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ABOUT THE COUNCIL

The SRI LANKA MEDICAL COUNCIL (SLMC) is a statutory body established for the purpose of protecting healthcare seekers by ensuring the maintenance of academic and professional standards, discipline, and ethical practice by health professionals who are registered with it.

The SLMC derives its statutory powers from the Medical Ordinance No. 26 of 1927 and its subsequent amendments and the regulations gazetted under the Ordinance.

VISION

To ensure, that patients are treated and cared for by competent, humane, ethical, and safe healthcare professionals.



MISSION

To protect, promote, and maintain the health and safety of the public by setting, maintaining, and raising standards of education and practice of healthcare across the country.

FUNCTIONS

- Develop regulatory practices and systems that strive for best practice and contribute to the provision of safe and effective healthcare by the healthcare professionals.
- Develop tools to achieve an excellent outcome-oriented healthcare professional education system recognised globally.
- Guarantee standards by transparent accreditation of study courses in Sri Lanka and overseas.
- Maintain discipline of healthcare personnel.
- Give fair hearings opportunities in all disciplinary inquiries maintaining principles of natural justice.
- Registration and certification of healthcare professionals and assess, validate, and verify competencies of healthcare professionals.
- Collect, manage, and disseminate information.
- Respond to the needs of healthcare professionals and stakeholders.
- Act to protect the rights and safety of citizens who use healthcare facilities.
- Maintain a paperless, environment friendly, and efficient administration.

ABOUT THE REPORT

We are pleased to present the Integrated Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Medical Council prepared in accordance with the International Integrated Reporting (IR) Framework which sets the performance for the financial year ending 31 December 2022. We have chosen to adopt the International IR Framework published in December 2013.

The report is designed to share the value creation story to our stakeholders, providing insight into the integrated thinking that drives SLMC forward, encompassing our strategic priorities, performance, governance, and prospects in the context of our local and global environment.

FRAMEWORKS APPLIED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT

STATUTORY

Medical Ordinance No. 26 of 1927 as amended and the regulations gazette under the ordinance.

VOLUNTARY

Integrated Reporting Framework issued by the FRAMEWORK International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC).

ASSURANCE

The Independent Auditor's Opinion on the Financial Statements is available in the Independent Auditors' Report on page 77

SCOPE & BOUNDARIES

This Annual Report presents financial and non-financial information relating to the Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC) and its Units.

FEEDBACK & INQUIRIES

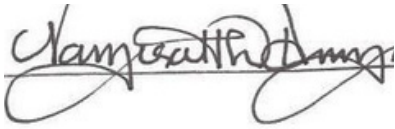
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Annual Report 2022 prepared by collecting information from the Units of the SLMC along with the Audit Report (recommended by the Council) and the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 was content reviewed and approved by the Council of the SLMC.

The Council acknowledges its responsibility to ensure that the Annual Report provides a balanced view of its performance and that it addresses all material issues which may have impacted the SLMC's capacity to create value over the short, medium, and long term. Accordingly, the report was unanimously approved by the Council on 25th August 2023 and is signed on its behalf by the undersigned.



Prof. Vajira H. W. Dissanayake
President



Dr. Ananda Hapugoda
Registrar

COUNCIL 2022



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Prof. Surangee G. Yasawardene, Dr. Vajira Senaratne, Prof. Mandika Wijeyaratne,
Prof. Wasantha Devasiri, Dr. Suresh Shanmuganathan, Prof. Vajira H.W. Dissanayake,
Dr. Ananda Hapugoda, Prof. Janaka De Silva, Dr. Sunil R. Wijayasinghe,
Prof. Jayantha Jayawardane Dr. P.S.M. Anuruddha B. Padeniya

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Dr. Janaka Pushpakumara



THE SLMC HISTORY

HOW IT BEGAN 1870-1880

The longest standing Medical School in Sri Lanka, the Colombo Medical School, was founded on 1st June 1870 and admitted twenty-five students. They were awarded a diploma of Licentiate in Medicine and Surgery (L.M.S.). In 1880, the School was named the Ceylon Medical College and the L.M.S. was registered with the General Medical Council of Britain without further examination.

REGISTERD PRACTITIONERS 1905-1915

The Medical Registration Ordinance was passed in 1905 and persons with L.M.S. (Ceylon) were recognized as medical practitioners and registered to practice medicine and surgery by the Ceylon Medical College Council (CMCC). Any person registered in a country which recognized this diploma was also registered by the CMCC. The Medical Registration Ordinance of 1905 also makes provision for erasure of the name of a registered person

The Medical Registration (Amendment) Ordinance No. 36 of 1908 made legislative provision to register apothecaries and estate dispensers to practice medicine and surgery in the government sector on the approval of the Principal Civil Medical Officer, the equivalent of the present Director General of Health Services.

In 1915, the Dentists Registration Ordinance was introduced to register dentists to practice dentistry.



EXTENDED PROVISION FOR REGISTRATION 1920-1927

Midwives were earlier registered under the Midwives Ordinance No. 02 of 1920. Provision was made in the Medical Ordinance of 1924 for the registration of midwives. Eligibility for registration as midwives is restricted to women.

The Medical Ordinance No. 26 of 1927 makes provision for registration of pharmacists, and dispensing of drugs and poisons was restricted only to registered pharmacists and pharmaceutical chemists.

The Medical Ordinance No. 26 of 1927 makes provision for erasure on disciplinary ground. The procedure for disciplinary inquiries currently applicable was published in the government gazette no 757/7 of March 10, 1993



UNIVERSITY ORDINANCE AND INTERNSHIP 1942

Following the establishment of the University of Ceylon by the University Ordinance of 1942, the MBBS degree and the BDS degree awarded by it were also recognized for registration by the CMCC.

The Medical (Amendment) Act No.23 of 1955 makes provision for provisional registration of medical graduates to obtain pre-registration experience by serving a period of internship. It includes “good character” as a requirement for registration.

TEMPORARY REGISTRATION OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS 1946-1997

The Medical (Amendment) Act No. 25 of 1946 makes provision for the temporary registration of medical practitioners when there is a delay in the award of a degree and subsequent amendment for registration on other grounds.

The Medical (Amendment) Act No. 37 of 1961 makes provision for temporary registration of medical practitioners, dentists and nurses who are invited by the government to serve the country. This was amended by the Medical (Amendment) Act No. 31 of 1997 where registration is recommended by the Secretary, Ministry of Health, the Director General of Health Services or a Dean of a Medical Faculty. Registration is restricted for a period of twelve months; the skill and knowledge of the applicant is judged by the Council.

REGISTRATION OF NURSES 1949-2005

The Medical Ordinance No. 10 of 1949 made provision for registration of nurses by the Ceylon Medical Council. This function is now under the Sri Lanka Nurses Council, which was established by Act No 19 of 1988, and later amended by Act no 35 of 2005.

REGISTRATION TO ERPM/ERPDS 1965

The Medical (Amendment) Act No. 16 of 1965 makes provision for registration of citizens of Sri Lanka who have obtained a degree or diploma from a medical school outside Sri Lanka and recognized by the Council to be registered following a special examination conducted by the Council and after serving an internship. The special examination was previously known as the Act 16 examination and is now referred to as the Examination for Registration to Practice Medicine (ERPM) in Sri Lanka and the Examination for Registration to Practice Dental Surgery (ERPDS) in Sri Lanka.

REGISTRATION OF PARA MEDICAL ASSISTANTS 1987

The Medical (Amendment) Act No. 30 of 1987 makes provision for the registration of para-medical Assistants. Persons included in this category are radiographers, medical laboratory technologists, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, electrocardiograph recordists, audiologists, clinical physiologists, speech therapists, chiropodists, dietitians, ophthalmic auxiliaries and clinical psychologists

REGISTRATION OF OVERSEAS QUALIFICATION 1996

The Medical (Amendment) Act No. 15 of 1996 makes provision for registration of citizens of Sri Lanka who have obtained a degree or diploma from a medical school outside Sri Lanka and recognized by the Council, to be registered if they were in employment of the Department of Health Services prior to May 17, 1991.



RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION 1987

The Medical (Amendment) Act No. 30 of 1987 introduced the requirement for renewal of registration at 5-year intervals.

Medical (Amendment) Act No. 30 of 1987 makes provision for persons who are employed as medical officers in government service to be granted registration during the period of such employment.

REGISTRATION OF DENTAL AND MEDICAL SPECIALISTS 2018

The Medical (Amendment) Act No. 28 of 2018 makes provision for registration of medical and dental specialists.

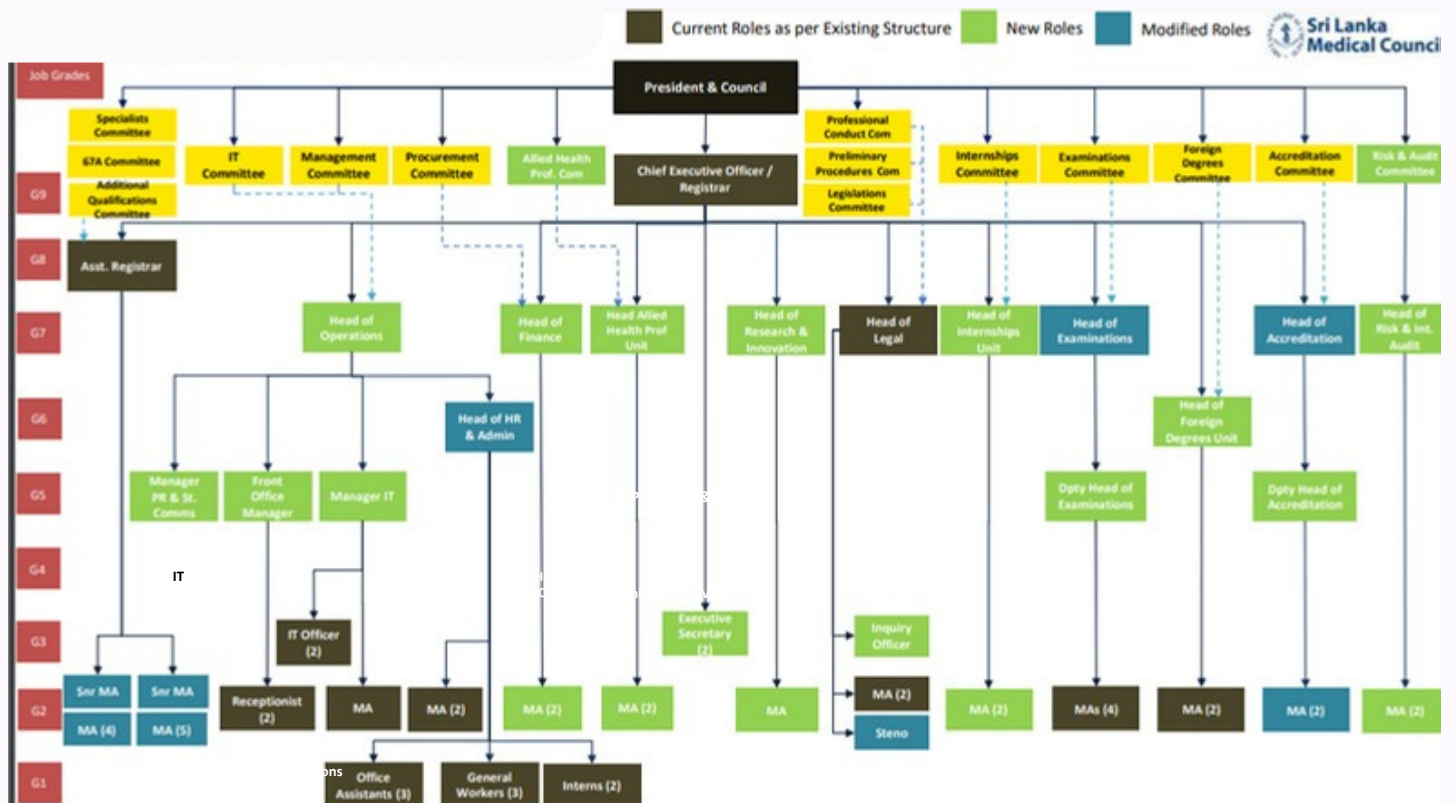
REGISTRATION OF PROFESSION SUPPLEMENTARY TO MEDICINE 1998

The Medical (Amendment) Act No. 40 of 1998 makes provision for radiographers, medical laboratory technologists, physiotherapists and occupational therapists to be registered as professions supplementary to medicine, removing them from the category of para-medical assistants.

SLMC Cadre as at 31.12.2022

Designaton	Approved cadre	Actual cadre	Vacancies
Registrar	1	0	1
Assistant Registrar	1	1	0
Head of Examinations Unit	1	1	0
Head of Accreditation Unit	1	1	0
Head of Operations	1	0	1
Head of Allied Health Professionals unit	1	0	1
Head of Internships Unit	1	1	0
Head of Research & Innovation Unit	1	0	1
Head of Legal Unit	1	0	1
Head of Finance Unit	1	0	1
Head of Risk & Internal Audit	1	0	1
Head of HR & Administration Unit	1	0	1
Head of Foreign Degrees Unit	1	1	0
Manager PR & Strategic Communication	1	0	1
Front Office Manager	1	0	1
Manager IT	1	0	1
Deputy Head of Examinations	1	0	1
Deputy Head of Accreditation	1	1	0
IT officer	2	0	2
Executive Secretary	2	0	2
Inquiry Officer	1	0	1
Management Assistants	33	28	5
Receptionist	2	2	0
Stenographer	1	1	0
Office Assistants	3	3	0
General Workers	3	2	1
Total	65	42	23

The Organizational Structure of the Sri Lanka Medical Council





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President's Message

It is with great pleasure and a sense of honor that I present the annual report of the Sri Lanka Medical Council for the year 2022. As the President of this esteemed Council, I am privileged to lead an organization that plays a pivotal role in safeguarding the standards and ethics of medical, dental, and other healthcare practitioners' practices in our country.



