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NO.PAS/LEGIS-B-18/2026- The Sindh Medical and Dental Council Bill, 2026 having been passed by the Provincial Assembly of Sindh on 22nd May, 2026 and assented to by the Governor of Sindh on 30th June, 2026 is hereby published as an Act of the Legislature of Sindh.

THE SINDH MEDICAL AND DENTAL COUNCIL ACT, 2026.

SINDH ACT NO. XXV OF 2026.

AN
ACT

to improve medical and dental education in the Province of Sindh and to make provisions for imparting undergraduate and post-graduate training in different hospitals and centers so that the requirements of health both at basic and postgraduate level are available to the people at large.

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1. (1) This Act may be called the Sindh Medical and Dental Council Act, 2026. Short title,
extent and
commencement.
- (2) It shall extend to the whole of the Province of Sindh.
- (3) It shall come into force at once.

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

- (a) "approved hospital or institution" means a hospital or an institution included in the Fourth Schedule;
- (b) "Chief Minister" means the Chief Minister, Sindh;
- (c) "Committee" means the committee constituted under this Act and includes Executive Committee constituted under section 10;
- (d) "continuous professional development" means the skill enhancement or 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 practitioner;
- (ii) reasonably be expected to advance a registered medical or dental practitioners development in the related profession; and
- (iii) be relevant to the practice or registered medical or dental practitioner;
- (e) "continuous professional development opportunity provider" means an organization providing continuous professional development opportunities and included in the Fifth Schedule;
- (f) "Council" means the Sindh Medical and Dental Council constituted under section 3;
- (g) "dental institution" means an institution recognized under this Act, within the Province, which trains for, or grants, or both trains for and grants, degrees or diplomas in dentistry;
- (h) "Department" means the Health Department, Government of Sindh;
- (i) "Fund" means the Fund established under this Act;
- (j) "Government" means the Government of Sindh;

- (k) "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 section 27;
- (l) "medical institution" means any institution recognized under this Act within the Province, which trains or grants, or both trains or grants, degrees or diploma in medicine;
- (m) "medicine" means modern scientific medicine and includes surgery and other disciplines, but does not include veterinary medicine and surgery;
- (n) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules or regulations;
- (o) "President" means the President of the Council;
- (p) "Province" means the Province of Sindh;
- (q) "recognized medical qualification" means any basic qualification included in the First Schedule;
- (r) "recognized additional medical or dental qualification" means any of the additional or dental qualification included in the Second Schedule;
- (s) "recognized dental qualification" means any qualification included in the Fourth Schedule;
- (t) "Register" means the register of medical practitioners maintained under section 27, and the register of dentist practitioners maintained under section 28;
- (u) "registerable qualifications" means the medical or dental qualifications recognized under sections 12, 15, 16, 20, 21;
- (v) "registered medical practitioner" means a medical practitioner whose name is included in the Register maintained under section 27;
- (w) "registered dental practitioner" means a dental practitioner whose name is included in the Register maintained under section 28;
- (x) "regulations" means the regulations made under this Act;
- (y) "rules" means rules made under this Act.
- (z) "Schedule" means the Schedule to this Act;
- (aa) "Specialists Boards" mean the recognized Specialist Boards included in the Sixth Schedule;

(bb) "University" means a university established under a law and having a constituent medical or dental college or both or other disciplines of allied sciences or degree awarding institutes in other health disciplines; and

(cc) "Vice President" means the Vice President of the Council.

3. (1) Government shall, by notification in the official Gazette, cause to be constituted a Council consisting of the following members, namely:-

Constitution and composition of the Council.

- (i) one Member of Provincial Assembly of Sindh to be nominated by Speaker;
- (ii) Secretary to Government of Sindh, Health Department;
- (iii) Secretary, Sindh Higher Education Commission;
- (iv) one member each to be elected by the members of the Syndicate of each public sector medical and dental University of the Province amongst the members of its medical faculty and dental faculty of all its constituent as well as affiliated colleges;
- (v) two members to be elected from amongst nominees of each private sector medical and dental university or college of Sindh. The nominees shall be from amongst the members of its medical or dental faculty;
- (vi) one member to be elected from amongst the Professors of the teaching staff of the public sector medical and dental universities or colleges;
- (vii) one member to be elected from amongst the Professors of the teaching staff of the private sector medical and dental universities or colleges;
- (viii) one member to be elected from amongst the registered medical practitioner of Sindh;
- (ix) one member to be elected from amongst the registered dental practitioners of Sindh;
- (x) one member to be nominated by the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons;
- (xi) one member, belonging to the legal profession; to be nominated by the Chief Justice of High Court of Sindh;
- (xii) the Chairman, Sindh Healthcare Commission;
- (xiii) the Registrar of the Sindh Medical and Dental Council.

