

No admission test for medical and dental colleges from this year

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THE government on Sunday decided that from this year medical and dental colleges would admit student on the basis of results of Secondary School Certificate and Higher Secondary School Certificate examinations instead of admission tests.

Health minister AFM Ruhul Haque said there would be no medical admission test from this year.

'We have taken the decision after holding discussions with all concerned,' he said.

Ruhul Haque said the

students would be selected on the basis of the results of the students in SSC and HSC exams.

The decision was taken at a meeting of health ministry officials with the principals of medical and dental colleges and representatives of Bangladesh Medical Association held at the secretariat.

The details of the new system would be made public later through advertisement, the meeting decided.

The health minister said that the authorities were yet to outline the technical details of how the seats would be filled up by thousands of top-graders.

'We will finalise it shortly,' he said.

Both government and private medical and dental admission will be held combined and will be monitored centrally, Ruhul Haque said.

The Bangladeshi students who got GPA 8 in SSC and HSC in combined will be eligible to apply. The lowest grade for the foreign students is GPA 7.

Muhammad Humayun Kabir, secretary of health and family welfare ministry told New Age that the students would be selected on the basis of GPA they obtained in the SSC and HSC

examination.

He said the candidates would be selected through different conditions.

The meeting pointed out 12 conditions for selecting students, said health minister. But he did not disclose the detailed of the conditions.

Humayun Kabir said that they fixed some conditions like—GPA without forth subject, GPA in biology, GPA in other subjects etc.

He said the government took the decision for stopping the business of the coaching centers.

The admission process might be started within

September, Kabir said.

Altogether there are 8,493 seats in all medical and dental colleges in Bangladesh.

The number is 2,811 in 22 government medical colleges while 4,245 in 53 private medical colleges.

The nine public dental colleges and medical colleges' dental units have 567 seats while 14 private dental institutes have 87 seats.

Among others director general of health service Khandaker M Shifayetulla and BMA secretary general M Sharfuddin, Ahmed attended the meeting.