Vidya Jyothi Prof. Vajira H. W. Dissanayake
President
Sri Lanka Medical Council

The year 2022 has been a year of challenges and opportunities for the Sri Lanka Medical Council. In the face of a global pandemic and the economic challenges, our healthcare system has been put to the test like never before. These demanded resilience, adaptability, and innovation from all healthcare professionals, and as the regulatory body responsible for their oversight, the Sri Lanka Medical Council has been at the forefront of supporting and our medical fraternity.

This annual report reflects the tireless efforts of the Sri Lanka Medical Council in upholding the highest standards of medical dental and other healthcare practitioners' education, training, and practice. Through our rigorous accreditation processes, we have ensured that medical schools in Sri Lanka maintain the quality of education required to produce competent and compassionate doctors. Our role in ensuring the ethical conduct of medical professionals remains paramount. We have worked diligently to investigate and address complaints of professional misconduct, upholding the trust and integrity of the medical profession. We have also focused on promoting patient safety and quality of care.

The year 2022 has also witnessed significant progress in embracing digital technologies in healthcare. The Sri Lanka Medical Council has actively engaged with the government and other stakeholders in our digitalisation process that included for the first time ever electronic renewal of registration of all categories of non-medical and dental health care professionals that are regulated by the Council.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the dedicated members and staff of the Sri Lanka Medical Council, who have worked tirelessly to fulfil our mandate. Their commitment to upholding the highest standards of medical practice and their unwavering dedication to serving the people of Sri Lanka are commendable. I would like to record with appreciation of the service rendered by Dr. Ananda Hapugoda, the Registrar of the Council, who retired from service after a long tenure in the Council, first as a member and later as the Registrar.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to the healthcare professionals across the country, who have shown immense resilience and dedication in the face of unprecedented challenges. Your tireless efforts in providing compassionate care to patients, often under difficult circumstances, are truly inspiring. Lastly, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to the Ministry of Health, other government agencies, and our international partners for their support and collaboration. Together, we have made significant strides in advancing healthcare in Sri Lanka. As we look towards the future, the Sri Lanka Medical Council remains committed to its mission of ensuring the highest standards of medical practice, promoting patient safety, and advocating for the well-being of our healthcare professionals. Through collaboration, innovation, and continuous improvement, we will strive to create a healthcare system that is equitable, efficient, and of the highest quality.

Registrar's Message

2022 proved to be a productive year for the Sri Lanka Medical Council that tested our resilience and determination in the backdrop of adverse economic condition that prevailed with the announcement of bankruptcy by the Government.



Dr. Ananda Hapugoda
Registrar
Sri Lanka Medical Council

Our digital growth has been remarkable as we have opened a new Chapter 'Digitalisation to achieve paperless office' in the SLMC history. We continued from the 2021 foundation to accomplish many projects and found new initiatives. As a believer in the power of high-performance teamwork, I would assure our community of a seamless move from manual to digital management platforms to achieve paperless, efficient and speedy services to the customers.

Recognition of the SLMC Accreditation instrument by the World Federation of Medical Education (WFME) is the most valuable achievement of the SLMC to supplement provisions of the Standards of Medical Education regulations.

We have accomplished scanning and archiving all SLMC documents from the day of the establishment of the Ceylon Medical Council in 1926, commissioned digital document archiving and retrieving system 'ANADOC', IT Hardware Network and Network infrastructure, Digital platform to support meeting management (Board Pack), Call center with Digital PABX system, and Accreditation unit website.

We continued to develop and upgrade, the Electronic Management Information System "EMIS", the SLMC web portal, the Online Renewal of registrations system for allied health categories and the physical document storage and management facility.

We recognized the need to have a separate facility to manage internship affairs and established an Internship Unit with a head and dedicated staff. Our financial performance in 2022, as usual, has been excellent thanks to the efforts of the Finance Unit of SLMC.

My term as the Registrar of SLMC ends in December 2022. I would like to take his opportunity to thank the President and Council, staff and well-wishers for their contributions to establishing a solid administrative foundation to realise the SLMC vision, mission and shared values.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR 2022

VISION AND MISSION

The SLMC did not have a Vision or Mission.

Action Taken

While establishing the organizational structure and consolidating the SLMC's activities as detailed in this report, the SLMC adopted a Vision and a Mission for the first time.

Hereafter the plan was to take steps to initiate the process of developing a 10 year strategic plan with an action plan to complement it so that the SLMC would be on par with any other international regulatory agency in the world. This was to be initiated in 2023.

ORGANISATION STRUCTURE, CADRE REQUIREMENTS, STANDARD OPERATION PROCEDURES, AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF STAFF MEMBERS

The SLMC did not have an organizational structure, identified carder requirements, standard operating procedures for its functions, or terms of reference for its staff.

Action Taken

In 2021/2022 the SLMC commissioned a report covering the first two aspects mentioned above from Earnest and Young, a globally reputed advisory firm, and for the first time developed the Organizational Structure and the Carder Requirements for the SLMC. At the same time using the in house expertise the SLMC for the first time developed the Standard Operating Procedures and Terms of Reference for all staff categories.

A key transformational activity in this regard was the establishment of new Units – the Foreign Degrees Unit, the Accreditation Unit, and the Internship Unit with eminent medical professionals with global and international experience to head the Units. The Foreign Degrees Unit, that performed very important functions of the SLMC as described below, has been placed under a Head who is also a Council Member. The Unit has also been assigned an Assistant Registrar, and three Management Assistants.

All Units in the Council are supported by Council-appointed Committees as shown in the organizational structure.

All Heads of Units are co-opted members of the respective committees, the Manageme Committee and the Council. This has been done ensure that the activities of the committees are conducted with Council oversight and the Units are aware of the decisions of the Council and theds of decisions of the Council are implemented by the Units immediately

INFORMATION TO THE PROFESSIONALS AND THE PUBLIC, RECEPTION DESK AND WELCOME COUNTER

The SLMC had come under heavy criticism for not being friendly towards its stakeholders – the public and the professionals.

Action Taken

The website of the SLMC was revamped and a new user-friendly website established (<http://www.slmc.gov.lk>) giving all the essential information to the public and the professionals with a team of specialist Health Informaticians from the Ministry of Health leading the effort volunteering their time and services free to the SLMC.

All the essential forms that are used by the public and professionals were converted to downloadable forms from the website.

All services that can be done online were converted to online services.

To make it more easy for the public and professionals to reach the SLMC, a new call center facility was established with a direct call in number.

These measures resulted in a drastic drop in visits to the SLMC because the essential information was available immediately to the public and the professionals anywhere in the country or the world and enabling them to obtain services online thus saving their time and money.

Plans have been drawn and approvals obtained from relevant authorities to construct an extension to the SLMC building to serve as a more customer friendly reception desk and welcome counter for those who visit the SLMC.

The staff in the reception area have been provided with training and facilities to provide more customer friendly services.

New staff coming from a customer services background have been recruited operate the welcome desk and the reception.

RECOGNITION OF MEDICAL DEGREE PROGRAMMES OF SRI LANKAN UNIVERSITIES

The medical degree programs of Medical Faculties of Sri Lankan Universities were under threat of losing their recognition internationally because the SLMC had failed to establish an independent accrediting mechanism to recognize these medical degree programs.

The major international regulator, the Education Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), USA had mandated that after 2023 that they would recognize only medical degree programs accredited by independent accrediting agencies recognized by the World Federation of Medical Education (WFME). Although the SLMC had established an Accreditation Unit with a Head, no action had been taken to provide the Unit with any resources – building, furniture, manpower, finances, etc. – to conduct its activities.

Action Taken

All renovation work, landscaping, and furnishing of the Hedges Court Building of the SLMC was completed to house the Accreditation Unit as an independent entity.

Four members with the relevant expertise in medical education were appointed to the Accreditation Unit.

A grant of Rs. 5 million was obtained from the World Health Organisation (WHO) to support the infrastructure development of the Unit.

The relevant finances – amounting to nearly 70 million rupees – was allocated to the Unit to obtain WFME accreditation.

All required applications and reviewer forms as well as standard operating procedures were developed and approved

Applications were called for appointment of reviewers and approximately 30 reviewers were appointed.

The reviewers were trained by conducting several workshops.

The members of the Unit visited the Accreditation Agency in Thailand for training with funding from the WHO.

The inspection and review of 9 medical faculties (Colombo, Kelaniya, Sri Jayewardenepura, Jaffna, Rajarata, Peradeniya, Ruhuna, Eastern, and KDU) were completed.

Applications were submitted to the WFME for recognition.

A four-member team from WFME visited the Accreditation Unit and participated in the inspection and review of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo.

On 7 March 2023 the WFME recognized the Accreditation Unit of the SLMC for a period of 10 years.

RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN DEGREE PROGRAMMES

The SLMC had come under heavy criticism for not processing applications received from foreign Universities to recognize their degree programmes. As of December 2020, some applications submitted as far back as 2016 were still awaiting processing. The recognition process of the degrees offered by foreign Universities had many shortcomings and the SLMC had not adopted the methods accepted internationally for the recognition of degree programmes. There had been years of delays in conveying the decision on recognition to the applicant Universities which had led to undue advantage to competing Universities and their local agents which mainly have profit-oriented objectives. The SLMC had failed to establish a separate Unit for this important activity and appoint a Head to the Unit with expertise on the subject.

There was no proper filing system with codes to maintain the application forms from foreign Universities, reviewer reports and decisions of the SLMC. The files that should have been available with the relevant important documents were missing. In some files only the file cover was available. All these deficiencies were highlighted in a report prepared by a committee appointed by the SLMC in 2021. In addition there was no computer database, which is a must, with relevant information on applications from foreign Universities. The agreements signed with Universities following granting recognition were not available in the files. In some instances grade medical officers with no experience in medical education had been appointed as members of committees to evaluate applications for degree recognition and for overseas site visits when qualified members with postgraduate qualifications were available to do so. This action tarnished the image and prestige of the SLMC overseas.

Action Taken

All these shortcomings have been rectified.

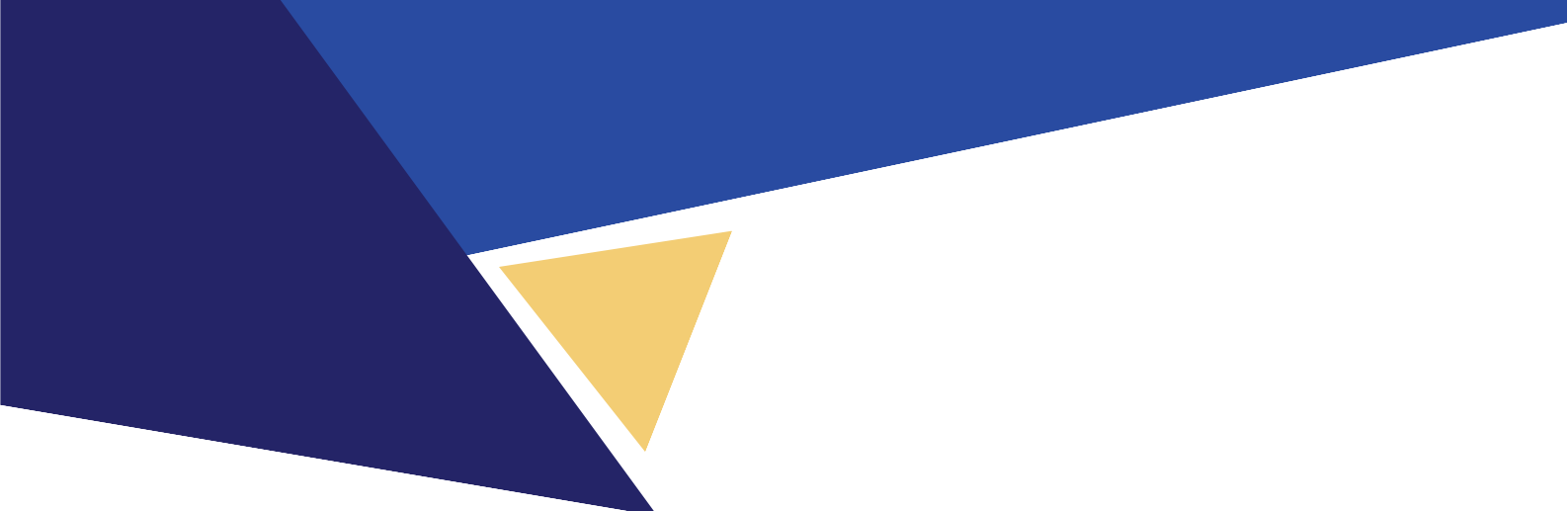
The task of evaluating applications from foreign universities has been assigned to the newly established Foreign Degrees Unit.

All accumulated applications for many years, some going back to 2016, were processed and decisions conveyed to the applicants and when relevant to the Honorable Minister for derecognition.

