



Pakistan Engineering Council

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Engineering Accreditation Department

Ataturk Avenue (East),
G-5/2, Islamabad

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All Vice Chancellors/ Rectors/ Heads
Universities/ HEIs in Pakistan

Subject: Policy Decision – Framework for Entry Test Relating Admission to Engineering Programs

I am directed to state that in light of decision of 44th Governing Body (GB) held on October 18, 2022, the 46th Vice Chancellors' Committee (VCC) in its meeting held on February 2, 2023 decided the following on the subject matter:

- i. *The PEC policy of entry test along with designated entities/ testing agencies would be continued and extended for the upcoming admission in engineering programs.*
- ii. *Meanwhile, PEC with focus of quality intake in engineering programs would launch Centralized/ Unified Entry Test through transparent bidding process as a parallel option to the students and HEIs to opt as facilitation in addition to the designated/ existing entry test entities.*

2. Accordingly, the approved policy regarding entry test for admission to Engineering Programs to be adhered by all HEIs offering engineering programs in Pakistan, as under:

(1) Open competition among FSc/ A-Level and relevant DAE holders for admission to engineering programs

- a. *To allow admissions to engineering programs through open competition amongst the F.Sc/ A-Level and relevant DAE holders (as per Regulations of Engineering Education) providing a level playing field to ensure quality intake.*

(2) Designated Entity/ Testing Agency to Conduct Entry Test

- a. *The entry test being conducted would be applicable to all HEIs (both public and private) as:*
 - i. *Entry Test being conducted by UET Lahore*
 - ii. *Entry Test being conducted by NED-UET, Karachi and MUET, Jamshoro*
 - iii. *Entry Test being conducted by NUST Islamabad*
 - iv. *Entry Test being conducted by NTS*
 - v. *Entry Test being conducted by ETEA*
 - vi. *Any other existing recognized entity conducting entry test*



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(3) Determination of Merit through Entry Test

- a. Multiple chances (atleast 2 times) for Entry Test be allowed to facilitate maximum students as best result be taken.
- b. The admissions by all HEIs (both public and private) would only be made based on the result of entry test of the designated Testing HEIs/ entities regardless of provincial/ regional territories. The same lists would also be available through PEC website.
- c. The passing marks in the Entry Test by designated HEIs/ Entities will be minimum 33%.
- d. The weightages of Entry Test for merit determination would be minimum 33%.
- e. The remaining 67% weightage (out of which minimum 50% for FSc/ A-level/ relevant DAE, and rest for matric, interview etc.) would be the prerogative/ domain of concerned HEI subject to have well laid-out and transparent procedure to compute overall merit for admission into an engineering program.

Forwarded for information and compliance as approved by the Competent Authority, please.

With regards

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- a. Convener EAB
- b. PS to Chairman Higher Education Commission (HEC)
- c. PS to Chairman / Registrar, PEC