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No. PAP/Legis-3(104)/2026/841. The Akhtar Saeed University Bill 2026, having been passed by Provincial Assembly of the Punjab on August 27, 2026, and assented to by Governor of the Punjab on September 03, 2026, is hereby published as an Act of Provincial Assembly of the Punjab.

THE AKHTAR SAEED UNIVERSITY ACT 2026

ACT LIV OF 2026

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An

Act

to provide for the establishment of the Akhtar Saeed University.

It is necessary to provide for the establishment of the Akhtar Saeed University, in the private sector, and to provide for the matters connected therewith and ancillary thereto.

It is hereby enacted by Provincial Assembly of the Punjab as follows:

1. Short title and commencement.– (1) This Act may be cited as the Akhtar Saeed University Act, 2026.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.– In this Act:

(a) "Academic Council" means the Academic Council of the University;
(b) "Act" means the Akhtar Saeed University Act 2026;
(c) "Authority" means any of the authorities of the University;
(d) "Board" means the Board of Governors of the University;
(e) "Chairperson means the Chairperson of the Board of Governors of the University;
(f) "Chancellor" means Governor of the Punjab;
(g) "Commission" means the Higher Education Commission established under the Higher Education Commission Ordinance 2002 (LIII of 2002);
(h) "Constituent College" means a college maintained, administered and

managed by the University;

(i) "Controller of Examinations" means the Controller of Examinations of the University;

(j) "Dean" means the head of a Faculty of the University;

(k) "department" means a teaching department maintained and administered or managed by the University;

(l) "employee" means all individuals employed by the University other than teachers.

(m) "Faculty" means an academic unit of the University consisting of one or more departments;

(n) "Government" means Government of the Punjab;

(o) "Head of department" means the Head of a department;

(p) "Institute" means an institute maintained and administered or managed by the University;

(q) "prescribed" means prescribed by the rules, the statutes or the regulations;

(r) "Principal" means Principal of a Constituent College;

(s) "Punjab Higher Education Commission" means Punjab Higher Education Commission set up under the Punjab Higher Education Commission Act, 2014 (I of 2015);

(t) "Registrar" means the Registrar of the University;

(u) "registered graduate" means a graduate of the University who has his name entered in the register maintained for the purpose;

(v) "Schedule" means the Schedule appended to the Act;

(w) "statutes", "regulations and "rules" mean respectively the statutes, the regulations and the rules made under the Act;

(x) "teacher" includes a Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor or Lecturer engaged by the University and such other persons as may be prescribed;

(y) "Treasurer" means the Treasurer of the University, by whatever name called;

(z) "Company" means Akhtar Saeed Medical & Dental College private limited;

(aa) "University" means the Akhtar Saeed University, established under the Act; and

(bb) "Vice Chancellor" means the Vice Chancellor of the University.

3. Establishment of the University.– (1) The Government shall, by notification in the official Gazette, establish the Akhtar Saeed University in the private sector, with its campus located at Lahore.

(2) The University shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal with power to acquire, hold and dispose of property and shall, by the said name, sue and be sued.

4. Functions and powers of the University.– (1) There shall be a Faculty for a teaching department or a group of teaching departments.

(2) The University shall have the powers to:

(a) include the following faculties and such other faculties as may be prescribed:

(i) Allied Health Sciences;
(ii) Nursing;
(iii) Public Health Sciences
(iv) Communication and Media Studies;
(v) Social Sciences;
(vi) Arts and Humanities;
(vii) Pharmaceutical Sciences;
(viii) Engineering and Technologies and Artificial Intelligence;
(ix) Medical & Dental Sciences;
(x) Physical and Biological Sciences;
(xi) Computer and Information Technology;
(xii) Business and Management Sciences;
(xiii) Law;
(xiv) Science of Human Body and Mind; and
(xv) any other branches of knowledge as the Board may determine:

Provide that the prior approval of the relevant statutory bodies for professional education shall be obtained before providing instructions and training in the faculties of Medical Science and Engineering and Technology:

Provide further that faculties shall be approved on the recommendations of the Accreditation Committee and where applicable, subject to the prior approval of relevant statutory body of a professional education.