All evaluations are done by Council members with postgraduate qualifications and a background in medical/dental education.

The receipt of applications online have been streamlined.

All files have been arranged with codes and kept in identified cupboards which are under lock and key with an index page in all box files.



A regularly updated database with information of Universities and decisions of the evaluators and the SLMC is maintained.

The website of the SLMC is immediately updated so that the decisions on recognition of degree programmes are informed to the public immediately.

The agreements are signed soon after recognition is given and filed.

There is no backlog of applications to process any more.

New regulations governing recognition of foreign degree programmes that streamlines this process further and also provide for the recognition of medical degree programmes of Universities that are ranked among the top 500 Universities in QS or Times Higher Education Rankings were formulated with the help of a legal expert and submitted to the Honorable Minister for gazetting in July 2022. This would pave the way for Sri Lankan students to seek medical/dental education in the top Universities in the World with the assurance that they can return back to Sri Lanka to practice medicine.

RECOGNITION OF DEGREES OBTAINED BY GRADUATES FROM FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES (COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS 'FOREIGN DEGREE APPROVAL')

The SLMC had come under heavy criticism for the way it handled applications from graduates from foreign universities for degree approval. Although Regulations on Minimum Standards in Medical Education had been gazetted no tangible measures had been taken to incorporate these standards in the recognition process. In addition certificate of eligibility have been granted to some students to register in Universities not recognised by the SLMC which resulted in the SLMC having to grant degree approval for such students as well as having to agree to such as settlement in court cases. The degree approval process itself also had many faults. There was no proper system with relevant forms to maintain transparency and quality of the process. Management assistants with no knowledge on the subject were permitted to conduct the degree approval process with no supervision. Degree approvals had been granted without checking the relevant academic and educational information of applicants. There was no fixed dates to open the degree approval portal to submit applications online, process the applications, and close the portal based on the scheduled dates of the Examination to Practice Medicine in Sri Lanka (ERPM). There was no computer data base to maintain the relevant information on degree approval applications and decisions

Action Taken

The process of granting degree approvals has been streamlined in line with the gazette regulations on minimum standards of medical education.

The task has been assigned to the Foreign Degrees Unit.

Application submission is now done online. Fixed dates for opening the degree approval portal to submit applications online, completion of processing of application forms, and closing of the portal are announced well in advance.

The degree approval interviews are conducted by 2 or more SLMC Council members with relevant expertise.

A data base is maintained with all relevant information on the degree approval process.

As a result today decisions are taken in an open and transparent manner with decisions conveyed to applicants within two months of receiving an application well in time for them to get ready and apply for the Examination to Register to Practice Medicine (ERPM). This process has enabled the SLMC to defend its decisions even in court and as a result all cases filed by applicants who failed to secure degree approval against the SLMC have so far concluded with favourable outcomes for the SLMC unlike in the past.

New regulations governing the approval of degrees obtained by graduates from foreign Universities were formulated and incorporated in the regulations mentioned in 6 above with the help of a legal expert and submitted to the Honorable Minister for gazetting in July 2022



THE EXAMINATION TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN SRI LANKA (ERPM)

The SLMC had come under heavy criticism for not conducting the ERPM examinations twice a year according to a published calendar as stipulated by the Supreme Court as well as not releasing examination results on time.



Action Taken

The SLMC examined all the reasons that contributed to this situation including misinterpretation of court orders, logistics and financial issues in examination sites, and factors affecting student participation in exams. This led to complete overhauling of the examination procedures.

The ERPM examination is now conducted twice a year as per a calendar published well in advance.

The examination results are released within 2 weeks of close of an exam, and merit lists are prepared and released well in advance of the due date.

In addition to this, steps have been taken to completely revamp the ERPM examination to bring it in line with other international licentiate examinations such as the PLAB in UK. The regulations governing the new format ERPM were formulated with the help of a legal expert and submitted to the Honorable Minister for gazetting in July 2022.

ELECTIONS TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE SLMC

The SLMC had come under heavy criticism for not gazetting and obtaining parliamentary approval for SLMC election regulations and conducting elections for vacant SLMC positions.

Action Taken

The nominations were called to fill 4 vacancies from the specialist register and 5 vacancies from the general register in December 2020 pending gazetting of regulations.

The election to elect 4 members from the specialist register to the SLMC was concluded in April 2021. An enjoining order was obtained by several doctors in the district court against those elected from the specialist register assuming duties. The enjoining order was lifted in October 2021 and the four specialists assumed office on 29 October 2021.

The election to elect 5 members from the general register was due to be held in the month of April 2021. An enjoining order was obtained by a several doctors in the district court against holding the election for the general register without gazetting the election regulations. The legal barrier to holding elections for the general register was lifted following gazetting of the election regulations in 2022.

The SLMC called for nominations to the five positions mentioned above as well as other positions that became vacant.

The elections were held on 25 and 26 April 2023 and new members appointed to the Council.



APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

The process of approving additional qualifications had come under severe criticism with no proper approval system in place. There was no proper system with relevant forms to maintain transparency and quality in the process. In addition, there were no proper guidelines for the process which resulted in recognizing substandard qualifications awarded by substandard institutions.

There was no process to submit applications electronically. In addition, management assistants with no knowledge on the subject were permitted to conduct the approval process with no supervision. There was no fixed timeline for the approval process which resulted in unacceptable delays. There was no computer database to maintain the relevant information on additional qualification applications and decisions.



Action Taken

The process has been streamlined with applications and guidelines. There is a database to include all required information. The decision of each application is taken within one month.

The task has been assigned to the Foreign Degrees Unit.

The Head of the Unit is a co-opted member of the Additional Qualifications Committee.

New regulations governing recognition of additional qualifications were formulated with the help of a legal expert and submitted to the Honorable Minister for gazetting in July 2022.



APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY REGISTRATIONS UNDER SECTION 67A

The approval process of temporary registrations had many deficiencies. The PGIM pathway for verifying the specialist qualifications was not followed. Management Assistants with no knowledge on the subject were permitted to conduct the approval process with little supervision. There was no fixed time line for the approval process which resulted in unacceptable delays. No computer database was maintained with the relevant information on temporary registration applications and decisions.



Action Taken

The process has been streamlined with applications and guidelines. There is a data base to include all required information. The decision on each application is taken within one month.

New regulations governing temporary registration under section 67A were formulated with the help of a legal expert and submitted to the Honorable Minister for gazetting in July 2022.

The task has been assigned to the Foreign Degrees Unit.

MEDICAL ORDINANCE / SLMC ACT

The medical ordinance enacted nearly 100 years ago is a major hinderance to the SLMC exercising its powers. In spite of a cabinet decision taken to amend the medical ordinance or develop a new Act and the decision conveyed to the SLMC and a task force appointed with the President as chairperson no constructive action has been taken to initiate the process at SLMC.

Action Taken

A committee was appointed in 2022 by the SLMC to draft the new SLMC Act.

There had been several meetings of the committee and progress is at a satisfactory level.



DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

The disciplinary procedures of the SLMC have come in for severe criticism. The criticism was aimed at how the inquiries were being conducted, the motive behind certain inquiries, and undue delays in conducting such inquiries. Some of these inquiries have been going on for over a decade.



Action Taken

In the past two years, all the inquiries, except for 6, pending before the Preliminary Procedure Committee have been Concluded.

In January 2021, there were 28 inquiries pending before the Professional Conduct Committee. 16 of them have been concluded. 4 are pending to issue orders. In 2 cases the practitioners are overseas, and it has not been possible to conduct the inquiries. The remaining 6 inquiries are about to be concluded. There are 3 other inquiries that cannot proceed because they are being challenged in courts by the accused practitioners.


In addition to conducting these inquiries, to ensure that punishments are not given arbitrarily, the SLMC has now adopted a scale of punishment prepared with legal advice.

The SLMC is also in the process of revising the Disciplinary Procedure Regulations so that it is more in line with current needs.



INTERNSHIP

Internship is the most important part of training of a medical professional. This comes under the SLMC. The guidelines for interns provided by the Council have been prepared over a decade ago. Although the reporting procedures are in place for interns, the reports are not reviewed by anyone. When complaints are made to the Council regarding lapses of interns there was no proper mechanism to handle them. The internship stations and the allocation of interns to those stations have not been reviewed after the stations were approved.



Action Taken

The following actions have been taken in this regards over the past two year
revision of Internship guidelines;

- initiation of a process for online reporting and review;
- establishment of a permanent inquiry committee to inquire in to internship complaints and give quick decisions;
- gathering of information from internship stations.

The SLMC decided to streamline all these activities under one Unit and established an Internship Unit and the first Head of the Unit was appointed



REGISTRATION OF MIDWIVES, PHARMACISTS, PARA MEDICAL ASSISTANTS, AND PROFESSIONS SUPPLEMENTARY TO MEDICINE

The SLMC does not have up-to-date electronic registers for any of the above-mentioned practitioners that the SLMC registers. In addition, these practitioners once registered have never been asked to renew their registration. The public has no way of verifying whether a practitioner is registered with the SLMC because there is no publicly available register on the website. Registering apprentice pharmacists had been done in a haphazard way. Although apprentices are allocated to master trainers, there was no register of master trainers.

Action Taken

The renewal of registration of these practitioners was announced.

The renewal of registration of these practitioners was announced.

Since the renewal was electronic it would be possible now to establish the electronic registers and have up-to date registers for these categories of practitioners for the first time in the history of the SLMC once the details submitted by the applicants are verified.

The online registers of all categories of practitioners in now on the website of the Council.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The SLMC has been conducting its procurements without adhering to national procurement guidelines. The national procurement guidelines were not followed, there were no technical evaluation committees, there was no major and minor procurement committees. This came to light after we took office in the SLMC when the need to make purchases arose.

Action Taken

The above-mentioned deficiencies have been rectified.

The SLMC now adheres to the national procurement guidelines.

Technical evaluation committees, and major and minor department procurement committees have been established with appropriate representation.

MANAGEMENT OF FIXED ASSETS

The SLMC did not have an updated Fixed Assets Register nor has it conducted annual boards of survey as per regulations and non-serviceable items disposed. The fixed assets were not labeled and tagged with codes. This came to light after we took office when the need to dispose unusable items arose.

Action Taken

Steps were taken to establish a fixed assets register with relevant details and to conduct and complete a Board of Survey for the year 2021.

All fixed assets were labeled and tagged with the required codes.

Some of the unserviceable assets were disposed and others are to be done following procurement of replacements.

Members to the Board of Survey for the year 2021 have been appointed by the SLMC and the team conducted the board Survey.

LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

The SLMC has a history of losing cases and not making proper representation to court when the decisions of the SLMC are challenged. The Legal Officer of the SLMC was said to have been sidelined and her expertise not utilized optimally. The SLMC had over the years failed to make essential amendments required to the Medical Ordinance to enable specialists qualified abroad to practice in Sri Lanka. The SLMC has over the years also failed to make regulations covering many of its regulatory functions that are often challenged in courts resulting in the SLMC having to spend exorbitant amounts for court cases because of the lack of appropriate legal cover for its functions.

Action Taken

All legal matters are now handled through the Legal Officer and the Legal and Documentation Unit.

A legislative committee was established to advise the Legal Officer and the Legal and Documentation Unit and to provide oversight to all matters related to legal cases, development of new regulations and guidelines of a legal nature and the drafting of a new SLMC Act.

The legal officer is a co-opted member of the Legislative Committee.

All motions filed in court are reviewed and approved by the President and at least one other Council Member.

All cases filed against the SLMC in 2021 and 2022 that have been concluded, have concluded with the outcome desired by the SLMC and the actions of the SLMC have been commended by the attorney general and the judiciary.

An amendment to section 39B of the Medical Ordinance to enable specialists who have obtained their first degree and specialists qualifications abroad was drafted as per the Attorney General's advice and submitted to the Ministry of Health for enactment in September 2021.

The following regulations that would streamline the activities of the SLMC have been drafted and forwarded to the Minister of Health for gazetting in July 2022.

1. Amendments to the Medical (Minimum Standards of Medical Education) Regulation No. 1 of 2018.
2. New Regulation on Examination to Register to Practice Medicine (ERPM).
3. New Regulation on Registration of Additional Qualifications.
4. New Regulation on Temporary Registration of Practitioners.
5. New Regulation on Minimum Standards in Dental Education.
6. New Regulation on Examination to Register to Practice Dental Surgery (ERPDS).

To ensure that punishments are not given arbitrarily by the Professional Conduct Committee, a document outlining the scale of punishment was prepared by the legal officer and approved by the Council for implementation.

To expedite hearing of Professional Conduct Committee cases when the practitioner or complainant is abroad, a standard operating procedure for virtual hearings drawn up by the Legal Officer was approved by the Council and implemented.

DIGITALIZATION

In the modern world all organizations, especially those that serve the public and professionals from all parts of the country have to provide digital services. The SLMC did not have a plan for digital transformation.

Action Taken

An IT committee was established and specialist Health Informaticians from the Ministry of Health appointed to the committee.

The plan is now being implemented in stages.

A comprehensive plan was developed for digital transformation of the SLMC as shown in the digitization plan.

OFFICE PROTOCOLS AND RECORD-KEEPING

The filing of relevant documents and arrangement of different files have been in disarray. Office staff has not been trained on maintenance of files and documents. Box files have been scatted in all places including the corridors causing inconvenience to staff. As a result it was not possible for staff to utilize the limited space in the building for official work. One reason was the accumulation of box files of different types of applications and documents.

