

Press Statement

The Accreditation Unit of the Sri Lanka Medical Council awarded World Federation of Medical Education Recognition

The Accreditation Unit of the Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC) was awarded the Recognition Status by the World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) on 7 March 2023 for 10 years.

The SLMC is the regulator of medical education and practice in Sri Lanka. The recognition of its Accreditation Unit by the WFME is a mark of international approval for the high standards maintained by the Unit in the accreditation process, post-accreditation monitoring and decision making when it accredits Medical Faculties in Sri Lanka.

A four member international team lead by the current President of the WFME, Professor Ricardo Leon-Borquez, visited Sri Lanka in November 2022 and carried out a comprehensive review of the Accreditation Unit of the SLMC and its functions. The review by the WFME was based on a set of globally recognized accreditation standards designed to assess the quality and comprehensiveness of medical school accreditation process carried out by independent accreditation bodies with a clear mandate.

This recognition enables medical graduates graduating from Medical Faculties in Sri Lanka accredited by the Accreditation Unit of the SLMC to have their degrees recognized across the world.

The WFME Recognition Programme aims to raise the standards of medical education worldwide, through ensuring that national and regional accrediting agencies are acting in an appropriate, robust and transparent way. The intention is for all eligible accrediting agencies to be evaluated by WFME to ensure that they work to an equivalent standard.

Many organizations previously listed in the Directory of Organizations that Recognize/Accredit Medical Schools (DORA) have either obtained or are in the process of obtaining WFME recognition. The WFME recognition for the SLMC's Accreditation Unit is a significant milestone in the 98 year history of the SLMC which is one of the oldest medical regulators in the Asian region. With this award, Accreditation Unit of the SLMC also becomes the first accreditation body in medical education in South Asia to receive WFME recognition.

The Accreditation Unit of the SLMC is headed by Dr. Palitha Abeykoon who is supported by a committee comprising of Prof. Jayantha Jayawardena, Prof. Surangi Yasawardena, Prof. Gominda Ponnampuruma, and Dr. Pandula Siribaddana. They are assisted by a team lead by Mrs. Priyanthi Daluwatta, the Assistant Registrar of the SLMC ably supported by Ms Nadeeka Wijedasa, Management Assistant.



Registrar

Sri Lanka Medical Council

15 March 2023

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Sri Lanka Medical Council