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CIRCULAR

Subject: MORATORIUM ON ISSUANCE OF NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATES (NOCs) FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW VETERINARY INSTITUTIONS AND SUB-CAMPUSES

Kindly refer to the subject cited above

2. The Pakistan Veterinary Medical Council (PVMC), in its 60th Council Meeting held on 20.07.2025, unanimously endorsed the decision of the Executive Committee to impose a moratorium on the issuance of No Objection Certificates (NOCs) for the establishment of new Veterinary institutions/DVM programs and sub-campuses for a period of three (03) years w.e.f. 20.07.2025, following the precedent adopted by other professional regulatory councils, including the Pakistan Medical & Dental Council (PMDC), Pakistan Bar Council (PBC), and Pharmacy Council of Pakistan (PCP).

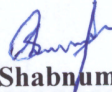
3. The decision has been taken, inter alia, on the following grounds:

- i. The acute shortage of qualified teaching faculty, especially Professors, Associate Professors, and Assistant Professors in specialized veterinary disciplines, is adversely affecting the quality of veterinary education and professional training;
- ii. Several existing veterinary institutions, including Cholistan University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences (CUVAS), Bahawalpur; University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, sub campus Jhang; Gomal University, Dera Ismail Khan; University of Layyah, Layyah; Ziauddin University, Karachi; Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences (SBBUVAS), Sakrand; Lasbela University of Agriculture, Water & Marine Sciences (LUAWMS) ; Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan; University of Poonch, Rawalakot; and the University of Bhimber, Azad Jammu & Kashmir, have not yet attained permanent accreditation and are facing acute deficiencies in faculty, infrastructure, and academic standards as required under the PVMC Act and Regulations. The Council, therefore, considered it imperative to prioritize strengthening and improving the quality, infrastructure, faculty, and academic standards of the existing institutions instead of further expansion without ensuring quality control;
- iii. The increasing number of veterinary graduates is becoming disproportionate to the available employment opportunities and absorption capacity in the Livestock and allied sectors, resulting in rising of unemployment among veterinary graduates;
- iv. The Hon'ble Federal Minister for National Food Security & Research has also directed that priority be given to strengthening and improving the quality of existing veterinary institutions rather than allowing uncontrolled expansion without ensuring compliance with the prescribed international standards;
- v. In line with the precedent already adopted by other professional regulatory bodies, the Council has also decided that each institution shall be allowed to offer only one DVM program, no new veterinary institution, additional campus, or sub-campus for DVM

education shall be entertained, approved, or accredited by PVMC during the moratorium period.

4. Accordingly, no fresh application for issuance of NOC for establishment of new Veterinary Institutions/programs, or establishment of sub-campuses for DVM education, shall be entertained by PVMC during the aforesaid moratorium period.

5. This circular is issued for information, strict compliance, and necessary action by all concerned, pursuant to the decision of the PVMC Council taken at its 60th Council Meeting held on 20.07.2025, with the approval of the competent authority.


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