Action Taken

Staff were provided with information on office procedures.

A private service provider was selected to scan the old applications and documents and maintain a data base of the scanned documents. This will enable easy access to such applications and old documents when required.

A private service provider was selected to transfer all the box files with scanned old applications and documents for storage at a stores complex. This will provide additional space in the building for useful purposes and ensure safety of old applications and documents.

GOVERNANCE

ROLE OF THE COUNCIL

- Maintenance of standards and discipline of registrants.
- Change of information of the registrants, such as names, addresses, NIC numbers, etc.
- Entering of additional qualifications in the relevant registries.
- Issuing certified extracts from the relevant registries.
- Renewal and restoration of names in the registries.
- Recognition of government hospitals for internship.
- Verifications of registration of the registrants.
- Registration of specialists in the specialist register.
- Issue of certificates of registration.
- Replying to inquiries regarding registrations.
- Issue of certificates of good standing to the registrants.
- Issue of identity cards to registrants.
- Registration of apprentice pharmacists and issue of indenture.
- Approval of degrees of the foreign graduates (Medical and Dental).
- Conduct of ERPM/ERPDS examinations for medical and dental graduates who qualified abroad.
- Inquire into disciplinary complaints.
- Recognition of foreign medical and dental schools and maintaining registry of such approved schools.
- Certification of documents approved by the Council.

Constitution and Duties of the Council

Part III of the Medical Ordinance defines the constitution and duties of the SLMC as summarised below ,

1. The Medical Council shall be a body incorporated by the name and style of the "Sri Lanka Medical Council" having perpetual succession and a common seal with power to sue and to be sued in such name and to acquire and hold property movable and immovable and shall consist of members appointed by the Minister of Health, Ex-Officio members, nominated members by the Universities established under the Universities Act, elected members from among the medical practitioners, dentists, persons entitled to practice medicine, specialist medical practitioners, and specialist dentists. The Minister appoints the President, and the Vice President is elected from the members of the Council.

2. The duties of the Council

Maintain the standards of professions registered with the Council (Minimum Standards Regulations);

- Maintain the discipline of the practitioners (Disciplinary Procedure Regulations), and maintenance of registries.

3. The Medical Council shall appoint a registrar, who shall act as secretary of the Medical Council and also as treasurer unless the Medical Council shall appoint another person as treasurer and may appoint an assistant registrar who shall assist the registrar in the performance of his duties under this Ordinance.

4. Regulations may be made by the Council for all or any of the following purposes.

The election of members to the Medical Council and of the Vice President.

The procedure at meetings of the Medical Council, including the quorum.

- The appointment, suspension, removal, duties, and remuneration of officers and servants of the Medical Council.

- The keeping of the accounts of the receipts and expenses in carrying out the provisions of this Ordinance, and the auditing of such accounts.

- The maintenance of minimum standards of medical education, including standards relating to courses of study, examinations, staff, equipment, accommodation, training and other facilities at the universities and other institutions which grant or confer any qualification which entitles a person to obtain registration under this Ordinance.

- The maintenance of minimum standards of postgraduate medical education at universities and other institutions.

5. The Council conducts its affairs, discusses matters, and takes decisions through monthly Council meetings and establishes various committees and panels.

6. The Council has established separate independent Units.

Examinations Unit to conduct licensing examinations

Accreditation Unit to accredit degree programs

Legal Unit to address litigations and assist disciplinary procedures

Foreign Degrees Unit to recognize foreign degree programs

Internship Unit to monitor and improve the quality of the internship training.

- 7. The council provides multiple services to the registrants and the public.

Registration of practitioners, renewal of registrations at fixed intervals

Issuing Good Standing Certificates and verification of registration service

Issuing copies of certificates

Verifying the registration of the practitioners

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Members of the Council

President

Prof. Vajira H.W. Dissanayake
From 27.11.2020

Members

Dr. Asela Gunawardane
Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health
[Ex-Officio] from 29.10.2020 (Sec. 12.1. (g))

Prof. Jayantha Jayawardane
From 27.11.2020 (Sec. 12.1.f)

Dr. Vajira Senaratne
From 27.11.2020 (Sec. 12.1.f)

Dr. Dilrukshi Upamali Ruberu
From 27.11.2020 (Sec. 12.1.f)

Dr. N.N.A.P. Bandula Chandranath Wijesiriwardane
From 27.11.2020 (Sec. 12.1.f)

Dr. H. Naveen De Soysa
From 26.01.2018 (Sec. 12.1.c)

Dr. P.S.M. Anuruddha B. Padeniya
From 26.01.2018 (Sec. 12.1.c)

Dr. H. Nalin P. Herath
From 26.01.2018 (Sec. 12.1.c)

Prof. Surangee G. Yasawardene
From 01.01.2017 to 29.04.2022 (Sec. 12.1.b)(Dean,
Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri
Jayewardenepura

Prof. Aloka Pathirana
from 27.05.2022 (Sec. 12.1.b) (Dean, Faculty of Medical
Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura

Dr. Angela N. Arulpragasam Anthony From 07.02.2019
(Sec. 12.1.b) (Dean, Faculty of Healthcare Sciences,
Eastern University of Sri Lanka)

Dr. Senaka Devendra Pilapitiya
From 20.08.2020 to 10.08.2022 (Sec. 12.1.b)(Dean,
Faculty of Medicine, University of Rajarata)

Vice President

Dr. Suresh Shanmuganathan
From 29.12.2017 to 28.12.2022

Dr. Janaka Pushpakumara
from 11.08.2022 (Sec.12.1.b) (Dean, Faculty of
Medicine, University of Rajarata)

Dr. P.G.C. Sanjeewa Bowatte
From 28.01.2021 (Sec. 12.1.b) (Dean, Faculty of
Medicine, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka)

Prof. Surangee G. Yasawardene
From 29.04.2022 (Sec. 12.1.b) (Dean, Faculty of Dental
Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura

Dr. R. Surenthirakumaran
From 29.10.2021 (Sec. 12.1.b) (Dean, Faculty of
Medicine, University of Jaffna)

Prof. I. Vasantha Devasiri
From 08.01.2020 (Sec. 12.1.b) (Dean, Faculty of
Medicine, University of Ruhuna)

Prof. Vasanthi Pinto
From 13.10.2021 (Sec. 12.1.b) (Dean, Faculty of
Medicine, University of Peradeniya)

Prof. S. Janaki D.S. Hewavisenthi
From 01.12.2021 (Sec. 12.1.b) (Dean, Faculty of
Medicine, University of Kelaniya)

Prof. P.A.R.F. Ranil Fernando
From 05.01.2021 (Sec. 12.1.b) (Dean, Faculty of
Medicine, University of Moratuwa)

Prof. A. Manjula Attygalla
From 10.08.2021 (Sec. 12.1.b) (Dean, Faculty of Dental
Science, University of Peradeniya)

Dr. Udayangani Ramadasa
From 30.04.2021 (Sec. 12.1.b) (Nominee of the Faculty
of Medicine, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri
Lanka)

Prof. S. Mandika Wijayaratne
From 12.01.2021 (Sec. 12.1.b) (Nominee of
the Faculty of Medicine, University of
Colombo)

Dr. Dhanika S. Samaraweera
From 29.12.2017 to 28.12.2022 (Sec. 12.1 (d))

Prof. H. Janaka De Silva
From 29.10.2021 (Sec. 12.1.(cc))

Dr. Sunil R. Wijayasinghe
From 29.10.2021 (Sec. 12.1.(cc))

Dr. P.A. Gamini Navaratne
From 29.10.2021 (Sec. 12.1.(ccc))

Dr. M. Duminda Samarasinghe
From 29.10.2021 (Sec. 12.1.(cc))

Former Presidents of the SLMC

Prof. H. De Silva
(January 2019 – November 2020)

Prof. C. Goonaratna
(September 2017 – July 2018)

Prof. C. Fonseka
(January 2012 – June 2017)

Prof. L. Mendis
(June 2009 – June 2011)

Dr. H.H.R. Samarasinghe
(June 1999 – June 2009)

Dr. G.C. Urugoda
(October 1996 – February 1999)

Dr. S.A. Cabraal
(October 1988 – September 1996)

Dr. O.R. Medonza
(July 1980 – October 1988)

Dr. S.H.P. Nanayakkara
(March 1975 – June 1980)

Dr. E.M. Wijerama
(December 1969 – December 1974)

Sir N. Attygalle
(June 1964 – December 1969)

Dr. W.A. Karunaratne
(September 1959 – June 1964)

Dr. J. Kahawita
(December 1953 – September 1959)

Dr. W.G. Wickramasinghe
(October 1949 – December 1953)

Dr. S.F. Chellappa
(September 1941 – October 1949)

Dr. S.T. Gunasekara
(March 1937 – September 1941)

Dr. R. Briercliffe
(January 1930 – March 1937)

Dr. J.O.B. Van Langenberg
(December 1929 – January 1930)

Lt. Col C.D. Myles
(June 1927 – December 1929)

Dr. N.D. Walker
(June 1925 – December 1926)

Former Vice Presidents of the SLMC

Prof. N. De Silva
(April 2016 to August 2020)

Dr. L. Ranasinghe
(August 2014 – March 2016)

Dr. A. Hapugoda
(February 2013 – June 2014)

Dr. N. Amarasekera
(June 2009 – January 2013)

Dr. A. Samarasekera
(August 1998 - May 2009)

Dr. W.S.S. De Alwis
(July 1992 – July 1998)

Dr. S.M.G. Wijegoonaratne
(March 1991 – July 1992)

Dr. S.A. Cabraal
(June 1973 – March 1991)

Dr. W.D.L. Fernando
(March 1970 – June 1973)

Dr. E.M. Wijerama
(June 1964 – December 1969)

Sir N. Attygala
(September 1957 – June 1964)

Prof. J.R. Blaze
(June 1952 – September 1957)

Sir N. Attygala
(March 1952 – May 1952)

Dr. F. Gunasekara
(February 1933 – March 1952)

Dr. L. De Silva
(June 1925 – February 1933)

Former Registrars of the SLMC

Dr. A.Hapugoda
(November 2019 November 2022)

Dr. C.L.K. Atapattu (Acting)
(August 2018 to November 2019)

Dr. S. Terrence G.R. de Silva
(July 2015 – May 2018)

Dr. H.M.S.S.D. Herath (Acting)
(March 2013 – June 2015)

Dr. N.J. Nonis
(February 2005 – March 2013)

Prof. P.S.S. Panditharatne
(September 1994 – February 2005)

Prof. H.V.J. Fernando
(December 1980 – September 1994)

Prof. M.A. Paul
(March 1939 – May 1982)

Dr. W.C.O. Hill
(June 1938 – March 1939)

Prof. F.O.B. Ellison
(June 1925 – June 1938)

Committees of the Council

Standing Committees of the Council as at 31 December 2022.

1. Management Committee

This Committee is responsible to manage day-to-day administrative and financial matters.

Prof. V.H.W. Dissanayake
(President)

Dr. S. Shanmuganathan
(Vice President)

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Prof. S.G. Yasawardene
Dr. P.S.M.A.B. Padeniya
Dr. N. De Soysa
Dr. D. Samaraweera
Dr. B. Wijesiriwardane

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Dr. A. Hapugoda
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Dr. S.Wijayasinghe
(Acting Registrar) from 01.12.2022
Ms.P. Daluwatta
(Assistant Registrar)
Prof. P.Wickramasinghe
(Head of Examination unit)
Ms. B.Hettiarachchi
(Legal Officer)
Ms. T.P.Gammanpila
(Finance & Administrative officer)
Mr. Amila B.Herath
(IT Systems Administrator)

2. Examinations Committee

This Committee is responsible to manage all ERPM/ERPDS matters and recommend educational reforms to the Council.

Prof. V.H.W. Dissanayake
(President)

Dr. S. Shanmuganathan
(Vice President)

Prof. S.G. Yasawardene
Prof. V. Devasiri
Prof. V. Pinto
Prof. A. Gananthasan
Prof. M. Attygalla
Prof. S.Prathapan
Prof. I.Kitulwatte
Prof. M. Gamage
Dr. S. Bowatte
Dr. U. Ramadasa
Dr. G. Nawarathne (Dental)
Dr. H. Atapattu
Dr. D. Amarasinghe Waas
Dr. M.Samarasinghe

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(IT Systems Administrator)

3. Accreditation Committee

This Committee is responsible for providing oversight to establish an independent Accreditation Unit to accredit Sri Lankan Universities established under the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 and Sir John Kotelawala University.

Prof. V.H.W. Dissanayake
(President)

Dr. S. Shanmuganathan
(Vice President)

Prof. S.G. Yasawardene
Prof. J. Jayawardena
Prof. G. Ponnamparuma
(co-opted member)
Dr. P. Siribaddana
(co-opted member)
Dr. P.S.M.A.B. Padeniya
Prof. T. Gamage
(Director QAC)

Council Administration

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Registrar Until 30.11.2022
Dr.S. Wijayasinghe
(Acting Registrar) from 01.12.2022
Dr. P. Abeykoon
Head-Accreditation Unit

4. Foreign Degrees Committee

This committee is responsible to accredit and monitor the recognition of foreign medical/ dental degree programmes, observe provisions of the Minimum Standards (Medical Education) Regulations, devise tools to streamline and effectively recognize, derecognize, reject foreign degree programs, and propose degree approvals to the Council.

