

Admission Policy Ziauddin College of Dentistry 2026-27

Admission to Ziauddin College of Dentistry for a four (4) year (BDS) degree course is open to all individuals who meet the selection criteria. All candidates are chosen for their academic achievements and potential.

Students are admitted to the first year of BDS on previous high school and/or college academic record, and score in MDCAT /test and interview conducted by the Ziauddin University and as determined by the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council. Selection of student is on the basis of an admission policy approved by the Governing Body of Ziauddin University, which is in line with the regulations of Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC). Students are largely admitted in the category of Local Residents. A few seats are available for overseas students (as defined by the PMDC Rules).

I. General Criteria for Admission

- Have passed MDCAT examination conducted by the relevant Provisional University designated by PMDC. And the applicant has applied through the admitting university
- Obtained a Higher Secondary School Certificate Qualification HSSC or equivalent 12th Grade Qualification and having obtained minimum marks in Pre-Medical as per PMDC criteria.
- Passed the subjects of Biology, Chemistry, Physics / Mathematics.
- Local and overseas students are required to appear for an interview.
- A written aptitude test (MCQ) will be conducted.
- Proficiency in English language, both in written and verbal expression is required.
- With GCE Cambridge/London, 'Advanced level' (A level), American High School Diploma, and other equivalent Certificates or Diplomas, **an equivalence to HSC (Pre-Medical) will be required from IBCC.**

II. Local Students:

- Documents to be submitted for admission:
- Duly filled in admission form of Ziauddin College of Dentistry along with application processing fee.
- Photographs (5 passport size).
- One copy each of mark sheets of Secondary School Certificate (SSC Part I and II).
- One copy of Secondary School Certificate (if available).
- One copy each of mark sheets of Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC Part I and II Pre-Medical) if available* Students who are appearing in HSC Part II exam will be required to submit the Mark sheet after announcement of their result.

If results of HSC Part II have not been declared by the concerned Board, admit card of HSC Part II examination must be submitted.

- For students with GCE Cambridge/London, one copy each of the transcripts of 'O' level and 'A' level examination results
- One copy of National Identity Card (in case NIC is not available, 'B' form with a copy of Parent's / Guardian's NIC must be submitted).

Selection Criteria for Admission 2026-2027:

The final merit list will be issued after having completed all tests, interviews etc and taking into account results of MDCAT, and admitting university requested and other exam results for the purpose of calculating the merit.

III. Admission Criteria for Overseas Students:

As per PMDC criteria the university has defined the category of Overseas Students as follows:

- i) A foreign student for purposes of admission is defined as a students who has completed his/ her HSSC from outside Pakistan.
- ii) the term foreign students can include a students who may be an overseas Pakistani
 - a. Having only Pakistani nationality
 - b. Dual national
 - c. Foreign national

IV. For students who have graduated from Overseas Pakistani Schools

Documents to be submitted for admission:

- Duly filled in application form of Ziauddin University along with the required non-refundable admission fee in US dollars.
- One copy each of mark sheets of Secondary School Certificate (SSC Part I and II).
- One copy of Secondary School Certificate (if available).
- One copy each of Higher Secondary Certificate mark sheets (HSC Part I and II Pre-Medical).
- In case the result of HSC Part II has not been declared by the concerned Board, photocopy of admit card of HSC Part II examination must be submitted.
- For students completing GCE, Cambridge/London, one copy each of 'O' and 'A' Levels transcripts.
- Have passed MDCAT examination conducted by the relevant Provisional University designated by PMDC.

V. For High School Graduates of USA /Canada:

- One copy of High School Certificate (Grade 9-12 or 13) attested by the School Principal/ Officer
- Have passed MDCAT examination conducted by the relevant Provisional University designated by PMDC.

Note: Before submitting applications, applicants must ensure that they have complied with the instructions given with the application form. It remains the responsibility of the applicant to submit application according to the instructions. Students are expected to submit photocopies of documents along with the application and originals for the purpose of verification by the university. If required, the university will check the authenticity of the documents submitted with the concerned school, college, board or university.

VI. Admission Test

An aptitude Test for all eligible applicants will be conducted by the University. The structure of the Test will be provided to PMDC in advance for review. Applicants will also be given sufficient time to appear in the Test. The test consists of Multiple Choice Questions of various types. In addition to Biology, Chemistry and Physics corresponding to that expected at the end of Intermediate or equivalent qualifications e.g. 12th Year etc., there will be questions on English and General Knowledge.

Subjective Components	Weightage %	Questions	Time Duration (in minutes)
Biology	50%	45	90
Chemistry			
Physics			
General Components			
General Knowledge, Current Affairs, Aptitude/ Analytical Skills/IQ General English/ Comprehension	50%	45	
	100%	90	90

VII. Interview

Short listed applicants will be interviewed to assess their suitability to complete the BDS course and pursue a career in health sciences.

STRUCTURE OF INTERVIEW PROCESS FOR ADMISSION TO FIRST YEAR BDS FOR SESSION 2026-27

As per the Pakistan Medical & Dental Council (PMDC) Act/Admissions Regulations, an interview will be conducted according to the rules in force at the time.

The following documents are required to be submitted through admission.zu.edu.pk prior to the interview:

- Scanned and attested copies of matric/O-Level marksheet
- Intermediate/A-Level mark sheet if available
- MDCAT result/score and merit number if available

The interview process is divided into writing a personal statement giving a personal insight about the candidate; (interests, strengths, weaknesses, accomplishments etc.). The personal statement which should not be more than 300 words will be submitted prior to the interview.

- Interview will be based on general knowledge, self-assessment, analytical skills, critical thinking, motivation and interest in healthcare and knowledge about ethics in healthcare.
- Questions will also be based on the personal statement earlier submitted
- Each candidate will be assessed by two interviewers. In case of major discrepancy, a third interviewer will adjudicate
- Each candidate will be allocated 10 minutes for the interview with each interviewer

VIII. Notification of Admission

The Registrar of the university will notify students who are successful in the admission process. Successful applicants are given a deadline by which to accept the offer of admission. Offers not accepted by the given deadline will be cancelled.

Dates for Admission Process 2026-27

Newspaper advertisement:	5 th July 2026
Admission Test	to be announced later
Interviews:	to be announced later
Final Merit List to be displayed:	after announcement of MDCAT and Intermediate / 'A' Level Results
Classes to start from:	to be announced later