(2) The President of Council shall be elected by the members of the Council from amongst themselves.

(3) No act done by the Council shall be invalid on the ground merely of the existence of any vacancy in, or any defect in the constitution of, the Council.

(4) All members other than ex-officio members shall be appointed or nominated, as the case may be, by the Chief Minister who shall also supervise the affairs of the Council.

(5) The Registrar of the Council shall also act as the Secretary of the Council.

4. (1) An election under clause (iv), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii) and (ix) of sub-section (1) of section 3 shall be conducted by the Council as may be prescribed. Mode of election.

(2) Where any dispute arises regarding any election to the Council, it shall be referred to Government whose decision thereon shall be final.

(3) The Department shall, by notification in the official Gazette, nominate one of its officers not less than the rank of BPS-20, who shall be responsible for ensuring the constitution of the first Council through the electoral process to be conducted within one eighty (180) days from the date of the commencement of this Act.

5. (1) No person shall be eligible for nomination or election under clause (i), (ii), (iii), (xi), (xii) and (xiii) of sub-section (1) of section 3, unless he is a registered medical practitioner or a registered dentist, as the case may be. Restrictions on nominations and elections.

(2) No person shall be eligible for nomination or election under clause (iv), (v), (vi), (viii), (ix) and (xi) of sub-section (1) of section 3, unless he resides in the Province of Sindh.

(3) No person shall at one and the same time serve as a member in more than one capacity in the Council.

6. (1) The Council constituted under section 3 shall be a body corporate under the name and title as the Sindh Medical and Dental Council, having its perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to acquire and hold property both movable and immovable, and to contract, and shall by the said name sue and be sued. Incorporation of the Council.

(2) The Council shall be regulatory body for medical and dental profession, medical and dental education and institutions.

7. (1) The President shall hold office for a term not exceeding four years and not extending beyond the expiry of his term as member of the Council Terms of Office.

(2) Subject to the provisions of sub-sections (4) and (6), a member shall hold office for a term of four years from the date of his nomination or election until his successor has been duly nominated or elected, whichever is earlier.

(3) If a member fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Council or remains out of the province for a continuous period exceeding one year or, in the case of an elected member, ceases to represent his electoral college, he shall cease to be the member of the Council. A person shall thereupon be nominated or, as the case may be, elected to fill the vacancy:

Provided that a member nominated by Chief Minister shall hold office only during pleasure of Chief Minister. If a nominated member is being considered for cancellation of membership while his term remains, he shall be given a notice to show cause and on opportunity of personal hearing by Chief Minister before a final order is passed. Chief Minister's nominees shall not be eligible for the post of President.

(4) The case of a member of the Council, other than the members under clauses (i), (ii), (iii), (xi) and (xiii) of sub-section (1) of section 3, shall be forwarded to the Chief Minister for decision of continuing his membership or otherwise in the following circumstances, namely: -

- (a) if the Council decides by a majority that his membership is not in the interest of the Council: or
- (b) his name has been removed from the Register of practitioners as a result of inquiry under section 35; or
- (c) he becomes insane or is declared an insolvent by a competent court; or
- (d) he is convicted for a criminal offence which implies moral turpitude, including unprofessional and infamous conduct as provided under section 35.

(5) Other than the member under clauses (i), (ii), (iii), (xi) and (xii) of sub-section (1) of section 3, the Council may, only by a majority decision, suspend the membership of a member if he falls under sub-section (4) till a decision by the Chief Minister about continuance of his membership or otherwise.

(6) Where the said term of four years is about to expire in respect of any member, his successor may be nominated or elected at any time within until the expiry of the said term.

(7) An elected or nominated member may, at any time, resign from his membership by writing under his hand addressed to the President and the seat of such member shall be deemed to have fallen vacant from the date of acceptance of his resignation by the President.

(8) A vacancy in the Council shall be filled through election or nomination, as the case may be, and the person elected or nominated to fill the vacancy shall hold office for the residue of the term of outgoing member.

8. (1) The meetings of the Council shall be regulated by the regulations; provided that until such regulations are framed, the Council shall meet at least thrice in a year at such time and place as may be approved by the President.

Meetings of the Council.

(2) Until otherwise provided by regulations, one third of the nominated or elected members of the Council shall form a quorum, and all of the acts of the Council shall be decided by a majority of the members present and voting.

9. (1) The Council shall -

Officers, Committees and servants of the Council.

