaffargarh	4	1	-	3	1	-	-	8	1
3.	Rajanpur	4 (02 for tribal area)	1	-	2 (1 for tribal area)	1	1 (for tribal area)	2 (for tribal area)	9	2
4.	Lodhran	4	1	-	2	1	1	-	7	2
5.	Bhakkar	-	1	5	2	1	1	-	8	2
6.	Layyah	-	1	5	2	1	1	-	8	2
7.	Mianwali	2	-	-	2	-	1	-	4	1
Total		18	6	10	15	6	6	5	54	12
Grand Total									66	

- i. The candidate must have fulfilled the mandatory eligibility criteria as stipulated by the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council.
- ii. The candidate must have a domicile of the same District /Area.
- iii. The candidate must have studied, from class one to twelve, from the same district. He/she shall have to submit original certificates from Head Masters/ Principals of the concerned institutions where he/she has studied from class one to twelve. These certificates should be duly verified by the concerned EDO (District Education Authority) and Director of Education (Colleges), and countersigned by the Deputy Commissioner (DC) of the same district.
- iv. Candidates belonging to those tribal areas where there are no high schools or colleges available or the facility for teaching science subjects does not exist, they must have obtained their education from Class-1 to Class-12 from the district in which their respective tribal area falls and have passed their SSC and HSSC examinations from the relevant Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education.
- v. The candidates from these areas can also apply against open merit seats. These reserved seats will be in addition to any number of candidates being admitted on open merit from these districts. The candidates from each of the above six districts, admitted or not admitted on open merit, can compete within their districts for reserved seats.

- vi. The merit list of candidates of under-developed districts will be displayed on district basis after ascertaining merit from amongst the candidates of the specific district subject to fulfillment of all other requirements and after verification of their documents from the concerned authorities.
- vii. Students admitted against these reserved seats from under-developed districts will be required to submit a Surety Bond at their respective college after admission on stamp paper duly attested for amount of Rs.500, 000/- and with an undertaking that he/she shall serve in his/her district of domicile for at least five years or in default thereof pay Rs. Five Lac in lump sum to the Government of the Punjab.

3. Cholistan Seat:

The Punjab government approved reservation of one (01) seat for MBBS course (w.e.f. session 2010-11) for Cholistani students at Sheikh Zayed Medical College, Rahim Yar Khan, out of its current allocation on open merit basis with the following criteria:

- a) The candidate must have fulfilled the mandatory eligibility criteria as stipulated by the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council.
- b) The candidate has studied and passed HSSC from any of the districts Bahawalnagar, Bahawalpur or Rahim Yar Khan.
- c) The candidate must be Cholistani by birth and should have actual residence in Cholistan, as verified by Cholistan Development Authority. He/she shall have to provide a certificate with the application issued by the Cholistan Development Authority in this regard as per specimen provided in the Prospectus.

4. Ex-FATA Seats:

The admissions against these seats shall be made by the KPK government through Khyber Medical University, Peshawar, as per rules contained in the Prospectus of KPK Medical/Dental Colleges. A Joint Admission Committee shall select the candidates on merit and the nomination for admission. The candidate nominated must have fulfilled the mandatory eligibility criteria as stipulated by the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council.

5. Seats for Students of Azad Jammu & Kashmir (AJ&K):

Candidates belonging to Azad Jammu & Kashmir shall apply to the Joint Admission Committee for Medical Colleges of AJ&K or any institution or entity authorized by the Azad Government of State of AJ&K for that purpose. The candidates nominated must have fulfilled the mandatory eligibility criteria as stipulated by the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council.

Only those candidates will be admitted to the various medical/dental colleges of Punjab, against seats reserved for Azad Jammu & Kashmir whose nominations, together with the applications and certificates, are received through the Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education Department, Government of the Punjab. Direct applications shall not be entertained.

6. Seats for Students of Gilgit-Baltistan (GB):

Candidates of Gilgit-Baltistan shall apply to the Directorate of Education, Gilgit-Baltistan. The candidates nominated must have fulfilled the mandatory eligibility criteria as stipulated by the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council.

Only those candidates will be admitted to the various medical/dental colleges of Punjab, against seats reserved for GB whose nominations, together with the applications and certificates, are received through the Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education Department, Government of the Punjab. Direct applications shall not be entertained.

7. HEC Scholarship Seats for Students of Ex-FATA and Balochistan:

Candidates of Ex-FATA and Balochistan shall apply to the Higher Education Commission, Islamabad. The candidates nominated must have fulfilled the mandatory eligibility criteria as stipulated by the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council.

Only those candidates will be admitted to the various medical/dental colleges of Punjab, against these reserved seats whose nominations, together with the applications and certificates, are received through the Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education Department, Government of the Punjab. Direct applications shall not be entertained.

8. Foreign Students Seats under Pakistan Technical Assistance Program(PTAP):

- a. The applicants seeking admission to medical/dental institutions of the Punjab under this category should submit their applications through their own governments/embassies to the Government of Pakistan (Economic Affairs Division, Islamabad) which will make necessary selection and allocation on the basis of Merit, Choice and Availability of seats.
- b. The nominations against these seats, shall be communicated to the Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education Department, Government of the Punjab, by Economic Affairs Division, Islamabad, for onwards transmission to the concerned institutions.
- c. Applications submitted directly to the University or to the Government of the Punjab, shall not be entertained.

9. Seats for Overseas Pakistanis/Dual Nationality Holders of Pakistani Origin:

- a. The candidate must fall under the category of "foreign students" as defined in Section 2(g) and Section 4(7) of "Medical and Dental Undergraduate Education (Admissions, Curriculum and Conduct) Regulations 2023".
- b. The candidate must hold a permanent foreign nationality or is an Overseas (being a Pakistani citizen permanently resident in foreign country) Pakistani, and who has studied and passed HSSC 12th grade examination or equivalent from outside Pakistan and is a resident of a foreign country at the time of applying for admission and possess a certificate from the institution last attended to this effect.
- c. The candidate seeking admission on these seats must fulfill the eligibility criteria as stipulated by the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council.

10. Reciprocal Seats:

a) Admission of students from other Provinces

The candidates from other provinces on reciprocal basis will be selected and nominated by the respective Provincial Governments.

The nomination against reciprocal seats will be communicated to the Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education Department, Government of the Punjab, by the respective Provincial Health Secretary. The candidates nominated for admission must have fulfilled the mandatory eligibility criteria as stipulated by the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council.

b) Goodwill seats of Balochistan

As a goodwill gesture, the Government of Punjab has allocated seats for Balochistan domiciled students to be nominated by the Balochistan Government for admission in medical institutes of the Punjab on unilateral basis. The nomination against reciprocal seats will be communicated to the Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education Department, Government of the Punjab, by Balochistan Health Secretary. The candidates nominated for admission must have fulfilled the mandatory eligibility criteria as stipulated by the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council.

c) Admission of Punjab domiciled students in other Provinces

University / College	Seats
Bolan Medical College, Quetta, Balochistan	04
Khyber Medical College, Peshawar, KPK	01
Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Medical College, Mirpur, AJ&K	03
Azad Jammu Kashmir Medical College, Muzaffarabad, AJ&K	03
Poonch Medical College, Rawlakot, AJ&K	03
Total	14

Fourteen (14) students having domicile of Punjab will be admitted in medical colleges in provinces of Balochistan and KPK and the State of Azad Jammu and Kashmir. The candidates who are eligible to apply on open merit seats can also opt for reciprocal seats. The admission shall be carried out on merit like Open Merit Seats.

