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Welcome!



Dear Candidate,

We are thrilled to extend best wishes to all the candidates preparing and attempting this exam.

The Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University (SZABMU) has been designated as the 'Admitting University' by the Federal Government to conduct the Medical and Dental College Admission Test (MDCAT) – 2024. This booklet serves as your comprehensive guide to preparing for the test and embarking on a rewarding career in medicine or dentistry.

Importance of MDCAT

The MDCAT exam has been an integral part of the medical and dental colleges' admission process for the past 25 years. All medical and dental institutions in Pakistan require applicants to submit recent MDCAT scores for admission.

Purpose of the Booklet

This booklet outlines the official policies and procedures for taking the MDCAT exam. It provides essential information about test-day policies, post-test-day procedures, and the rules in place to ensure the integrity of the exam. By reading this guide, you'll be well-prepared for a hassle-free testing experience.

Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns, you'll find contact information throughout this booklet.

Best Wishes

We at SZABMU wish you the best of luck and success as you pursue a career in medicine or dentistry.

Dr. Anber Saleem
MBBS, FCPS, ACMED
Controller Examinations, SZABMU

BASIC INFORMATION

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- This is the Official MDCAT-2024 Guide, containing essential information and rules.
- Strictly follow the instructions; failure to comply may result in disqualification.
- SZABMU does not endorse any commercial preparation courses or materials.

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CONTACT DETAILS

Registration, Curriculum, Test Content, and Format:

Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PM&DC)

Phone: +92-51-9190000

Email: examination@pmdc.pk

Website: www.pmdc.com

Address: G 10/4, Mauve Area, Islamabad

Test Conduct and Administration:

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Website: www.szabmu.edu.pk

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POLICY

- MDCAT-2024 will be conducted by SZABMU/PM&DC on behalf of the FEDERAL GOVT.
- Qualifying MDCAT doesn't guarantee admission to MBBS/BDS courses.
- Instructions are subject to change based on PM&DC/Government decisions.
- Permission can be withdrawn from ineligible candidates.



What is MDCAT?



The Medical & Dental Colleges Admission Test (MDCAT) is a mandatory, standardized test for MBBS and BDS admissions in all medical and dental institutions, as per PM&DC Act, 2022, Section 17(2).

TEST DATE: SUNDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 2024

- Test duration: 3.5 hours (210 minutes)
- Reporting Time: 08:00 hrs PST.
- Exam Time ; 10:00 AM Till 01:30 PM (PST)
- Format: Pen and paper-based in English.
- Administered by: Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University (SZABMU)
- Responsible for: Test production, marking, and province-wide test center network
- Format, weightage, and curriculum: As notified by PM&DC

CENTERS FOR MDCAT 2024

○ **NATIONAL CENTERS**

- ISLAMABAD
- AJ&K
 - RAWALPINDI
 - MIRPUR
 - RAWALAKOT
 - MUZZAFFARABAD
- GILGIT BALITISTAN

○ **INTERNATIONAL CENTERS (Pakistan Standard Time will be followed)**

- UAE
- RIYAD, KSA

CENTER ALLOCATION:

ISSUANCE OF ADMIT CARD

Download Instructions

1. Visit University website <https://admission.szabmu.edu.pk/>
2. Enter your complete CNIC/Passport/B-Form without dash (-).
3. Download and print Admit Card on white, plain, A4 size paper.

Important Notes

- Admit Card is issued provisionally, subject to eligibility fulfillment.
- Candidates must appear at designated center, date, and time.
- No changes are allowed to Admit Card content.
- Verify particulars and photo; report discrepancies to University.
- Admit Card does not guarantee eligibility acceptance.

Support

For queries/complaints: mdcat2024@szabmu.edu.pk

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

DOWNLOAD ADMIT CARD FOR MEDICAL & DENTAL COLLEGE ADMISSION TEST (MDCAT) 2024

SHAHEED ZULFIQAR ALI BHUTTO MEDICAL UNIVERSITY, ISLAMABAD

Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University, Islamabad
Medical & Dental College Admission Test (MDCAT - 2024)

Instructions for the candidate:

- Examination center will be closed for entry at 09:30 AM (PST), and no candidate will be allowed after this time. Candidates are advised to reach the Examination Center well in time.
- Candidate are advised to bring
 - A printed copy of the admit card.
 - ORIGINAL CNIC/NCCP/Passport (for 18 years age & above)
 - ORIGINAL B-Form/ FIC (issued by NADRA) Juvenile Card (JVC) (less than 18 years age)
 - ORIGINAL SSC/Matriculation Transcript/Certificate with photograph
 - Clean and transparent clipboard
 - Two Blue & Black ball point pens (Pilot/Geel Pen/Link-Pen/Marker not allowed).
- Candidate failing to produce the above listed documents will not be allowed to enter the Examination Center.
- Mobile phone, smart watch, calculator, electronic gadgets, all communication devices, jewelry, face mask and Carrying of firearms or any other weapon are strictly prohibited within the premises of the Examination Center. If found any of prohibited stuff, candidate will be removed from the center immediately and paper will be cancelled.