- (a) elect from amongst its members a Vice President;
- (b) constitute from amongst its members an Executive Committee, and such other Committees for general or special purposes as the Council deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act;
- (c) appoint the Registrar, Secretary, Treasurer to carry the purpose of this Act as may be prescribed;
- (d) appoint, employ or nominate such other Advisors to the President, officers, officials and servants on regular or on contract basis as the Council deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act, as may be prescribed;
- (e) require the Treasurer to take from the Registrar, Secretary, advisers to the President, officers, officials and servants, such security for the due performance of their duties as the Council deems necessary; and
- (f) fix the remuneration and allowances to be paid to the President, Vice President, Members, officers and servants of the Council employed under this section.

(2) All person appointed or employed under this section shall be deemed to be public servants within the meaning of section 21 of the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (Act XLV of 1860).

10. (1) The Executive Committee shall consist of seven members, of whom five shall be elected by the Council from amongst its members and atleast one shall be a dental practitioner and one from the post graduate institutions:

Executive
Committee.

Provided that the President shall have the power to co-opt a maximum of two additional members to the Committee but such members shall not have right to vote.

(2) The President, Vice-President shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee, and shall be its President and Vice-President, respectively.

(3) In addition to the powers and duties conferred and imposed upon it by this Act, the Executive Committee shall exercise and discharge such powers and duties as the Council may confer or impose upon it as may be prescribed by regulations.

11. (1) The Council shall conduct annually on a date approved by the Council and as per the approved standards, a single admissions test which shall be a mandatory requirement for all students seeking admission to medical or dental undergraduate programs anywhere in the Province.

Admission Tests in
Medical and Dental
Institutions in the
Province.

(2) No student shall be awarded a medical or dental degree in the Province who has not passed the SMDCAT prior to obtaining admission in a Medical or Dental College or institution in the Province; provided that this sub-section applies to the admission in the year 2022 and prospectively.

(3) The admission to medical or dental programs conducted by public and private colleges shall be regulated as per the policy of the Council strictly on merit.

(4) The marks obtained by a student in the SMDCAT conducted by the Council shall constitute a minimum fifty percent of the weightage for the purpose of admission in the public and private medical institutions.

12. (1) The Department may, with the approval of Government, grant recognition to any medical institution in the Province which trains or grants or both trains and grants medical qualifications and the qualifications granted by them. All such recognized medical institutions or qualifications shall be included in the First Schedule by the Department by notification in the official Gazette.

Recognition of
Medical Institutions
and Qualifications.

(2) If any medical institution in the Province intends to get recognition of the institution which trains or grants or both

trains and grants medical qualifications or qualification granted by it in pursuance of sub-section (1), it shall apply to the Council through the Department for the same.

(3) The Department shall transmit the application to the Council after being satisfied that the application is completed and is in accordance with the prescribed procedure. The Council shall form recommendations for the Department after assessing the institution and the qualification as per prescribed procedure. Upon receiving recommendations from the Council, the Department shall grant recognition as provided under sub-section (1).

(4) The notification for the grant of recognition may also direct that an entry shall be made in the last column of the First Schedule against such hospital or institution, declaring that it shall be a recognized hospital or institution only when granted after the date of notification.

13. (1) The Department may grant recognition to any hospital or institution in the Province which trains for house job or internship or foundation year. All such recognized hospitals or institutions shall be included in the Fourth Schedule by the Department by notification in the official Gazette.

Recognition of hospitals or institutions for house job.

(2) If any hospital and institution in the Province intends to get recognition of the institution which trains for house job, internship or foundation year in pursuance of sub-section (1), it shall apply to the Council, which after inspection will recommend to Government for such recognition.

(3) The Department shall transmit the application to the Council after being satisfied that the application is completed in a manner as may be prescribed. The Council shall form the recommendations for the Department after assessing the institution as per prescribed procedure eligibility of the hospital or institution.

(4) The Department on receiving upon recommendations under sub-section (3) shall issue notification for the grant of recognition and which may also direct that entry shall be made in the last column of the Fourth Schedule against such hospital or institution, declaring that it shall be a recognized hospital or institution only when granted after the date of notification.

14. At any time, the Council may enter into negotiations with the appropriate authority in any of the Province of Pakistan or foreign country or organization for the settling of a scheme for improvement of medical education in Pakistan or postgraduate degrees or any matter or prospect related to the medical or dental profession.

Arrangement for schemes with other Provinces of Pakistan and Foreign countries.

15. (1) If, after an examination by a board constituted by the Council, the Council is satisfied that a person holding a qualification granted by a medical institution outside province, is possessed of sufficient knowledge and skill to be registered as a practitioner for the purpose of this Act, it may recommend to the Department to issue a notification in favour of such person to register him and his qualification. Upon such notification, the Council shall register the qualification possessed by the person without it being entered in any of the Schedules of this Act.

