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**BRIEFING REGARDING PUNJAB MEDICAL FACULTY (PMF)**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Punjab Medical Faculty is an autonomous organization working under control of Health Department through 11 members Governing Body.

The composition of the Governing Body is as under:

1. Secretary to the Government of the Punjab

Department of Specialized Healthcare & Medical Education (President)

1. Additional Secretary Health(Tech.)

Department of Specialized Healthcare & Medical Education (Vice President)

1. Principal, College of Ophthalmology & Allied Vision Sciences

Mayo Hospital, Lahore Member

1. Dean

Institute of Public Health, Lahore Member

1. Prof. of Pharmacology

Post Graduate Medical Institute (PGMI), Lahore Member

1. Chief Microbiologist

Microbiology Department, Mayo Hospital, Lahore Member

1. Director Health Services (HR)

Office of DGHS, Punjab Member

1. Head of the Department of Allied Health Sciences

University of Health Sciences, Lahore Member

1. Principal

Allied Health Sciences School, Lahore General Hospital, Lahore Member

1. Private Member
2. Secretary Member

Punjab Medical Faculty, Lahore

PMF generates its own funds and no grant from Government is received. The office of PMF is at 62-A/D, New Muslim Town, Wahdat Road, Lahore in one kanal own building.

**HISTORY & BACKGROUND**

The British Government was facing acute shortage of doctors in the early years of 20th century. To overcome this shortage, it was decided that instead of 5 years MBBS course, a short diploma course comprising 3 years duration should be started which would be called as Licentiate. For this purpose, an organization titled as ‘State Medical Faculty’ was established in 1916 under the Medical & Dental Degree Ordinance and the diploma holders by the organization were called as LSMF. This organization kept on working with the same title till 1947. After independence, this organization was named as ‘West Pakistan State Medical Facculty’. The course of Licenciate was however, stopped after establishment of three medical colleges in Punjab. Then this organization was assigned the duty to produce paramedics (mainly dispenser). After dissolution of one unit, the name of the organization was again changed and was titled as ‘Punjab Medical Faculty’.

**FUNCTIONING OF THE PMF**

According to the By-Laws, the following functions are being carried out by PMF.

1. Standardize all levels of education
2. Recognize and regulate the training institutions
3. Conduct examinations for basic courses of study
4. Confer, award or issue diplomas and certificates

**COURSES BEING CONDUCTED BY PMF**

Currently, PMF is conducting following Post-Matric two years diploma courses:

1. Medical Laboratory Technoloy
2. Radiography & Imaging Technology
3. Operation Theater Technology
4. Dialysis Technology
5. Public Health Technoloy
6. Ophthalmic Technology
7. Nuclear Medicine Technology
8. Physiotherapy Technology

Two special courses are being conducted with shorter duration:

1. Vaccinator (4 months)
2. CDC Supervisor (4 months)

The Dispenser course of one year duration from old scheme of studies is still being conducted. The title and duration of this course has not been changed because of some technical reasons.

**FUTURE PROGRAMMS**

Some new courses will be started in near future. Working on the new courses is in progress. The course of Anesthesia Technology will be started from this academic year (2017).

**EQUIVALENCE OF TWO YEARS DIPLOMA COURSES TO F.SC**

Since the PMF has not attained the status of Examination Board, therefore its diplomas are not equivalent to F.Sc, due to which the diploma holders cannot take admission in B.Sc course for further higher education. Correspondence with Inter Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC) in this regard is in progress and the outcome will be placed before the authority for approval.

**INSTITUTES AFFILIATED WITH PMF**

The PMF has affiliated 128 institutes for imparting paramedical education, out of which 69 are in public sector and 59 are in private sector. (The detail is attached at **Annex-A**)

The detail of categories and number of seats allocated to the affiliated institutes is as under:

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| **Category** | **Public** | **Private** | **Total** |
| Dispenser | 1729 | 2610 | 4339 |
| Dental Technician | 112 | 210 | 322 |
| Medical Lab. Technology | 554 | 1130 | 1684 |
| Operation Theater Technology | 554 | 1005 | 1559 |
| Radiography & Imaging Technology | 554 | 535 | 1089 |
| Ophthalmic Technology | 58 | 25 | 83 |
| Physiotherapy Technology | 90 | 230 | 320 |
| Dialysis Technology | 60 | 35 | 95 |
| Nuclear Medicine Technology | 05 | x | 05 |
| Public Health Technology | 549 | x | 549 |
| **Total** | **4265** | **5780** | **10045** |

The number of allocated seats in each category increases every year because of affiliation of new public and private institutes.

Since 2015, PMF is also granting equivalence to the A-Grade diploma holders of the Armed Forces in the relevant categories.

**NUMBER OF PARAMEDICS PASSED OUT IN DIFFERENT CATEGORIES TILL OCTOBER 2016**

The details of passed out candidates in different categories is as under:

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| **Sr. No.** | **Category** | **Passed** |
| Old Scheme | | |
| 1 | Dispenser | 55968 |
| 2 | Dental Hygienist | 712 |
| 3 | Dental Technician | 841 |
| 4 | Dental Nurse | 143 |
| 5 | Dietitian | 40 |
| 6 | Health Technician | 1862 |
| 7 | Lab. Assistant | 1943 |
| 8 | Lab. Technician | 2287 |
| 9 | Medical Technician | 1045 |
| 10 | Ophthalmic Technician | 274 |
| 11 | Operation Theater Assistant | 2111 |
| 12 | Radiographer | 1916 |
| 13 | Sanitary Inspector | 5827 |
| 14 | CDC Supervisor | 1004 |
| 15 | Vaccinator | 3628 |
| 16 | Dialysis Technician | 114 |
| 17 | Clinical Assistant | 79 |
|  | **Total** | **79794** |
| New Scheme | | |
| 1 | Medical Laboratory Technology | 2090 |
| 2 | Radiography & Imaging Tech. | 1080 |
| 3 | Operation Theater Technology | 1527 |
| 4 | Public Health Technology | 1105 |
| 5 | Renal Dialysis Technology | 32 |
| 6 | Ophthalmic Technology | 40 |
| 7 | Physiotherapy Technology | 211 |
| 8 | Nuclear Medicine Technology | 11 |
|  | **Total** | **6096** |
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|  | **Total** | **85890** |

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|  | **Secretary**  **Punjab Medical Faculty** |