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Dr. S. Shanmuganathan
(Vice President)

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Prof. S.G. Yasawardene
Prof. J. De Silva
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Prof. R. Fernando
Prof. S.J.D.S. Hewavisenth
Dr. D. Roberu
Dr. N. De Soysa
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Dr. V. Senaratne

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(Acting Registrar) from 01.12.2022
Ms.P. Daluwatta
(Assistant Registrar)

5. Preliminary Proceedings Committee (PPC)

This Committee is responsible to initiate disciplinary procedures and regulations, investigate complaints, and determine prima facie cases and refer them to the Professional Conduct Committee (PCC).

Dr. S. Shanmuganathan
(Vice President)

Prof. J. Jayawardena
Prof. J. De Silva
Dr. N. De Soysa
Dr. D. Samarasinghe

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Dr.S. Wijayasinghe
(Acting Registrar) from 01.12.2022
Dr. S. De Silva

6. Professional Conduct Committee (PCC)

This Committee is responsible to produce charge sheets against registrants with prima facie cases and hear cases, make determinations and impose punishments.

Prof. V.H.W. Dissanayake
President

Prof. S.M. Wijeyaratne
Prof. R. Fernando
Prof. S.J.D.S. Hewavisenthi
Prof. S.G. Yasawardene
Dr. D.S. Samaraweera
Dr. P.S.M.A.B. Padeniya
Dr. D. Ruberu

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Registrar Until 30.11.2022
Dr.S. Wijayasinghe
(Acting Registrar) from 01.12.2022
Ms. B. Hettiarachchi
Legal Officer

7. Internship Committee

This Committee is responsible to manage and approve internship training institutions and supervise and evaluate the internship programmes.

Prof. V.H.W. Dissanayake
(President)

Dr. S. Shanmuganathan
(Vice President)

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Prof. J. Jayawardane
Prof. V. Pinto
Prof. A. M. Attygalla (Dental)
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Dr. L.Pannipitiya

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Registrar Until 30.11.2022
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(Acting Registrar) from 01.12.2022
Ms.P. Daluwatta
(Assistant Registrar)

08. Additional Qualifications Committee

This Committee is responsible to streamline, supervise and propose approvals of Additional Qualifications (AQ) to the Council and propose tools to effectively approve AOs.

Prof. V.H.W. Dissanayake **Council Administration**

(President)Dr. A. Hapugoda

(Registrar)Until 30.11.2022

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Prof. I.V.Devasiri(Assistant Registrar)

Prof. M. Wijeyaratne

Prof. A.M.Attigala

Prof. S.G.Yasawardene

Dr. G.Nawarathne

09. Temporary Registration Committee

This Committee is responsible to review and approve the applications by practitioners for temporary registration to practice in Sri Lanka.

Prof. V.H.W. Dissanayake

President

Dr. S. Shanmuganathan

(Vice President)

Prof. S.G. Yasawardene

Prof. J.Jayawardane

Prof. S. Rajapaksa (PGIM)

Dr. P.S.M.A.B. Padeniya

Dr. V.Senarathne

Council Administration

Dr. A. Hapugoda

Registrar Until 30.11.2022

Dr.S. Wijayasinghe

(Acting Registrar) from 01.12

Ms.P. Daluwatta

(Assistant Registrar)

10. IT/Web Committee

This Committee is responsible to manage, device and implement all IT and SLMC web-related matters. This Committee continued to aim at achieving a paperless green office environment.

Prof. V.H.W. Dissanayake
(President)

Prof. R. Fernando

Dr. R. Hewapathirana

Dr. C. Senanayake

Dr. P. Ranatunge

Dr. G. Kulathunge

Dr. P.S.M.A.B. Padeniya

Dr. D. Samarasinghe

Council Administration

Dr. A. Hapugoda

Registrar Until 30.11.2022

Dr.S. Wijayasinghe

(Acting Registrar) from 01.12.2022

Mr. A.B.Herath

Ms.P. Daluwatta

(Assistant Registrar)

11. Specialists Committee

This Committee is responsible to supervise and streamline the Specialist registrations and propose Medical Ordinance amendments to activate silent provisions of the Specialist Registration Regulations.

Prof. V.H.W. Dissanayake
(President)

Dr. S. Shanmuganathan
(Vice President)

Prof. S.G. Yasawardene
Prof. S. Rajapaksa
Dr. P.S.M.A.B. Padeniya

Council Administration

Dr. A. Hapugoda
(Registrar)Until 30.11.2022
Ms.P. Daluwatta
(Assistant Registrar)

12. Legislative Committee

This Committee is responsible to study the Medical Ordinance and Regulations and propose amendments for drafting the Medical Ordinance or draft a new Medical Act.

Prof. V.H.W. Dissanayake **Council Administration**

President Dr. A. Hapugoda
Registrar Until 30.11.2022

Dr. S. Shanmuganathan Mrs. B.Hettiarachchi
(Vice President)(Legal Officer)

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Prof.R. Fernando
Dr. P.S.M.A.B. Padeniya
Dr. N. De Soysa
Dr.S. Wijayasinghe

13. Procurement Committee

Procurement committee is responsible to follow the National Procurement Guidelines for SLMC purchases in order to maximize economy, efficiency, and effectiveness.

Major Procurement Committee

Prof. V.H.W. Dissanayake
Chairperson

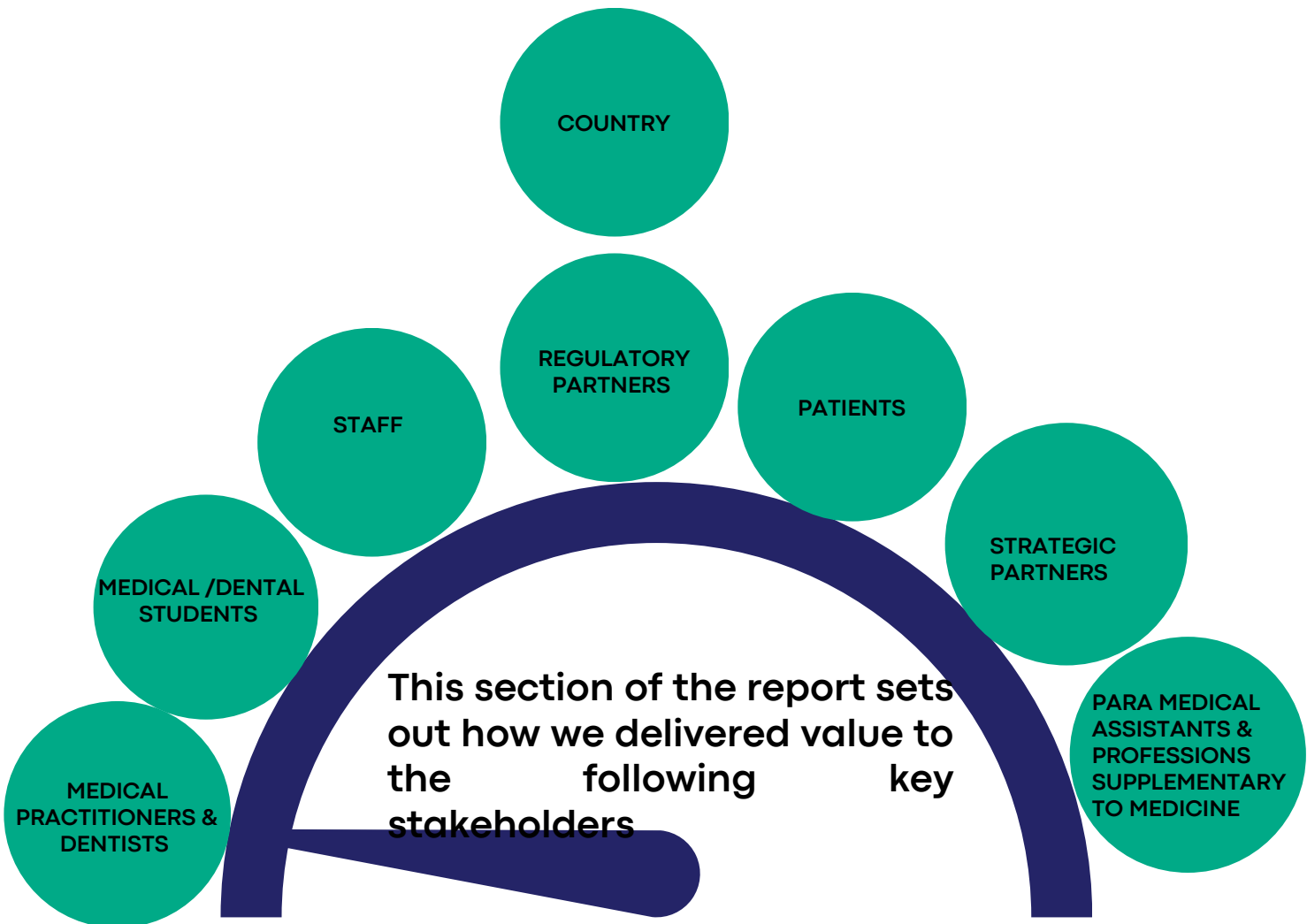
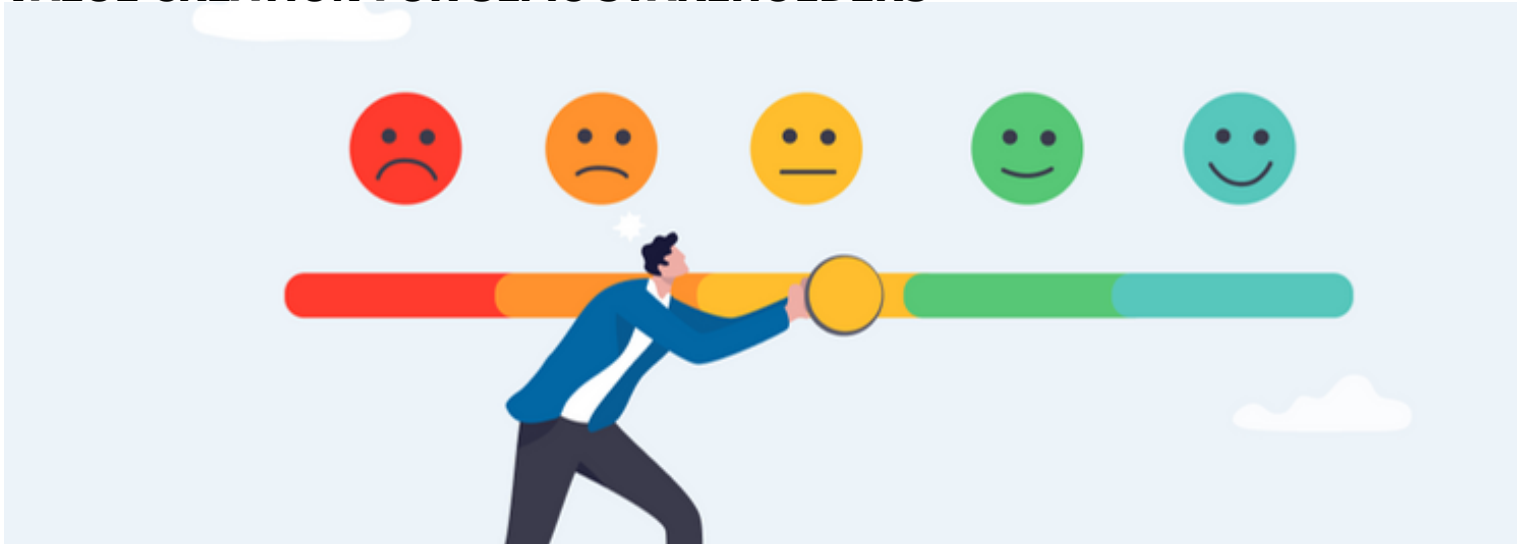
Dr. B. Wijesiriwardene
Mr. J.H.S. Srimalka (Ministry
representative)

Minor Procurement Committee

Prof. V.H.W. Dissanayake
(Chairperson)

Dr. S. Shanmuganathan
Prof. J. Jayawardane

VALUE CREATION FOR SLMC STAKEHOLDERS



PATIENTS

Maintaining Registers

The Sri Lanka Medical Council maintains the following registers for the information of patients:

- Specialist Medical Practitioners (Section 39B)
- Specialist Dental Practitioners (Section 39B)
- Medical Practitioner (Section 29 and ACT15)
- Dentists (Section 43)
- Registered Medical Practitioners (Section 41)
- Midwives (Section 51)
- Pharmacists (Section 56)

• Para Medical Assistants (Section 60A) - Electrocardiograph Recordists, Audiologists, Clinical psychologists, Speech Therapists, Chiropodists, Dietitians, Ophthalmic Auxiliaries, Electroencephalograph Recordists, Nutritionists, Clinical Phycologists .

• Professions Supplementary to Medicine (Section 60F)- Radiographers ,Medical, Laboratory Technologists Physiotherapists,Occupational Therapists

• Temporary Registrations of Medical Practitioners, Dentists and Nurses (Section 67A)

Verifications

The Sri Lanka Medical Council provides the following verification services:

- Verification of medical certificates issued to the Foreign Ministry for foreign employment.

Verification of registration of practitioners prior to employment by Healthcare Institutions.

