

IN THE PAKISTAN INFORMATION COMMISSION ISLAMABAD

Appeal No. 1874-04/2022

Daud Abdullah

Vs

National College of Arts

Fawad Malik: Information Commissioner

A. APPEAL

1. Mr. Daud Abdullah filed an application under the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 read with Article 19-A of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973. Through his application dated 11-03-2022 addressed to the Vice Chancellor, National College of Arts, Lahore he has asked for information *vis-a-vis* the detail of seats in Under Graduated Program Foundation. He has requested the details about the open merit, self-support / self-finance and merit formula as of all the four provinces, AJK, GB, and Foreign students, in all seats.
2. Feeling aggrieved for the non-provision of the information within the stipulated period provided under the Act, he filed appeal before Pakistan Commission on Access to Information, Islamabad.

B. PROCEEDINGS

3. The notice of the Commission is responded by the Deputy Registrar (Academics), National College of Arts vide letter dated 28.06.2022. He has provided the following information:

“Detail of seats in undergraduate program is as under:

OPEN MERIT

<i>Department</i>	<i>Punjab</i>	<i>Sindh</i>	<i>KPK</i>	<i>FATA</i>	<i>Baluchistan</i>	<i>AJK</i>	<i>GB</i>	<i>Foreign</i>
<i>Fine Arts</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Visual Comm. Design</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Textile Design</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Product Design</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Ceramics Design</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Musicology</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Film & TV</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>

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<i>Cultural Studies</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Architecture</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>

SELF FINANCE / SELF SUPPORT SCHEME

<u>Department</u>	<u>Self-Finance</u>	<u>Self-Support</u>
<i>Fine Arts</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>Visual Comm. Design</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Textile Design</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Product Design</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>Ceramics Design</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Musicology</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Film & TV</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>Cultural Studies</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Architecture</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>73</i>

MERIT FORMULA

<u>Matric%</u>	<u>Intermediate%</u>	<u>Entry Test%</u>	<u>Interview %</u>	<u>Total</u>
<i>N/A</i>	<i>F.A/F.Sc/A-Level or Equivalent qualification with minimum 45% marks are eligible to apply</i>	<i>Mandatory</i>	<i>Mandatory</i>	<i>It varies Deptt. To Deptt.</i>

It is important to mention over here that there is no prescribed formula but it varies Deptt. to Deptt. vis-à-vis average % of each category as mentioned in above columns except 45% marks required in intermediate to become eligible to apply.”

4. Apart from the above stated information the respondent public body has also provided information pertaining to the admission process. (copy of prospectus).
5. The appellant has shown his satisfaction to the extent of statistics/ data provided by the public body qua the detail of number of seats for different disciplines however is not satisfied regarding the information with regard to merit formula for the selection of students.

C. COMMISSION'S VIEW

6. The public body has provided material in sufficient detail to answer the request filed by the appellant. The appellant is further desirous to know whether the formula for merit has been adhered by the institution at the time of allowing the admission.

7. This Commission is established under the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 for the provision of information and record held by the public bodies.
8. The Commission is of the considered view that the objection filed by the appellant is not sustainable.

D. ORDER

9. The appeal is disposed of

Mohammad Azam
Chief Information Commissioner

Fawad Malik
Information Commissioner

Zahid Abdullah
Information Commissioner
Announced on 16.08.2022

Certified that this order consists of 03 pages, each page has been read and signed.