- Use of unfair means and unruly behavior shall lead to immediate removal of the candidate from the center with cancellation of paper.
- Question papers and answer sheet need to be returned at the end of Examination. Only carbon copy of answer sheet is allowed to be taken outside the examination venue.
- Candidate may use pick & drop services. Parents should avoid staying inside or near the examination center while the examination is in progress.
- There shall be NO arrangements for collection of mobiles/valuables at the examination centers.
- In case of any query please contact 031-9107752.

For please email at: mdcat2024@szabmu.edu.pk

Download Admit Card For National Applicants (ICT, AJK, Gilgit Baltistan)

Download Admit Card For International Applicants (KSA, UAE)

For please email at: mdcat2024@szabmu.edu.pk

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Test Day

Procedures & Regulations

Before the Test

- Verify the test center address
- Arrive at the center 2 hours before the test (8:00 a.m.)(PST)
- Bring:
 - **Original** CNIC/NICOP/JC/Passport/(for 18 years age& above)
 - **Original** B-Form/FRC issued by NADRA/Juvenile card(JV)(less than 18 years age)
 - **Original** SSC/Matriculation transcripts/certificates with photographs
 - Admit Card printout
 - Transparent clipboard
 - 2 blue & black ballpoint pens (Pointter/Gell Pen/Ink Pen /Marker not allowed)

During the Test

- Search and check by Supervisory Staff
- Invigilator will verify Admittance Card and sign documents
- Occupy allotted seat; no changes allowed
- No leaving the test center until the test is over
- No using toilet facilities for the first hour
- Hand over response form upper sheet to the invigilator before leaving

Before Attempting the Test

- Read instructions on the Response Form and Question Paper carefully
- Check the Question Paper for any missing or damaged pages
- Report any issues to the invigilator immediately

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How to Fill Roll Number on the Response Form

Roll no. shall be printed on your response form.

Response Form

- Answer the test on the specialized Response Form provided
- Use a blue/black ballpoint pen only
- Do not detach the two sheets of the Response Form
- Do not fold or tear the Response Form

Important Instructions for Marking the Responses

- Use a blue/black ballpoint pen only
- Fill in the appropriate circle completely
- Do not mark answers on the Question Paper
- Do not use eraser or white fluid on the Response Form

Scoring

- Total marks: 200
- Each question carries 1 mark
- No negative marking
- More than one answer indicated against a question will be deemed as incorrect

Rough Work

- Do rough work on the blank pages provided at the end of the Question Paper
- Do not do rough work on the Response Form

At the End of the Test

- Return the upper, colored sheet of the Response Form and the Question Paper to the invigilator
- Take the lower, carbonized sheet with you
- Ensure you have returned the correct documents to avoid disqualification

Breach of Examination Rules



1 Unfair Means Practices

- Possessing barred items
- Impersonation or preparing material for copying
- Breaching examination rules
- Assisting others in malpractice
- Marking answers on unauthorized materials
- Tearing or removing examination materials
- Communicating with others during the test
- Smuggling out question papers or response forms
- Threatening officials or candidates
- Manipulating documents or photographs
- Forceful entry/exit or leaving without permission
- Providing wrong information
- Creating obstacles in the examination

Barred Items: The following items are not allowed inside the examination center:

- Stationery items (except Admit Card and original documents)
- Communication devices
- Other items like wallets, goggles, handbags, etc.
- Digital watches or smart wrist watches
- Eatable items

2 Punishment for Using Unfair Means Practice

- Candidates found using unfair means will have their examination cancelled
- Cases will be dealt with according to the Examination Regulations of the University

3 Responsibility of Parents/Guardians:

- Guide your wards on the issues mentioned above
- Do not gather outside the exam centers due to Section 144
- Drop off and pick up your children from their respective centers

OVERVIEW

Answer Key and Self-Scoring

- The University will display the Answer Keys on its website on the same day after the test
- Calculate your score using the carbonized copy of the Response Form and the Answer Key

Rules regarding Complaints and Re-Checking

- Send an email to mdcat2024@szabmu.edu.pk by 6:00 p.m. on the test day for any queries or complaints
- Submit an online application for re-checking within **03 days** after the display of the official result
- Fill in the feedback form.

Result

- Download your MDCAT result from the SZABMU website after declaration

Weeding out Rules

- The record of MDCAT-2024 will be preserved for 12 months from the date of declaration of result

Important

- Be sincere, honest, and responsible in your activities pertaining to appearance in MDCAT
- Do not adopt any unfair or fraudulent means in the examination





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CONTACT

We value your input and invite you to share your thoughts with us whether it's feedback on this booklet, ideas for future communications, or your personal success stories



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