Raise Concerns

The Sri Lanka Medical Council has the power to inquire into complaints made against any practitioner registered with the Council.

In making a complaint:

1.0 The complaint should be made by way of a letter addressed to the President along with an affidavit stating facts/matters alleged against the medical practitioner/s.

2.0 The full name/s of the accused practitioners should be clearly stated in the affidavit.

The full name/s of the complainant/s along with the contact address and the telephone numbers should be clearly stated in the covering letter.

Inquiry Procedure at SLMC

Preliminary Inquiry:

This is a fact-finding inquiry conducted by the Preliminary Proceedings Committee (PPC) chaired by the Vice President of the Council. The complainant/s and the accused practitioners have to appear before the inquiry. They cannot retain legal counsel at this inquiry. The findings of this committee will be referred to the President for a determination as to whether to proceed with an Inquiry by the Professional Conduct committee.

Professional Conduct Inquiry:

This is an inquiry conducted by the Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) chaired by the President of the Council. The complainant/s and the accused practitioner/s must appear before the inquiry. The accused practitioner/s may retain legal counsel at this inquiry. The outcome of the inquiry may be exonerate from charges, temporary suspension or erasure from the register.



MEDICAL/DENTAL PRACTITIONERS

Services Offered to Medical Practitioners and Dental Practitioners

- Specialist registration
- Register additional qualifications
- Update details in the register
- Certificate of extract of registration
- Renewal of registration Restoration of names in the register
- Submit letters of request for documents
- Issuing identity cards
- Professional guidance
- Provisional registration
- Permanent registration
- Temporary registration (foreign)
- Issuing internship certificate documents
- Disciplinary procedures

Guidance, Advice and Ethics to Medical Practitioners

Medical Oath

1. Ethical and Professional Misconduct Guidelines

[Guidelines on Ethical Conduct for Medical & Dental Practitioners Registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council](#)

[Sri Lanka Medical Council Instructions on Serious Professional Misconduct to Medical Practitioners and Dentists](#)

[Guidelines For Medical Practitioners and Dentists - Medical and Death Certificates](#)

2. Internship Guideline Book

Guidelines for Internship – Revised in 2013. This can be access <https://slmc.gov.lk/en/education/internship>

3. ERPM Guideline Book

The guideline for the Examination for Registration to Practice Medicine in Sri Lanka (ERPM) includes the Examination Rules compiled by the Education Committee of the Council. This revised new format is effective from 1 March 2017 and was updated on 26 May 2021. This can be viewed at <https://slmc.gov.lk/en/examinations/erpm>

Medical Education, Training, Monitoring and Quality Assurance at SLMC

1. Minimum Standard Regulation

The Minimum Standards for Medical Education are stipulated in the gazette notifications listed below.

Extraordinary Gazette No. 2055/54 – FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2018

Extraordinary Gazette No. 2155/15 - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2019

Extraordinary Gazette No. 2222/69 - SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2021

2. Foreign Degrees approval

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3. Accreditation Unit

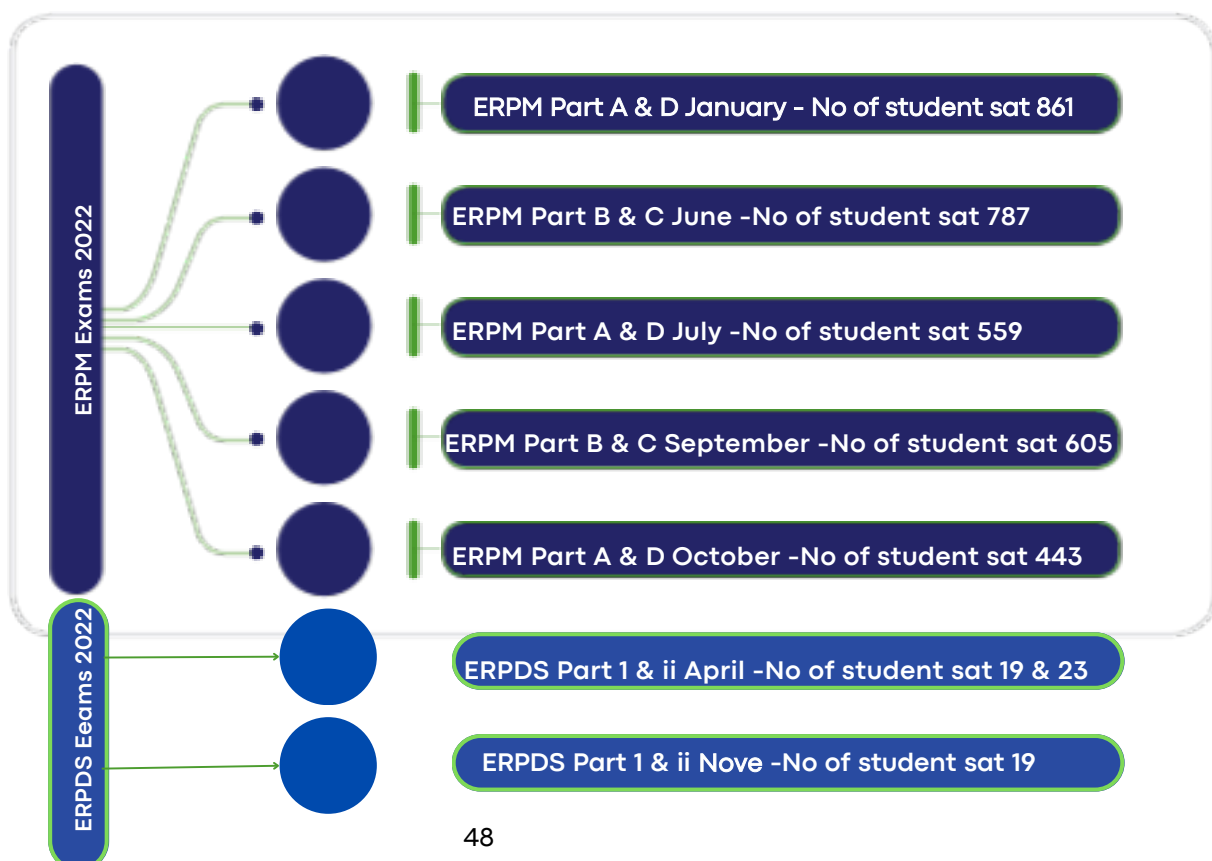
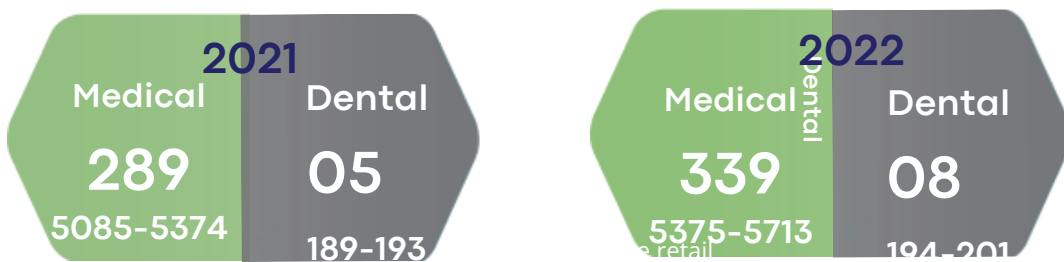
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4. Preliminary Proceeding Committee (PPC) and Professional Conduct Committee

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MEDICAL/DENTAL STUDENTS

SLMC approved foreign Medical graduate



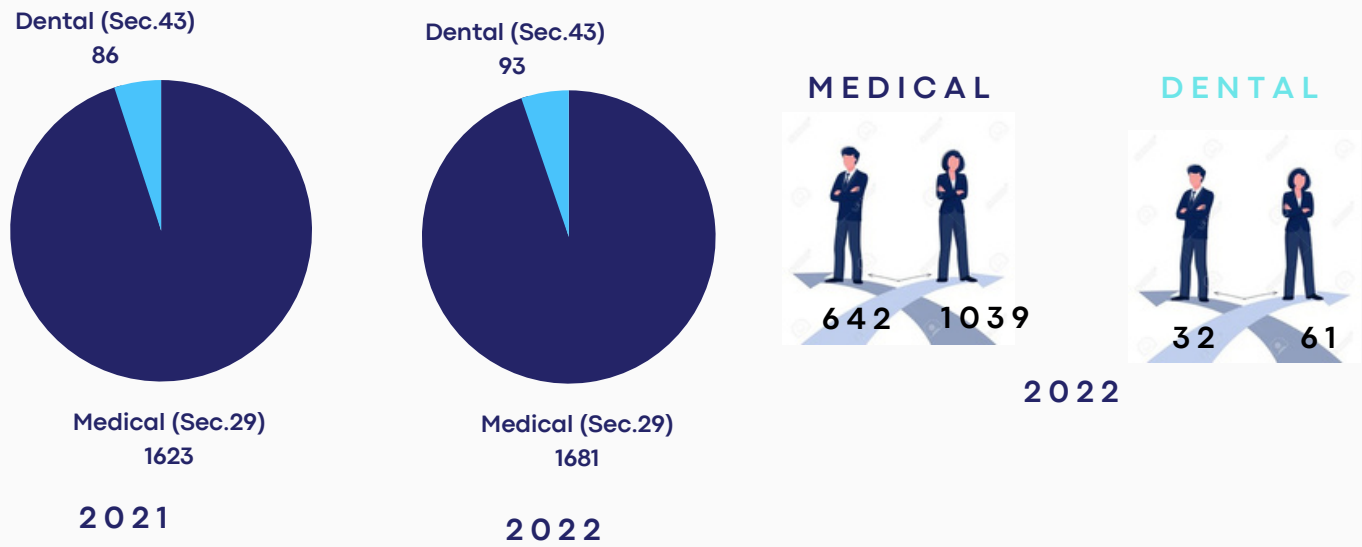
PERFORMANCE OF DIFFERENT UNITS DURING THE YEAR 2022



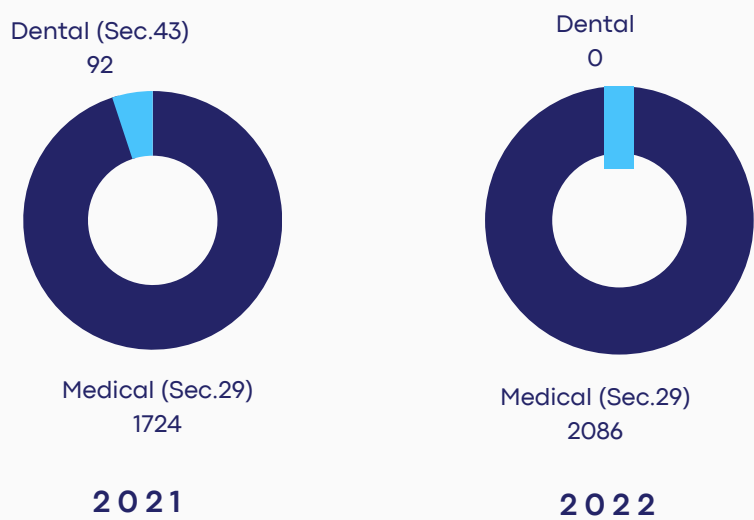


REGISTRATION UNIT SRI LANKA MEDICAL COUNCIL

FULL REGISTRATION OF THE MEDICAL/DENTAL PRACTITIONERS 2022



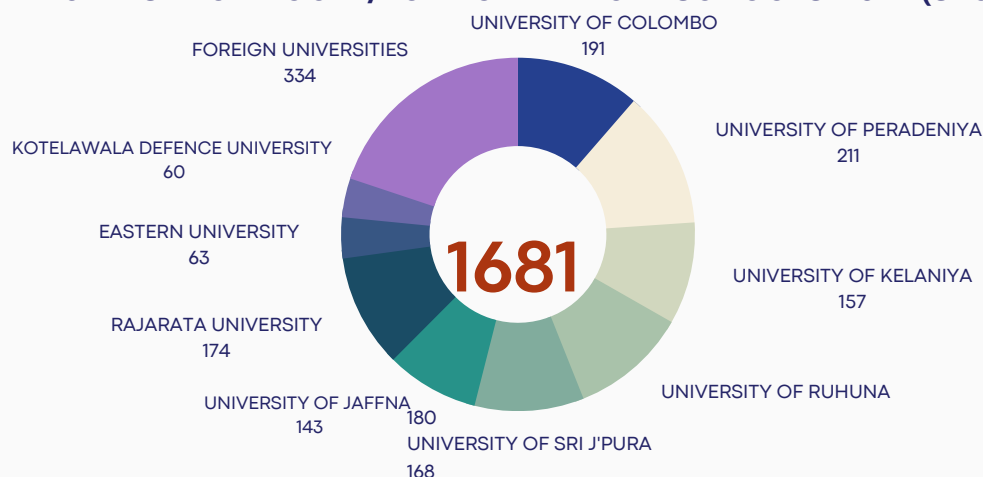
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THE MEDICAL/DENTAL REGISTER