(b) decide on teaching methods and strategies including virtual, on-campus and, online, distance learning in such manner as may be prescribed by the Board to ensure effective educational and training programs.

(3) The University may:

(a) establish, maintain and administer or manage departments, colleges, or institutes;
(b) prescribe course of studies;
(c) decide teaching methods and strategies in order to ensure the most effective educational and training programs, including on site and distant and on line or virtual methods of teaching and learning;
(d) hold examinations in the prescribed manner, and confer on or award degrees, certificates, diplomas and other academic distinctions to persons who have passed its examination;
(e) prescribe the terms and conditions of employment of the officers, teachers, faculty and other employees of the University;
(f) engage, where necessary, a person on contract for a specified duration and specify the terms of the engagement;
(g) confer degree upon a person who has successfully completed the degree requirements in the prescribed manner;
(h) award in the prescribed manner an honorary degree in recognition of outstanding performance or other distinctions on the recommendations of the Board;
(i) award professorship and lectureship and appoint any other person to any other post;
(j) create posts for research, extension, administration or other related matters;
(k) institute fellowships, scholarships, bursaries, medals and prizes in the prescribed manner;
(l) establish other institutions, departments, faculties, organizations for the purpose of teaching, training and research;
(m) demand and receive such fees and other charges from the students as may be determined from time to times;
(n) print and publish research or other intellectual patents, and perform any other prescribed ancillary function;
(o) sandwich programs and split programs between national and international universities;
(p) develop and implement fund-raising plans;
(q) accept an examination and the period of study spent by a student of the University at any other university or place of learning equivalent to an examination or period of study of the University, and withdraw such acceptance;
(r) cooperate with a public authority, university or private organization in the prescribed manner;
(s) make provision for research, advisory or consultancy services, sign MOUs and enter into arrangements with any other institution, public or private body, commercial or industrial enterprise in the prescribed manner;
(t) receive, manage and dispose of property transferred and grants, contributions made to the University and to invest any fund in such manner as may be prescribed;
(u) admit any college or other educational institution to its privileges or
(v) withdraw such privileges in the prescribed manner; and

(w) exercise any power ancillary to the above powers and functions as may be prescribed.

5. University open to all.– Subject to reasonable restrictions as may be prescribed, the University shall be open to all persons, and admission to, or privileges of, the University shall not be denied merely on the basis of gender, religion, race, class or colour.

6. Jurisdiction.– (1) The jurisdiction of the University shall extend to province of the Punjab.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in subsection (1), the University shall not open any sub-campus for a period of ten years from the commencement of the Act, after which period it may open sub-campuses with the approval of the Chancellor.

7. Officers of the University.– The following shall be the officers of the University:

(a) Chancellor
(b) Chairperson
(c) Vice Chancellor;
(d) Directors;
(e) Deans;
(f) heads of institutions;
(g) Heads of departments;
(h) Registrar;
(i) Treasurer;
(j) Controller of Examinations; and
(k) such other persons as may be prescribed by the statutes or the regulations to be the officers of the University.

8. Chancellor.– (1) The Governor of the Punjab shall be the Chancellor of the University.

(2) The Chancellor or his nominee shall preside at a convocation of the University.

(3) For the performance of his functions under the Act, the Chancellor shall act, and be bound in the same manner as the Governor of a Province acts and is bound under Article 105 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

9. Inspection and inquiry.– (1) The Chancellor may direct inspection or inquiry into the affairs of the University.

(2) The Chancellor shall convey his views with regard to the result of the inspection or inquiry to the Board and may, after ascertaining the views of the Board, recommend any remedial action to the Board.

(3) The Board shall, within the time specified by the Chancellor, submit a report to the Chancellor about the action taken on the recommendations of the Chancellor.

(4) If the Board fails to take action to the satisfaction of the Chancellor within the specified time, the Chancellor may issue such directions as he thinks fit and the Board shall comply with the directions.

