

Medical, dental admission tests retained

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THE government on Wednesday decided that the existing system of admission tests for enrolment students on Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery and Bachelor of Dental Surgery courses at medical and dental colleges would remain.

The decision was made at a meeting held at the ministry with the health minister, AFM Ruhul Haque, in the chair.

Most of participants at the meeting were in favour of admission test, the minister told reporters after the meeting.

The government in a sudden move in 2012 had announced that students would

enrol on MBBS and BDS courses on the basis of results of previous public exams instead of written admission tests.

The decision had invited mass criticism and protests and finally the government backtracked on the decision and admission tests were taken for enrolment of students at medical and dental colleges.

The public exams for higher secondary students began on April 1 and results might be published in July.

The admission process at higher educational institutions, including medical and dental colleges, will start immediately after publication of the results.