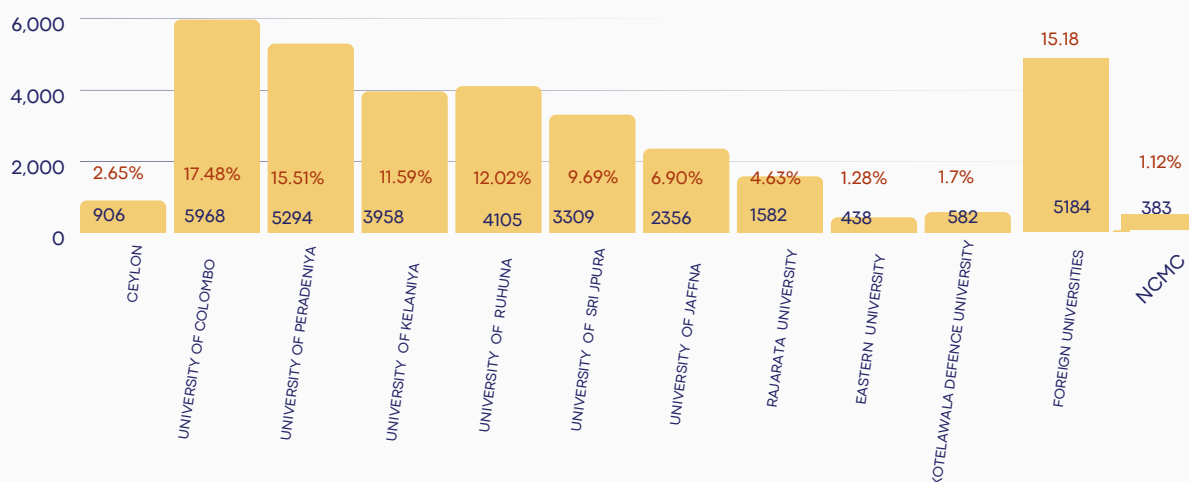
GRADUATES FROM LOCAL/FOREIGN MEDICAL SCHOOLS-2022 (SEC.29) (FULL REGISTRATION)



PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION OF THE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS-2022 (SEC.29(2))



NUMBER OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (SEC. 29) WITH A LICENCE AS AT 19.09.2023



Specialist Registration (Sec. 39B)

2021

Medical -405
Dental -15

2022

Medical -307
Dental -11

Registration of other health care categories up to 31.12.2022

Midwives Chiropodists Professions Supplementary Pharmacists Dietitians to Medicine

Para Medical Assistants

Phthalmic Auxiliaries Radiographers Electrocardiograph

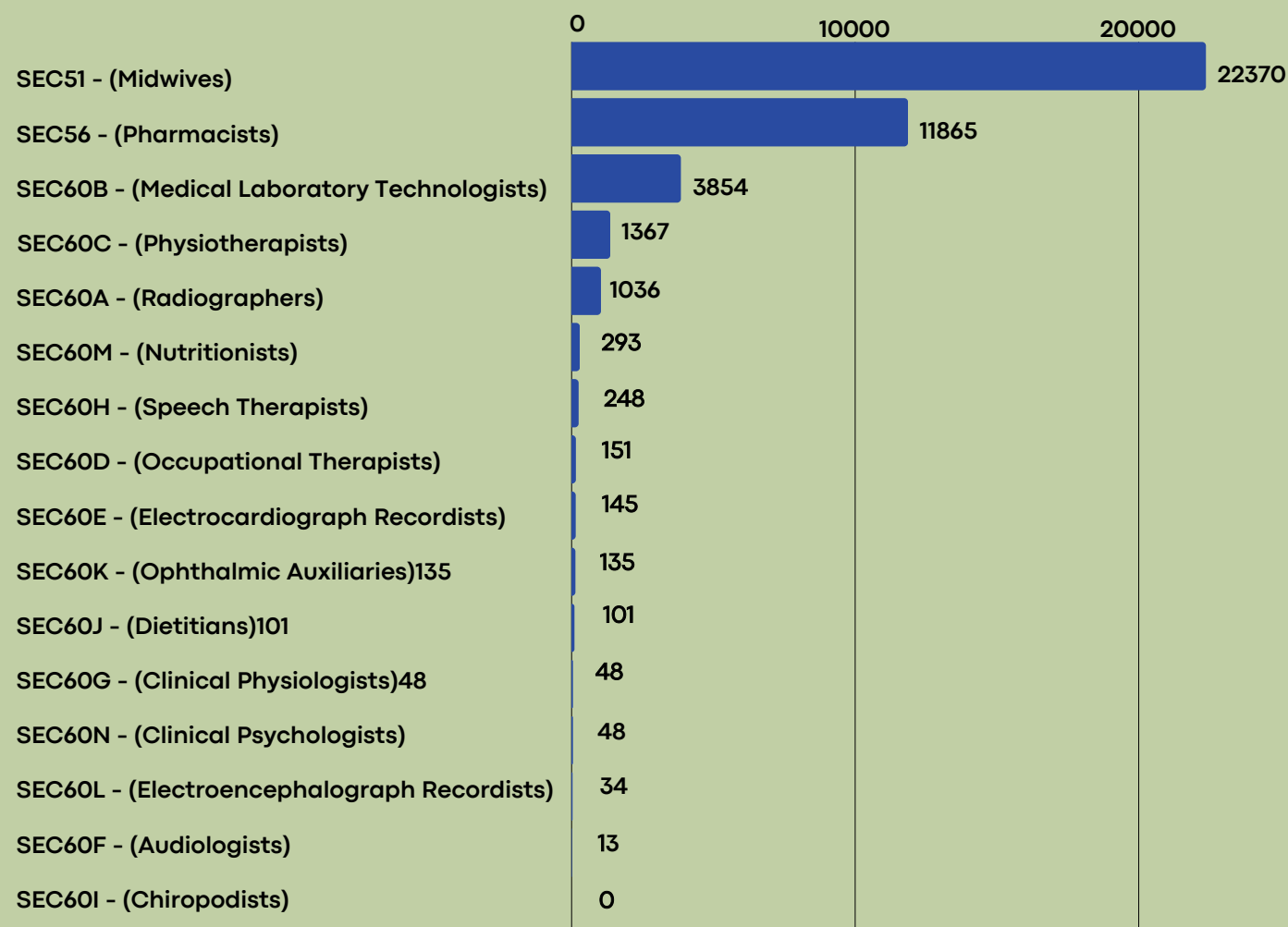
Electroencephalograph Medical Laboratory Recordists Recordists Technologists

Number of registrant -2022

Registration	Number of registrants-2022
SEC51 - (Midwives)	653
SEC56 - (Pharmacists)	331
SEC60E(Electroencephalograph Recordists)	16
SEC60F - (Audiologists)	8
SEC60G - (Clinical Physiologists)	2
SEC60H - (Speech Therapists)	11
SEC60I - (Chiropodists)	0
SEC60J - (Dietitians)	14
SEC60K - (Ophthalmic Auxiliaries)	10
SEC60L - (Electroencephalograph Recordists)	8
SEC60M - (Nutritionists)	31
SEC60N - (Clinical Psychologists)	2
SEC60A -(Radiographers)	118
SEC60B - (Medical Laboratory Technologists)	349
SEC60C - (Physiotherapists)	166
SEC60D -(Occupational Therapists)	37



Number of registrants for each health care categories up to 31.12.2022





ACCREDITATION UNIT

SRI LANKA MEDICAL COUNCIL

SRI LANKA MEDICAL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT OF ACCREDITATION UNIT- 2022

Key Mandate

Develop the policies and procedures for making the accreditation decision of a recognized university or institution in Sri Lanka as per "Medical (Maintenance of Minimum Standards of Medical Education) Regulations No. 01 of 2018" and its subsequent amendments. Such accreditation has to be done every five years.

Staff of the Accreditation Unit

Dr. Palitha Abeykoon – Head
Prof. Jayantha Jayawardana – Member
Prof. Surangi Yasawardene – Member
Prof. Gominda Ponnampuruma – Co-opted member
Dr. Pandula Siribaddhana – Co-opted member
Ms. Nadeeka Wijedasa – Management Assistant

Accreditation Unit Website

The dedicated website of AU was launched in September 2021. The website provides up-to-date information regarding the functions of the AU, the processes, relevant documents as well as other important details regarding accreditation of medical schools. The website was designed to be user-friendly and accessible even using mobile devices.

Meetings

The members of the AU attended the AU meetings and in addition few members of the Council attended the Accreditation Committee meeting. The Director of QAC of UGC too was invited for the meetings of the committee. Before each meeting the agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to each member. For each meeting, the relevant memos were submitted for discussion and approval sought. Some meetings were held online/hybrid and others were

onsite meetings.

Number of meetings of the Accreditation Unit – 39
Number of Special meetings of the Accreditation Unit - 06
(with review team leaders, WFME team meetings)
Number of meetings of the Accreditation Committee – 18
Number of meetings with Deans of Medical Faculties – 01



Accreditation of Higher Education Institutes in Sri Lanka

The Deans were requested to complete the Self Evaluation Report and submit same to AU with relevant annexes. The Deans submitted the completed SER at different times. On receipt, the Review Teams were appointed by the AU. The review process included a desk review and a three-day "Review Visit" (site visit) to the relevant faculty and teaching hospital. At the completion of the site visit, the Leader of the review team submitted the Draft Review Report to AU. Following consultations with the reviewers and the Dean, the Final Review Report with the decision on accreditation was submitted to the Council for ratification. Following ratification by the Council, the accreditation decision was conveyed to the relevant Vice Chancellor and Dean. The accreditation decision (Judgment) is either accreditation granted or rejected. All six faculties completed the cycle was granted "Accreditation" with a "Satisfactory Grade Average score".

Total completed SER received – 09

Number of Review Visits to faculties – 06

Number completed the Accreditation Cycle – 06

(Desk evaluation, Review Visit, Final Review Report and Final Decision conveyed to Vice Chancellor and Dean)



Review Visit, Faculty of Medicine, Ruhuna



Review Visit, Faculty of Medicine, Colombo

Reviewers

Reviewers were recruited based on applications sent in response to advertisement calling for applications from eligible university professors and specialists published by the AU. Advertisements were placed twice, and the applications received were evaluated by the members of the AU to select eligible reviewer candidates for training. Following completion of the reviewer training programme described next, appointment letters were issued by the AU. The reviewers for each relevant Review Team (five members in each) were selected from the pool of reviewers based on laid down criteria for such appointment.

Total applications received – 45

Number of reviewers appointed – 35

Number of Review Teams appointed – 09

Training Programmes

Two Training programmes were conducted on two Sundays from 9am to 3pm each day. The selected reviewers attended. Resource persons were the President, members of AU and Director, Quality Assurance Unit of University Grants Commission. The programme consisted of presentations and interactive sessions. A 3-day training programme for members of AU was sponsored by the WHO. The members visited the Accreditation Agency in Thailand.

Number of training programmes for Reviewers – 02

Number of training programmes for members of the AU (In Thailand) – 01



Training workshop for Reviewers



Training workshop for Members of AU

World Federation of Medical Education (WFME)

Following submission of two completed required application forms, the WFME accepting same sent a four-member team to inspect and observe activities of AU. These included the observation of documents, a site visit to the AU and interview of the President and members of AU. The final report from WFME on the decision on accreditation is pending. Purpose of visit – Evaluation of the Accreditation process of AU/SLMC to grant WFME recognition to the AU/SLMC

Number of members in the team – 04

Duration of visit – 08 days

Total cost incurred for the visit – Rs. 37.4 million

(WFME Registration fee, air travel, local travel, accommodation)



WFME Team members and Members of AU

Budget

The funds required were allocated by the Council. The relevant expenditure were approved by the Management Committee and Council on request with justification. The procurements and final payments were done by the Finance Division of SLMC. The funds from the WHO were obtained by the Head/AU and the procurement was done by WHO.



EXAMINATION UNIT

SRI LANKA MEDICAL COUNCIL

SRI LANKA MEDICAL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT OF EXAMINATION UNIT- 2022

ERPM Examinations During the year two complete ERPM examinations and one Part A & D examination were held.

First ERPM examination Part A & D was held in January 2022 at the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Faculty of Law, University of Colombo and 861 candidates sat for the exam. The respective part B & C was held from February to June 2022 at 8 state medical faculties (Colombo, Peradeniya, Jaffna, Ruhuna, Kelaniya, Sri Jayawardena pure, Eastern and Rajarata). 787 candidates sat for the examination. The merit list of 335 qualified medical graduates were sent to the Ministry of Health on 08th June 2022.

The second ERPM examination Part A & D was held in July 2022 at the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Colombo, and 559 candidates sat the examination. Results were release in August 2022. The respective part B & C was held in September 2022 at 6 state medical faculties (Colombo, Peradeniya, Jaffna, Ruhuna, Sri Jayawardena pure, and Eastern). 605 candidates sat for the examination and the merit list of 253 were send to the Ministry of Health on 13th October 2022.

Third ERPM Part A & D examination for the year was held at the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Colombo, in October 2022. 443 candidates sat for the examination. The respective Part B & C is planned to be held in January -February 2023.