(5) The Chancellor may, on the recommendation of a committee constituted by him and comprising a nominee of the Board, a nominee of Higher Education Department of the Government not below the rank of an Additional Secretary and a Professor Emeritus or a Vice Chancellor of any university, take such action against the University as he may deem appropriate.

(6) The Chancellor may set aside a decision or action of the Board, which, in the opinion of the Chancellor, is against the objectives of the University or against the interest of academic excellence, religious or cultural ideology or national integrity.

10. Board of Governors.– (1) The Board of Governors of the University shall consist of the following:

(a) Chairperson who shall be nominated by the Company from amongst the members of its board of directors;
(b) three members of Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, including at least one female member, to be nominated by the Speaker of the Assembly;
(c) members of the board of directors of the Company, subject to a maximum number of nine, to be nominated by the Chairman of the Company;

(d) five persons including at least two women from eminent scholars, business persons or academicians nominated by the Chairperson;
(e) Chairman of the Commission or his nominee not below the rank of a Director;
(f) Chairman, Punjab Higher Education Commission or his nominee not below the rank of a Director;
(g) one Vice Chancellor of any public sector university in the Punjab to be nominated by the Chancellor;
(h) one Vice Chancellor of a private sector university nominated by the Chancellor; and
(i) Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department or his nominee not below the rank of an Additional Secretary.

(2) The quorum for a meeting of the Board shall be one half of the total number of members, a fraction being counted as one.

(3) The members of the Board, other than *ex-officio* members, shall hold office for a term of three years, which may be extendable by the Chairperson.

(4) All decisions of the Board shall be taken by majority of the votes of members present.

(5) The Chairperson may fill a casual vacancy occurring because of death, resignation or inability to perform duties as member of the Board other than *ex-officio* member to the extent of the remainder of the term of the former member.

(6) The Vice Chancellor shall be the Secretary of the Board.

11. Powers and duties of the Board.– The administration and management of the affairs of the University shall vest in the Board.

12. Business of the Board.– (1) The meetings and business of the Board shall be conducted in such manner and in accordance with such procedure as may be prescribed by the regulations.

(2) The statutes, regulations or proceedings of the Board shall not become invalid merely by the reason of any vacancy or defect in the constitution of the Board.

13. Delegation of powers. – The Board may delegate to any person or committee any of its powers, duties or functions.

14. Vice Chancellor.– (1) The Vice Chancellor of the University shall be appointed and removed by the Chancellor on such terms and conditions as the Board may determine.

(2) The Vice Chancellor shall be the person who possesses the prescribed academic qualifications and experience determined by Board.

(3) The Vice Chancellor shall perform functions as are given in the Act or as assigned to him by the Board.

(4) If the office of the Vice Chancellor is vacant or the Vice Chancellor is absent or is unable to perform the functions of the Vice Chancellor, the Board shall nominate the substitute, and in case of permanent vacancy, the Chancellor shall appoint a person as Vice Chancellor.

15. Registrar.– (1) The Registrar shall be appointed by the Board on such terms and conditions as it may determine.

(2) The Registrar shall perform such functions as are assigned to him by the Board.

16. Controller of Examinations.– (1) The Board shall, on the recommendation of the selection board, appoint a Controller of Examinations in such manner and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

(2) The Controller of Examinations shall be an officer of the University and shall be responsible for all matters connected with the conduct of examinations and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed or assigned to him by the Chairperson.

17. Treasurer.– (1) The Treasurer shall be officer of the University and shall be appointed and removed by the Board on such terms and conditions as it may determine.

(2) The Board shall directly monitor and control the function of finance through Treasurer.

(3) The Treasurer shall:

(a) manage the properties, finances and investments of the University;
(b) prepare the annual and revised budget estimate of the University and present to the Board;
(c) ensure that the funds of the University are expended for the purposes for which they are provided; and
(d) perform such other duties as may be determined by the Board.

18. Appointments.– The University may appoint the requisite number of persons in its service on such terms and conditions as the Board may determine.

