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GUIDELINES ON ADMISSION OF STUDENTS
TO THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Chiefs of Services and Heads of Units
Schools Superintendents
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges
and Universities
Deans of Medical Schools

1. This Office deploras the willful violation by some medical schools in 1979-80 and in 1980-81 of the enrolment quota established by the Board of Medical Education for first year students. Schools concerned have justified their violations by the argument of "irresistible pressures" placed upon them to enrol more students.

2. The Ministry, in the implementation of the Board's quotas, has extended accommodation in order to save the students who were enrolled through no fault of their own. Nevertheless, the practice shall, and will be, stopped, beginning the school year 1981-82. This is therefore notice to all schools concerned, in order that no plea be made of insufficient notice.

3. Effective immediately, therefore, the following guidelines shall be observed in the admission of medical students:

- a. **Enrolment** of freshman students in excess of the established freshman quota for each school is hereby disauthorized, and declared invalid for purposes of recognition of educational records.
- b. No medical school may admit in its second or third year medical courses, any student in excess of its first year student quota established by the Board of Medical Education for the immediately preceding year, provided, that irregular students of the medical school are not covered by this limitation.

- c. No other students, outside of the category covered in this Order, shall be allowed to attend medical classes, and no credits shall be recognized arising from a violation of this guideline.
 - d. The ranking of student-applicants based on the medical school's criteria for admission shall prevail. The final over-all evaluation of student-applicants by the Committee on Admission shall indicate entrance test results, general weighted average, and rank of each applicant.
 - e. The procedure governing admission of foreign students, in MEC Order No. 74, s. 1979, dated December 1, 1979, shall be strictly observed.
 - f. In no case shall a student be admitted without the Certificate of Eligibility for Admission issued by the Board of Medical Education.
 - g. No transfer of students from one medical school to another is allowed, without the prior approval of this Office, and any transfer sanctioned shall not be in violation of paragraph (b) above.
 - h. Both medical schools and student-applicants are warned to avoid extortion by syndicates and unscrupulous parties. No donation is required for admission. No donation shall lead to the enrolment of a student-applicant before the student above him in the ranking of admissible students have been enrolled. Where voluntary donations take place, they shall be covered by a corresponding deed of donation, and the proceeds shall be entered into the school's accounts.
4. The provisions herein provided for are hereby considered standards for all medical colleges of medicine, and violation thereof render the school concerned liable under Section 9 of Act No. 2706, which states:

"Section 9 of Act No. 2706 - The Secretary of Public Instruction may at any time revoke the Government recognition granted to any school if it can be shown to his satisfaction that such school or college has failed to keep up to the standard prescribed for it by the Secretary of Public Instruction."

5. Strict compliance with this Order is required.

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Reference:

MEC Order: (No. 74, s. 1979)

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