

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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to reconstitute the Medical and Dental Council in Pakistan.

WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate the law relating to the registration of medical practitioners and dentists and reconstitute the [Medical and Dental council] in Pakistan in order to establish a uniform minimum standard of basic and higher qualifications in medicine and dentistry;

(1) Short title, extent and commencement.

(1) This Act may be called the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council **B.M.A.**, 2022.

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

(2) Definitions:

In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,--

(a) "approved hospital or institution" means a hospital or an institution included in the Sixth Schedule;

(b) "council" means the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council constituted under this Act;

(c) "continuous professional development" means skill enhancement and improvement in personal and professional competence which may --

(i) comprise lectures, seminars, courses, individual study or other activities undertaken by a registered medical or dental practitioners;

(ii) reasonably be expected to advance a registered medical or dental practitioner's development in his related profession; and

(iii) is relevant to the practice of registered medical or dental practitioner;

(d) "committee" means any committee constituted under this Act and includes Executive Committee;

(e) "continuous professional development opportunity provider" means an organization providing continuous professional development opportunities and included in the Sixth Schedule;

(f) "dental institution" means an institution, recognized under this Act, within or outside Pakistan, which trains for, or grants, or both trains for and grants, degrees or diplomas in dentistry;

(g) "division" means the Division to which business of this Act stands allocated;

(h) "full Registration" means a permanent registration to practice granted under this Act, subject to continuing validity of the registration under this Act and applicable rules & regulations;

(i) "house job or foundation year or internship" means hands on training in clinical subjects on a rotational basis in an approved hospital or institution after provisional registration as a prerequisite for full registration under this Act;

(j) "medical institution" means any institution recognized under this Act, within or outside Pakistan, which trains for or grants, or both trains for and grants, degrees or diplomas in medicine;

(k) "medicine" means modern scientific medicine and includes surgery and other disciplines, but does not include veterinary medicine and surgery;

(l) "medical & Dental Colleges Admissions Tests" or "MDCAT" means the medical & dental college admission tests, as defined in Section 17.

- (m) "national Equivalence Board Examination" or "NEB" means the national equivalent board examination, as defined in Section 19.
- (n) "national Registration Examination" or "NRE" means national registration reexamination, as defined in section 18.
- (o) "pakistan university" means any university established under a Pakistan law and having a constituent medical or dental college or both;
- (p) "president" means President of the Council;
- (q) "provisional Registration" means a registration granted to enable training and education prior to grant a full registration and subsequent to having qualified the national registration examination under this Act.
- (r) "prescribed" means prescribed by regulations;
- (s) "recognized medical qualification" means any basic medical qualification included in the First Schedule;
- (t) "recognized dental qualification" means any basic dental qualification included in the Fourth Schedule;
- (u) "recognized additional medical or dental qualification" means any additional medical or dental qualification included in the Third Schedule;
- (v) "register" means the Register of medical practitioners maintained under section 36 or the Register of dental practitioners maintained under section 37;
- (w) "registered medical practitioner" means a medical practitioner whose name is included in the Register maintained under section 36;
- (x) "registered dental practitioner" means a dental practitioner whose name is included in the Register maintained under section 37;
- (y) "regulations and rules" mean regulations and rules made under this Act;
- (z) "registerable qualifications" mean medical or dental qualifications recognized under this Act;