19. Authorities of the University.– (1) The following shall be the Authorities of the University:

(a) Board of Governors;
(b) Academic Council;
(c) Boards of Faculties;
(d) Board of Advanced Studies and Research;
(e) Selection Board;
(f) Budget and Planning Committee; and
(g) any other authority or committee as may be prescribed by the rules and the regulations.

(2) The Board may constitute committees consisting of the members of the Board or teachers or officers of the University or a combination of all or any of such persons.

20. Academic Council.– (1) The Academic Council shall consist of:

(a) Vice Chancellor;
(b) Registrar (Secretary);
(c) Deans;
(d) Principals of Constituent Colleges;
(e) Head of Departments or Directors;
(f) a representative of the Higher Education Department of the Government, not below the rank of a Deputy Secretary; and
(g) Controller of Examinations.

(2) The quorum for a meeting of the Academic Council shall be one-half of the total number of members of the Academic Council.

21. Powers and duties of Academic Council.– (1) The Academic Council shall be the academic body of the University and may, subject to its statutes, lay down proper standards of instruction, research, publication and examination and to regulate and promote the academic life of the University.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers and subject to the provisions of the Act, rules, statutes and regulations, the Academic Council may:

(a) advise the Board on academic matters;
(b) regulate the conduct of teaching, research and examinations;
(c) propose for each academic session on the recommendations of the Board of Studies and Board of Faculties, the regulations prescribing the courses of studies, the syllabi and the outlines of tests for all examinations; provided that, if the recommendations of the Board of Faculties or the Board of Studies are not received by the prescribed date, the Academic Council may, subject to the approval of the Board, permit such regulations to continue for the following academic session;
(d) regulate the admission of students to the courses of studies and examinations in the University;
(e) recommend to the Board, teaching examination systems including not limited to semester or annual system;
(f) regulate the conduct and discipline of the students and prescribe punishment or fines on misconduct;
(g) propose to the Board, a scheme for the constitution and organization of faculties, teaching departments, Constituent Colleges and Institutes;
(h) formulate proposals for planning and development of teaching and research in the University;

(i) recommend the regulations to the Board prescribing the courses of studies, the syllabi and the outlines of tests for the University examinations;

(j) regulate the award of studentships, scholarships, exhibitions, medals and prizes;

(k) recommend regulations to the Board for approval, appoint or nominate members to various authorities in accordance with the provisions of the Act; and

(l) perform such other functions as may be prescribed and determined by the Chairperson of the Board of Governor in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

22. University Fund.– (1) There shall be a fund to be known as Akhtar Saeed University Fund which shall vest in the University.

(2) The University may accept donations in the form of cash, land, property, vehicles, equipment or any other item that may facilitate the functioning of the University and all such donations shall be used, maintained and disposed of by the University in the prescribed manner.

23. Budget, Audit and Accounts.– The Budget of the University shall be approved and its accounts shall be maintained and audited in such manner as may be prescribed by the Board.

24. Statutes.– Subject to the Act, the Board may approve the statutes in order to provide for and to regulate any matter relevant to the University.

25. First Statutes.– Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Act, the statutes set out in the Schedule shall be deemed to be the statutes made under section 24 and shall continue to remain in force until amended or repealed in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

26. Regulations.– The Board may, by notification, make regulations for the administration and management of the affairs of the University.

27. Rules.– The Government may, by notification, make rules for carrying out the purposes of the Act.

28. Management of institutions.– On the commencement of the Act, all the Faculties affiliated with Akhtar Saeed Medical and Dental College, Lahore may be deemed to be part of or managed and administrated by the University as per the terms and conditions approved by the Board.

29. Removal of difficulties.– (1) If any question arises as to the interpretation of any of the provision of the Act, it shall be referred to the Government and its decision thereon shall be final.

(2) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to any of the provisions of the Act, the Government may make such order after obtaining views of the Board; not inconsistent with the provisions of the Act, as may appear to it to be necessary for removing the difficulty.