Power of the Council to certify certain persons to be possessed of sufficient medical qualifications.

(2) The Council shall register the qualification granted by a medical institution outside the province, possessed by the person by maintaining a separate list in the Register.

16. (1) The Department may grant recognition to any post-graduate medical or dental institution which trains or grants or both trains and grants additional medical or dental qualifications and the qualifications granted by them.

Additional medical or dental qualifications.

(2) All such recognized additional medical or dental institutions or qualifications shall be included in the Second Schedule by the Department by notification in the official Gazette.

(3) If any post-graduate medical and dental institution in the Province intends to get recognition of the institution which trains or grants or both trains and grants additional medical and dental qualifications or qualification granted by it in pursuance of sub-section (1), it shall apply to the Department for the same. If an institution only train for a recognized postgraduate qualification in any specialty, it shall apply to the qualification awarding body and after consultation and approval of the Council, the institution shall be added in the Second Schedule.

(4) The Department shall transmit the application to the Council after being satisfied that the application is completed in the prescribed manner.

(5) The Council in consultation with the examining body shall form recommendations for the Department after assessing the institution and the qualification as per prescribed procedure. Upon receiving recommendations from the Council, the Department shall grant recognition as provided under sub-section (1).

(6) The notification for the grant of recognition may also direct that an entry shall be made in the last column of the Second Schedule against such institution and additional medical and dental qualification granted by it, declaring that it shall be a recognized post-graduate medical and dental institution and additional medical and dental qualification only when granted after the date of notification.

17. The Council shall evaluate any additional medical or dental qualifications granted by any of the Provinces of Pakistan or any foreign institution and may –

Recognition of Pakistan and foreign additional medical and dental qualifications.

(a) recommend to the Department that such institution or qualification be –

(i) recognized and included in the Second Schedule as specified in section 16; or

(ii) notified only and shall not be included in the Second Schedule, however, a separate list thereof shall be maintained; or

(b) proceed as per section 15 or 21, as the case may be.

18. (1) The Department may grant recognition to any organization in the Province which provide opportunities of continuous professional development to the registered medical and dental practitioners. All such recognized organizations shall be included in the Fifth Schedule by the Department by notification in the official Gazette.

Recognition of continuous Professional Development Opportunity Providers.

(2) If any organization in the Province, which provides opportunities of continuous professional development to the registered medical and dental practitioners, intends to get recognition of the organization in pursuance of sub-section (1), it shall apply to the Department for the same.

(3) The Department shall transmit the application to the Council after being satisfied that the application is completed in a manner as prescribed. The Council shall form recommendations for the Department after assessing the institution and the qualification from the Council, the Department shall grant recognition as provided under sub-section (1), declaring that it shall be a recognized organization in the Province which provides opportunities of continuous professional development to the registered medical and dental practitioners, only when granted after the date of notification.

(4) A separate list of international continuous professional development opportunities providing organization or institutes shall be maintained by the Council.

19. (1) The Department may grant recognition to Specialists Boards which shall help the Council in maintenance of such minimum standards of proficiency in that particular specialty as may be prescribed by the Council. All recognized specialist boards shall be included in the Sixth Schedule by the Department by notification in the official Gazette.

Role of Specialists' Boards.

(2) The Council shall authorize a Specialist Board constituted as per prescribed procedures and shall form recommendations for the Department. Upon receiving recommendations from the Council, the Department shall grant recognition as provided under sub-section (1), declaring that it

shall be a recognized Specialists Board only when granted after the date of notification.

20. (1) The Department may grant recognition to any dental institution in the Province which trains or grants or both trains and grants dental qualifications and the qualifications granted by them. All such recognized dental institutions or qualifications shall be included in the Fourth Schedule by the Department by notification in the official Gazette.

Recognition of dental institutions and qualifications.

(2) If any dental institution in the Province intends to get recognition of the institution which trains or grants or both trains and grants dental qualifications or qualification granted by it in pursuance of sub-section (1), it shall apply to the Department for the same.

(3) The Department shall transmit the application to the Council after being satisfied that application is complete and is in accordance with the prescribed procedure. The Council shall form recommendations for the Department after assessing the institution and the qualification as per prescribed procedure. Upon receiving recommendations from the Council, the Department shall grant recognition as provided under sub-section (1).

(4) The notification for the grant of recognition may also direct that an entry shall be made in the last column of the Fourth Schedule against such institution and dental qualification granted by it, declaring that it shall be a recognized dental institution and dental qualification only when granted after the date of notification.