(3) Where the Act makes any provision for anything to be done but no provision or no sufficient provisions has been made in respect of the authority or the time at which it shall be done, then it shall be done by such authority, at such time, or in such manner as the Government may direct after obtaining the views of the Board.

30. Indemnity.– No suit or legal proceedings shall lie against the University or any Authority, officer or employee of the University or any person in respect of anything which is done in good faith under the Act.

SCHEDULE
[See section 2 and 25]
THE FIRST STATUTES

1. Faculties.– (1) There shall be a Faculty for a teaching department or a group of teaching departments.

(2) The University shall include the following faculties and such other faculties as maybe prescribed:

(a) Faculty of Allied Health Sciences;
(b) Faculty of Public Health Sciences;
(c) Faculty of Social Sciences;
(d) Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences;
(e) Faculty of Law;
(f) Faculty of Physical and Biological Sciences;
(g) Faculty of Medical & Dental Sciences;
(h) Faculty of Nursing;
(i) Faculty of Business and Management Sciences
(j) Faculty of Arts and Humanities;
(k) Faculty of Engineering and Technology and Artificial Intelligence
(l) Faculty of Communication and media Studies
(m) Faculty of Computer and Information Technology
(n) Faculty of Sciences of Human Body and Mind; and
(o) such other branches of knowledge, as the Board may determine with the prior approval of the Chairperson, given on the recommendation of a committee constituted by the Government and, where applicable, subject to the prior approval of the relevant statutory body of professional education:

Provide that faculties shall be approved, on the recommendations of the Accreditation Committee and where applicable, subject to the prior approval of relevant statutory body of a professional education.

2. Board of Faculty.– (1) The Board of Faculty shall consist of:

(a) Dean of the Faculty;
(b) Professors and Heads of departments;
(c) two teachers to be nominated by the Academic Council on basis of their specialized knowledge of the subjects which, though not assigned to the faculty, have in the opinion of the Academic Council, important bearing on the subjects assigned to the Faculty;
(d) two experts, in the field from outside the University to be appointed by the Board;
(e) one member to be nominated by the Chairperson of the Board of Governor; and
(f) Director Quality Enhancement Cell.

(2) The members other than *ex-officio* members of a Board of faculty hold office for a period of three years.

(3) The quorum for a meeting of a board of faculty shall be one half of the total number of members.

(4) A Board of Faculty, subject to the general control of the Academic Council and the Board as may be prescribed:

(a) coordinate the teaching and research work in the subjects assigned to faculty members (teachers);
(b) scrutinize the recommendations of a Board of Studies with regard to the appointment of paper-setters and examiners for graduate and postgraduate examinations and to forward the panels of suitable paper-setters and examiners for each examination to the Vice Chancellor;
(c) consider any other academic matter relating to the Faculty and to submit its report to the Academic Council;
(d) prepare a comprehensive annual report regarding the performance on each department, Faculty, Constituent College or Institute for

presentation to the Academic Council; and

(e) perform such other functions as may be prescribed by the statutes.

(5) The Dean of the Faculty shall be the Chairman and Convener of the Board of Faculty.

(6) The Dean shall be appointed by the Board on the recommendations of the Chairperson of the Board of Governor from amongst the professors of the faculty and he shall hold office for the term as may be prescribed.

Provided that in a department, Institute or Constituent College where there are less than three eligible professors, the appointment shall be made from amongst the three senior most professors and associate professors of the department or Constituent College.

(7) The Dean shall present candidates, for admission to degree, except an honorary degree, courses falling within the purview of the Faculty as may be prescribed.

(8) The Dean shall have such powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Board on the recommendations of the Vice Chancellor.

3. **Academic departments and Constituent Colleges.–** (1) There shall be an academic department, Constituent College or a group of subjects, as may be prescribed by the regulations and each academic department or Constituent College shall be headed by Head of the department or Principal of the Constituent College.

(2) The Board shall, on the recommendations of the Chairperson of the Board of Governors, appoint the Head of department amongst the professors or associate professors other than a professor already working as Dean and the Head of department, shall be eligible for re- appointment.

(3) The Head of department shall plan, organize and supervise the work of the Department, Constituent College or Institute and shall be responsible to the Dean for the work of his/ her Department, Constituent College or Institute.

(4) The Head of department shall, under the general supervision of the Chairperson of the Board of Governors and the Dean, exercise all the administrative and academic powers and such other duties or powers as may be delegated to him.

(5) The Head of department shall prepare a comprehensive annual report regarding the performance of the department, Constituent College or Institute at the graduate and postgraduate levels, faculty research and development and submit this report to the Dean for Evaluation.

4. **Board of Advanced Studies and Research.–** (1) The Board of Advanced Studies and Research shall consist of:

(a) Vice Chancellor;
(b) all Deans/ all Head of the departments;
(c) Controller of Examinations;
(d) one University Professor from each Faculty, other than the Dean, to be appointed by the Chairperson of the Board of Governors;
(e) three members, including at least one woman from the relevant field; research organizations, to be nominated by the Chairperson of the Board of Governor; and
(f) The Registrar (Secretary).

(2) The quorum for a meeting of the Board of Advanced Studies and Research shall be one-half of the total number of members.

5. **Functions of the Board of Advanced Studies and Research.–** The Board of Advanced Studies and Research shall:

(a) advise an authority on all matters restated to the promotion of advanced studies and research publication in the University;
(b) consider and report to an authority with regard to a research degree of the University;
(c) propose regulations regarding the award of a research degree;
(d) appoint supervisors for a postgraduate research student and to approve title and synopses of a thesis or dissertation;
(e) recommend panels of names of examiners for evaluation of a research examination; and
(f) perform such other functions as may be prescribed by the Board.

6. **Selection Board.–** (1) The Selection Board shall consist of:

(a) Chairperson of the Board of Governors (Chairman);
(b) Vice Chancellor
(c) Dean of the Faculty concerned;
(d) Head of the department concerned;
(e) two members of the Board to be nominated by the Board of Governors;
(f) one eminent scholar to be nominated by the Board of Governors;
(g) Director QEC; and
(h) Registrar (Secretary of the Selection Board).

(2) Three Members of the Selection Board shall constitute the quorum for a meeting of the Selection Board.

(3) No member who is a candidate or whose family member is a candidate, for a post to which appointment is to be made, shall take part in proceedings of the Selection Board for selection of a candidate on such post.

(4) In selection of candidates for the post of Professor or Associate Professor, the Selection Board may coopt or consult experts in the subject as may be approved by the Board.

(5) The Board may revise the standing list of experts of a subject on the recommendation of the Selection Board.

7. **Functions of the Selection Board.–** (1) The Selection Board shall:

(a) consider the applications and recommend to the Board of Governors, the names of suitable candidates for appointment of Principals of the affiliated and Constituent College and Dean of the Faculties;
(b) consider the applications and recommend the names of suitable candidates for posts of Registrar, Treasurer and Controller of Examinations for such promotion or selection to the Board of Governors; and
(c) consider all cases of promotion or selection of officers of the University and appoint the suitable candidate.

(2) The Selection Board shall be the appointing authority for all the other posts including faculty, officers, administrators or any other except mentioned in paragraph (1)(a) and (b) above, where the Selection Board shall recommend the suitable candidates to Board of Governors for appointment.

8. **Budget and Planning Committee.–** (1) The Budget and Planning Committee shall consist of:

(a) Chairperson of the Board of Governor (Chairman);
(b) Vice Chancellor
(c) all Deans/Head of the Institutes;
(d) Treasurer;
(e) two members of the Board to be nominated by the Board;
(f) Registrar (Secretary);
(g) a representative of the Higher Education Department of the Government not below the rank of a Deputy Secretary; and
(h) one nominee of the Company.

(2) Four members of the Budget and Planning Committee shall constitute the quorum for a meeting of the Committee.

9. **Functions of the Budget and Planning Committee.–** The Budget and Planning Committee shall propose annual development plan and budget estimates for recommendations to the Board and for its committees thereof.

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