21. (1) If after an examination by a board constituted by the Council, the Council is satisfied that a person holding a qualification granted by a dental institution outside Province is possessed of sufficient knowledge and skill to be registered as a practitioner for the purpose of this Act, it may recommend to the Department to issue a notification in favour of such person to register him and his qualification. Upon such notification, the Council shall register the qualification possessed by the person without it being entered in any Schedule.

Power of Council to certify certain persons to be possessed of sufficient dental qualifications.

(2) The Council shall register the qualification granted by a dental institution outside Province possessed by the person by maintaining a separate list in the register.

22. Every medical or dental institution or hospital or organization in Province recognized under this Act, which trains for or grants or both a medical or a dental qualification, additional medical or dental qualification, trains for house job or internship or foundation year or is a continuous professional development opportunity provider shall furnish such information as the Council may, from time to time, require about the facilities and faculty available in the institution, courses of study and processes of admission of the institution

Power to acquire information as to courses of study and examination.

concerned, examinations required to be undergone prior to such qualifications being conferred and generally as to the requisites for obtaining such qualifications.

23. (1) The Executive Committee shall approve a list of Inspectors in the Province and the President shall commission such number of Medical or Dental Inspectors from the approved list, as it may deem appropriate, to inspect the facilities for training available at the medical or dental institutions and attend at any or all of the examinations held by their institutions in the Province recognized under this Act for the purpose of grant recognition to medical or dental practice or additional qualifications in medical or dental.

(2) The Inspectors appointed under this section shall form a comprehensive report about the facilities for training in the institution and shall not interfere with conduct of any examinations and shall report to the Executive Committee on the standard of the inspected examination which they attend and on the courses of study and facilities for teaching provided by the medical or dental institution inspected for different stages leading up to examinations and on any other matters in regard to which the President or Executive Committee may require them to report.

(3) The Executive Committee shall forward a copy of any such report to the medical or dental institution concerned and shall also forward a copy with the remarks of such medical or dental institution thereon, to the Council.

24. (1) If a recognized institution is violating the provisions of this Act and rules or regulations made thereunder or the facilities for training for the courses of study or standard of examination in the institution to obtain a recognized qualification, additional medical or dental qualification, training for house job or internship of foundation year or in a continuous professional development opportunity providing organization has deteriorated to an extent that the standard of proficiency required from candidates at any examination held for the purpose of grant such qualification is not such as to secure to persons holding such qualification the knowledge and skill requisite for the efficient practice in medicine or dentistry, the Council may stop further intake of students in the institution and forward a summary of its findings and its intentions to the medical or dental institution with an intimation of the period within which the medical or dental institution may submit its explanation to the Council and may request for a hearing before the Council if it so desires.

Withdrawal of recognition.

(2) If the Council is not satisfied with the explanation under sub-section (1) then it shall make recommendations to the Department for closure of the institution to which shall include a scheme for adjustment of students in other recognized institutions of the corresponding public or private sector, as the case may be.

(3) On recommendations of the Council under sub-section (2), Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, direct that an entry shall be made in the First, Second, Third, Fourth or Fifth Schedule, as the case may be, against the said medical or dental postgraduate institution and qualification granted by it or continuous professional development opportunity provider declaring that it shall be a recognized medical or dental qualification, institution, and continuous professional development opportunity provider only before the date of notification.

25. No person shall run nor establish any institution for training or grant or both training or grant of medical or dental qualifications, additional medical or dental education, training for house job, internship or foundation year or an organization for continuous professional development opportunity providing neither shall any university grant affiliation to any such an institution nor any such institution shall award any degree unless recognition has been granted to such college or institution under this Act.

Establishment and running of medical and dental institutions without recognition.

26. (1) Whoever runs or establishes or endorses any institution or advertises admissions in an institution for imparting education in medicine or dentistry, which is not recognized under sections 12, 13, 16, 17 or 20 or in respect of which recognition has been withdrawn under section 24, shall be guilty of an offence punishable with rigorous imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years but shall not be less than a year or with fine which may extend to ten million rupees but shall not be less than five million rupees or with both and shall also be liable to closure of such institution.

Penalty.

(2) Where any contravention of this Act has been committed by a body corporate or institution and it appears from the relevant documents that such offence has been committed with the consent or connivance of or is attributed to any negligence on the part of any director, partner, manager, secretary or other officer of the body corporate or institution such director, partner, manager, secretary or other officer of the body corporate or institution, shall be deemed guilty of such contravention along with the body corporate or institution and shall be punished accordingly:

Provided that in the case of a company as defined under the Companies Act, 2017 (Act No.XIX of 2017), only its Chief Executive shall be liable under this section.

Explanation.- For the purposes of this section, "body corporate or institution" includes a firm, association of persons and a society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (XXI of 1860) or under the Co-operative Societies Act, 1925 (VII of 1925).

(3) Where any contravention of this Act has been committed by any Government agency, local authority or local council and it appears from the relevant documents that such contravention has been committed with the consent or connivance of or is attributable to any negligence on the part of the head or any other officer of Government agency, local authority or local council, such head or other officer shall also be deemed guilty of such contravention along with Government agency, local authority or local council and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

27. (1) The Council shall maintain a Register of medical practitioners possessing qualifications which are recognized medical or additional medical qualifications for the purposes of this Act and may prescribe the necessary particulars to be entered in the Register. Holders of a recognized basic degree shall be registered on provisional basis for internship or foundation or house job of a minimum of one year duly assessed hands on clinical rotation in an approved hospital or institution included in the Fourth Schedule which shall be mandatory for conversion of provisional registration into full registration.

Maintenance of
Register of Medical
Practitioners.

(2) The practitioner shall be deemed to hold a valid registration and entitled to be known and eligible for privileges of a registered medical practitioner if his name is retained on the Register after fulfillment of requirements of continuation of registration as laid down by the Council from time to time and provided, he had paid the dues of the Council. The valid registration certificate shall be the license to practice medicine inside the Province.

28. (1) The Council shall maintain a Register of dental practitioners possessing qualifications which are recognized dental or additional dental qualifications for the purposes of this Act and may prescribe the necessary particulars to be entered in the Register. Holders of a recognized basic degree shall be registered on provisional basis for internship or foundation or house job of a minimum of one year duly assessed hands on clinical rotation in an approved hospital or institution included in the Fourth Schedule which shall be mandatory for conversion of provisional registration into full registration.

Maintenance of
Register of Dental
Practitioners.

(2) The practitioner shall be deemed to hold valid registration and entitled to be known and eligible for privileges of a registered dental practitioner if his name is retained on the Register after fulfillment of requirements of continuation of registration as laid down by the Council from time to time and provided, he had paid the dues of the Council. The valid registration certificate shall be the licence to practice dentistry in the Province.

29. The register maintained under section 27 and 28 shall be deemed to be public document within the meaning of the section 34 of the Qanun-e-Shahdat, Order, 1984.

Registers to be
public documents.

30. Whoever falsely pretends to be registered under this Act as a medical practitioner or dentist and uses with his name or title any words or letters representing that he is so registered with the Council or uses the word "doctor" without legal basis, irrespective of whether any person is actually deceived by such pretense or representation or not, shall, on conviction before a Magistrate of the first class, be punishable with fine which may extend to one hundred thousand rupees or with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or with both. Any person found aiding and abetting him shall also be prosecuted and punished.

Penalty for fraudulent representation or registration.

31. (1) No person, other than a registered medical or dental practitioner, shall practice medicine or dentistry.

Penalty of practicing without registration.

(2) Any person who acts in contravention of the provisions of sub-section (1) shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years but shall not be less than six months or with fine which may extend to two hundred thousand rupees but shall not be less than one hundred thousand rupees or with both.

32. (1) No court shall take cognizance of any offence or matter under this Act except upon complaint in writing made by the authorized officer of the Council.

Cognizance of offences.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898), it shall be lawful for any Magistrate of the first class to pass any sentence authorized by this Act even if such sentence exceeds his powers under section 32 of the said Code.

33. (1) A registered medical practitioner and dentist shall have following privileges, namely:-

Privileges of registered medical or dental practitioners.

- (a) valid registration shall be considered as a license to practice medicine and dentistry of a level mentioned by the Council in the registration certificate;
- (b) valid full registration shall be competent to practice medicine or dentistry and prescribe allopathic medicine and perform any surgical or interventional procedure on any patient;
- (c) a registered medical practitioner or a registered dentist having valid full registration may take admission for an additional qualification course;
- (d) to hold any medical or dental or relevant administrative appointment in any medical or dental institution or setup or hospitals or clinic or related health institution;
- (e) to hold a commission as a medical or dental officer in the Armed Forces; and

- (f) only a registered practitioner having valid registration is eligible to participate in the elections of the member of the Council.

(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other law for the time being in force, no medical certificate or prescription or advice shall be considered valid unless obtained from a medical or dental practitioner having valid registration.

(3) No person shall be entitled to recover any charge in any court of law for any medical or surgical advice or attendance or for the performance of any operation or intervention or for any medicine prescribed or supplied unless he can prove upon the trial that he is a registered medical practitioner having valid registration.

34. (1) Every registered medical or dental practitioner shall notify any transfer of the place of his residence or practice to the Registrar within sixty days of such transfer, failing which his name is liable to be struck off the Register by order of the Department either permanently or for such period as may be specified therein.

Responsibilities of
registered Medical
or dental
practitioner.

(2) No registered person shall use or publish in any way whatsoever any time, title, description, or symbol indicating or calculated to lead persons to infer that he possesses any additional or other professional qualification unless the same has been conferred upon him by a legally constituted authority within or outside Province and which is recognized under this Act.

(3) Every registered medical practitioner or dental practitioner shall comply with the code of medical ethics prescribed by the Council.

35. (1) The Council, in its discretion, may direct the Registrar to remove altogether or for a specified period from the Register the name of any registered medical practitioner or registered dentist who has been convicted by the disciplinary committee or by any other court of law of any such offence as implies in the opinion of the Council a defect of character defined in the code of ethics of practice or who, after an inquiry at which opportunity has been given to such person to be heard in person or through a pleader, has been convicted by the disciplinary committee of the Council as guilty of professional negligence or incompetence or who has shown himself to be unfit to continue in practice or on account of mental ill health or other grounds as prescribed in the code of ethics of practice regulations.

Removal of names
from the Register

(2) The Council may also direct that any name removed from the Register under sub-section (1) shall be restored.

(3) For the purpose of an inquiry under sub-section (1), the disciplinary committee of the Council shall exercise all the powers of a civil court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (Act V of 1908) for summoning the witnesses, for compelling the production of documents and for issuing commissions with the help of law enforcing authorities.

(4) The claim of professional negligence shall initially be established before the disciplinary committee of the Council before or as case may be.

36. (1) There shall be separate fund of the Council known as the Sindh Medical and Dental Council Fund which shall be non-lapsable Fund except the single line annual grants by Government which shall form part of the Fund and shall be lapsable.

(2) The Fund shall consist of -

- (a) single line annual grant received from Government;
- (b) grants and subsidy received from the Federal Government, other Provincial Governments and Local Governments;
- (c) donations endowments and deposits;
- (d) income from investment and deposits;
- (e) loans raised or aid obtained by the Council;
- (f) fees, royalties on publications of the Council and other charges for services rendered by the Council;
- (g) all moneys received from any donor agency of Pakistan or foreign origin.

37. The amounts credited in the Fund shall be deposited in any Scheduled Bank approved by the Council.

Crediting of the funds.

38. (1) The Council shall cause the accounts of Council to be maintained properly in respect of each financial year in such a form and manner as may be prescribed, showing the estimated receipt and current expenditure and the sums to be required from Government during next financial year.

Maintenance of accounts and audit of accounts.

(2) The accounts of the Council shall be audited once a year by the Auditor General of Pakistan or by the Chartered Accountants within the meaning of the Chartered Accountants Ordinance, 1960 (X of 1961) appointed by the Council.

(3) The annual statement of the accounts and audit report thereon shall be submitted by the Auditor for consideration of the Council for such action as deemed necessary.

39. Government may make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

Rules.

40. (1) The Council may, with the previous sanction of Government, make Regulation generally to carry out the purposes of this Act, and without prejudice to the generality of its power, such Regulations may provide for -

Power to make Regulations.

- (a) the management of the property of the Council and the maintenance of audit of its accounts;
 - (b) the summoning and holding of meetings of the Council, the times and places where such meetings are to be held, the conduct of business thereat and the number of members necessary to constitute a quorum;
 - (c) the powers and duties of the President and Vice President;
 - (d) the mode of appointment of the Executive Committee, other Committees, the summoning and holding of meetings, and the conduct of business of such Committees,
 - (e) code of practice and ethics for the medical and dental practitioners;
 - (f) the appointment, powers, duties and procedures of medical and dental inspectors;
 - (g) the conditions and procedure for maintenance, compilation and publication of the Register of medical and dental practitioners and of health care providing facilities and their minimum requirements and the fees to be charged for registration and, if necessary, for opening of sub-offices or branches for this purpose;
 - (h) the procedure for any inquiry under sub-section (1) of section 35; and
 - (i) any matter for which under this Act provision may be made by regulations.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), the Council shall make Regulations which may provide for -
- (a) prescribing a uniform minimum standard of courses of training for obtaining graduate and post-graduate medical and dental qualifications to be included or included respectively in the First, Second and Fourth Schedules;
 - (b) prescribing minimum requirements for the content and duration of courses of study as aforesaid;
 - (c) prescribing the conditions for admission to courses of training as aforesaid;
 - (d) prescribing minimum qualifications and experience required of teachers for appointment in medical and dental institutions;
 - (e) prescribing the standards of examinations, methods of conducting the examinations and other requirements to be satisfied for securing recognition of medical and dental qualifications under this Act;

- (f) prescribing the qualifications, experience and other conditions required for examiners for professional examinations in medicine and dentistry antecedent to the granting of recognized medical and dental and additional medical and dental qualifications;
- (g) registration of medical or dental students at any medical or dental college or school or any university and the fees payable in respect of such registration;
- (h) laying down criteria including university affiliation, conditions and requirements for recognition and continuation of recognition and for grant of status of a teaching institution of institutions and organizations under this Act and on all connected matters of inspection of medical and dental institutions for recognition and continuation of recognition and inspection of examinations in these institutions and fee for such inspections;
- (i) election of members of the Council; and
- (j) prescribing a uniform minimum standard for continuous professional development for registered graduate and post-graduate medical and dental practitioners.

41. (1) The Council shall furnish such reports, copies of its minutes, abstracts of its accounts, and other information to Government as it may require.

Information to be furnished by the Council and publication thereof.

(2) The Department may publish, in such manner as it may think fit, any report, copy, abstract or other information furnished to it under this section or under section 23.

42. (1) Whenever it is made to appear to the Government that the Council is not complying with any provisions of this Act, it may direct the Department to refer the particulars of the complaint to a commission of inquiry consisting of three persons two of whom shall be appointed by the Government, including the Chairman being at least a Judge of a High Court, and one member nominated by the Council after a resolution.

Commission of Inquiry.

(2) Such commission shall proceed to inquire in a summary manner and to report to the Department as to the truth of the matter charged in the complaint and in case of any charge of default or of improper action being found by the commission to have been established, the commission shall recommend the remedies, if any, which are in its opinion necessary.

(3) The Department shall place such report of the inquiry commission before the Government for consideration to be forwarded to the Council for implementation and for remedial actions.

(4) The Council shall submit to the Department a detailed plan of remedial measures to be adopted by the Council which

shall be considered as approved if no further orders are passed by the Department in this regard within three months. All remedial actions shall be taken by the Council within a stipulated period of six months and the Council shall submit to the Department a report of actions taken thereon. If the Council fails to comply with the remedial measures forwarded to it by the Department, the Department with the approval of Government may amend the regulations of the Council or make such provisions or issue orders or take such other steps as may seem necessary to give effect to the recommendations of the commission.

(5) The commission of inquiry shall have power to administer oaths, to enforce the attendance of witnesses and the productions of documents and shall have other necessary powers for the purpose of any inquiry conducted by it as are exercised by a civil court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (Act V of 1908).

43. No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against Government, the Council or any Committee thereof, or any officer or servant of Government or Council for anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done under this Act. Indemnity.

44. The provisions of this Act shall have effect notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other law for the time being in force. Over-riding provision

45. If any difficulty arises in giving effect to any of the provisions of this Act, Government may make such order not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act for removing the difficulty. Removal of difficulty.

46. (1) The provisions of the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Ordinance, 1962 (Ordinance No.XXXI), to the extent of the Province of Sindh are hereby repealed. Repeal and Savings.

(2) All orders made, proceedings initiated, notifications issued, rules or regulations made, shall be deemed to have been validly made and shall remain in force until altered, amended or repealed by the competent authority.

BY ORDER OF THE SPEAKER
PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SINDH

G.M.UMAR FAROOQ
SECRETARY
PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SINDH

FIRST SCHEDULE

(See section 12)

**RECOGNIZED MEDICAL QUALIFICATIONS GRANTED BY MEDICAL
INSTITUTION IN PROVINCE OF SINDH**

Medical Institution	Recognized Medical Qualification	Abbreviation Registration for

SECOND SCHEDULE

(See section 16)

RECOGNIZED ADDITIONAL MEDICAL AND DENTAL QUALIFICATIONS

Medical Institution	Recognized Additional Medical Qualification	Abbreviation Registration for
PART 'A'		
GRANTED BY MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE PROVINCE OF SINDH		
Medical Institution	Recognized Additional Medical Qualification	Abbreviation Registration for

PART B

GRANTED BY MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS OUTSIDE THE PROVINCE

[illegible]

THIRD SCHEDULE

(See section 20)

RECOGNIZED DENTAL QUALIFICATIONS GRANTED BY MEDICAL
INSTITUTION IN PROVINCE OF SINDH

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FOURTH SCHEDULE*(See section 13)***APPROVED HOSPITALS OR INSTITUTIONS**

S.NO.	Approved Hospitals or Institutions	Specialties/Department

FIFTH SCHEDULE*(See section 18)***CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
OPPORTUNITY PROVIDERS****SIXTH SCHEDULE***(See section 19)***RECOGNIZED SPECIALISTS BOARDS THE PROVINCE OF SINDH**