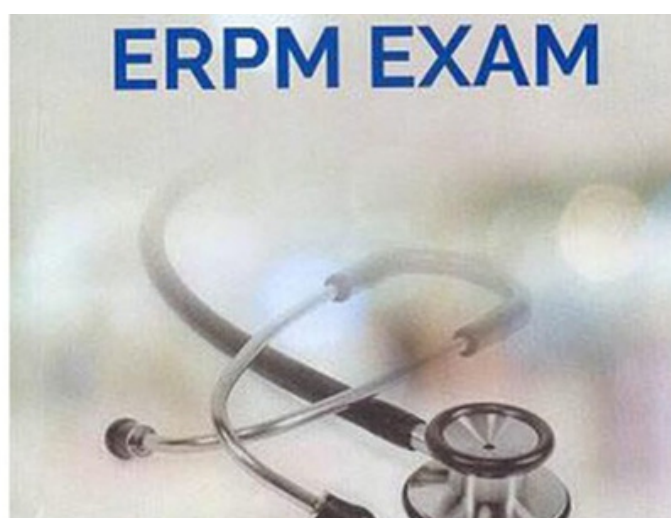
First ERPDS examination Part I and Part II was held in April 2022 at the Dental Faculty Peradeniya and 05 candidates qualified. The second ERPDS examination was held at the Dental Faculty Peradeniya. Part I was held from November 2022. Part II scheduled for January 2023 in Peradeniya and 06 candidates qualified.

Prof Harsha Seneviratne the founder head of the Examination unit retired on 31st May 2022 after serving for more than ten years. He single handedly established the unit and drew up standard operational procedures and pave the way for the smooth functioning of both ERPM and ERPDS examinations. He was replaced by Prof Pujitha Wickramasinghe on 1st June 2022.

The complete year plan for degree approval and subsequent holding of ERPM examinations were prepared in consultation of the foreign degrees unit and announced on the website.

"ERPM/ERPDS Punishments/Remedial Actions for Examination Offences document" was updated and approved at the 642nd council of the meeting of the SLMC. It is being uploaded onto the web.

Academic Boards for the ERPDS were formed.





FOREIGN DEGREES UNIT

SRI LANKA MEDICAL COUNCIL

SRI LANKA MEDICAL COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF FOREIGN DEGREES UNIT- 2022

Key Mandate

Develop the policies, procedures and applications for making the recognition and approval decisions on following and submission of same to relevant Standing Committees and the Council for the final decision:

- Recognition of Applications 1 and 2 submitted by overseas universities/institutions and evaluation of same as per " Medical (Maintenance of Minimum Standards of Medical Education) Regulations No. 01 of 2018" and its subsequent amendments.

Degree approval of foreign graduates as per requirements determined by the council to enable them to register for the ERPM Examination.

Evaluation of applications submitted by registered medical practitioners to include the foreign and local additional qualifications obtained by them to be added before their name as per Ordinance and guidelines determined by the Council.

Evaluation of applications submitted by overseas specialists for Temporary Registration under 67A as per Ordinance and guidelines determined by the Council.

The staff of Foreign Degrees Unit

Prof. Jayantha Jayawardana	– Head
Mrs. Priyanthi Daluwatte	– Assistant Registrar
Ms. Kabi Jeyakumaran	– Management Assistant
Ms. Dinithi Nimakshika Kaluarachchi	– Management Assistant
Ms. Kaneesha Lekamge	– Management Assistant

Reviewers of Applications of Overseas Universities/Institutions

Prof. Jayantha Jayawardana
Prof. Surangi Yasawardene
Selected Members of the Council

Meetings

Number of meetings of the Foreign Degrees Committee – 12
Number of meetings of the Additional Qualifications Committee – 12
Number of meetings of 67A Committee – 12

Applications from overseas Universities/Institutions for Recognition

Application 1

Total number received – 24
Total number evaluated – 24
Total number approved – 04
Total number rejected – 20

Application 2

Total number received – 07
Total number evaluated – 07
Total number approved – 04
Total number rejected – 03

Country Base Analysis of Applications 1 and 2

	Received	Approved	Rejected
Australia	01	00	01
China	04	03	01
Cuba	00	00	00
Georgia	00	00	00
India	02	01	01
Iran	01	00	01
Kyrgyzstan	01	00	01
Malaysia	02	01	01
Nepal	02	02	00
Pakistan	17	01	16
Russia	01	00	01

Appeals Received from foreign students/graduates – 60 Appeals

Degree Approval Applications

Number of cycles held – 03

Total duration of all cycles – 08 months

(Opening of portal to closure)

Cycle 1 (June 2022)

Total number of applications received – 183

Approved – 163

Rejected – 19

Cycle 2 (Oct 2022)

Total number of applications received – 142

Approved – 121

Rejected – 21

Cycle 3 (April 2023)

Total number of applications received – 107

Approved – 104

Rejected – 03

Additional Qualification Applications (Oct-Dec 2022)

Local qualifications received – 112 (33/2022/L-144/2022/L)

Approved – 112

Rejected – 0

Foreign qualifications received – 16 (30/2022/F-47/2022/F)

Approved – 11

Rejected – 3

Pending – 2

67A Applications (Oct-Dec 2022)

Received – 13

Approved – 9

Rejected – 4

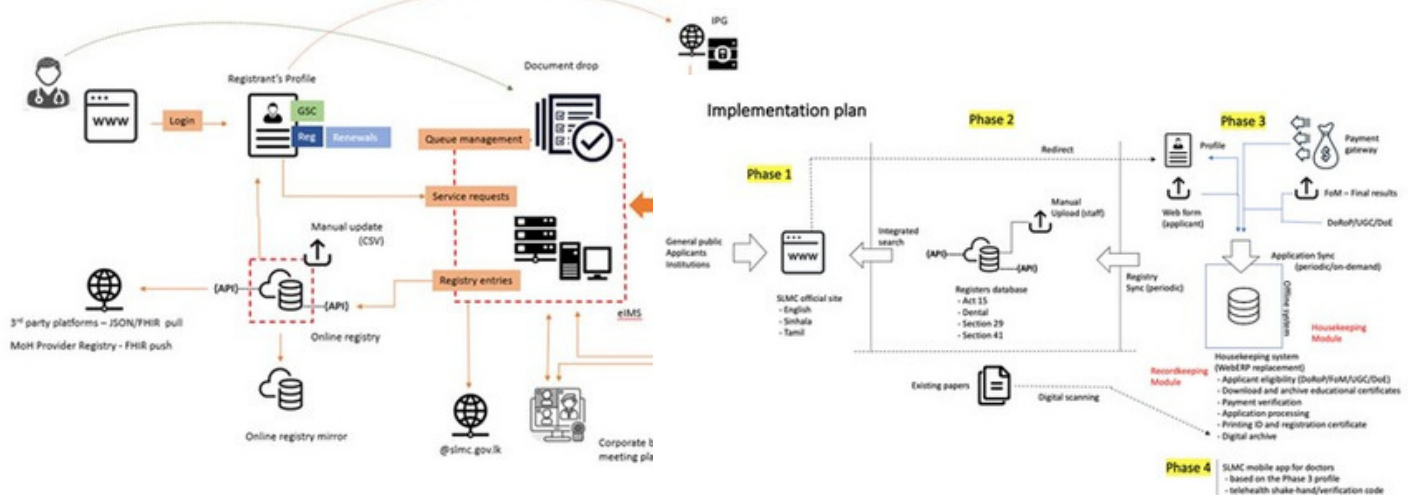


IT UNIT

SRI LANKA MEDICAL COUNCIL

SRI LANKA MEDICAL COUNCIL SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT OF IT UNIT- 2022

Electronic Management information System (EMIS) Development Project



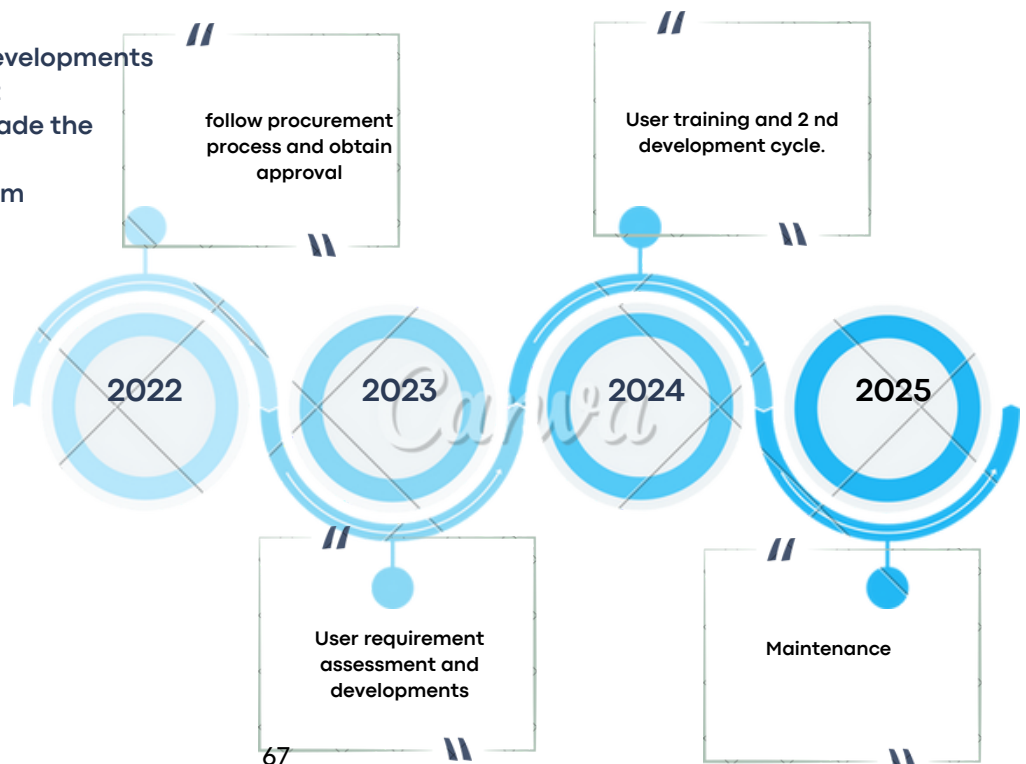
General objectives of developing the Electronic Management Information System (EMIS) for SLMC.

To design a comprehensive web-based information system to replace the existing paper-based record management system with minimal modifications to the record keeping structure and functionalities to suit the industry best practices. The proposed solution needs to be focused on improving the quality and timeliness of SLMC registration and renewal process and presenting related data to general public, practitioners, the SLMC staff and to the other stakeholders.

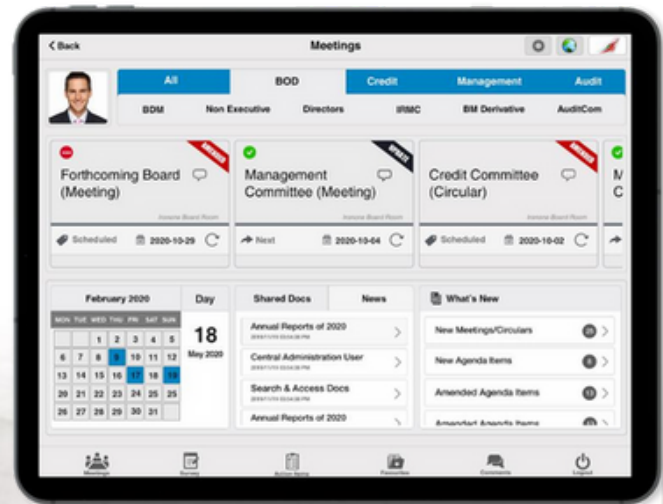
The SLMC at its 610th Council meeting approved the establishment of a communication system to enhance public registrations and office rootings. For this purpose, an efficient Electronic Management Information System will be proposed. The procurement committee meeting was held on 23rd February 2022 and approved the decision and the budget. It will take around 36 months to complete this project.

This project includes following developments

- Web site design & development
- Database Development & Upgrade the Registry information
- Management information system
- Development of SLMC App



Board Meeting Automation Solution



This project was successfully completed during the year 2022

Key Benefits

- Boost Productivity
- Remote Access
- Video Conferencing
- On/Off Mode
- Convenience
- Security
- Cost Saving
- Environment Friendly



Scanning and Archiving of Documents Document Archiving System



Key Benefits



- Reduce Storage Space
- Enhanced Security
- Easy Retrieval
- Better Collaboration
- Accessibility
- Centralized Information





LEGAL UNIT

SRI LANKA MEDICAL COUNCIL

SRI LANKA MEDICAL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT OF LEGAL UNIT- 2022

The Legal and Documentation Unit of the SLMC handles the entire legal officers of the SLMC and concludes another successful year 2022 and proudly presents our annual work encompassing the key achievements, initiatives, and future prospects of our unit within the overall development of the institute. Through a series of innovative measures and strategic decisions, we have successfully solidified our position as a trusted partner for legal compliance and effective governance.

Over the past year, we have undertaken significant steps to enhance the capabilities and efficiency of the legal unit, while aligning ourselves with the Sri Lanka Medical Council's broader growth objectives. As a result, we have successfully consolidated our team, and procedures to be followed and enhanced our internal systems through the following key initiatives:

Legal and Legislative matters

All court cases pending before the Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, District Courts, Human Rights Commission and Right to Information Commission etc. were handled by the legal unit. Legislative Committee presided by the President, SLMC is actively involved in advising the legal Unit to provide.

oversight to all matters related to legal cases, development of new regulations and guidelines of a Legal nature and the drafting of the new SLMC Act.

All court cases filed against the SLMC in 2022 that have been concluded with the outcome desired by the SLMC and the actions of the SLMC have been commended by the Hon. the Attorney General and the Judiciary.

To enhance the development and betterment of the Ordinance, it is imperative to establish mechanisms for post-sentencing assessments and rehabilitation programs.

In addition, it is essential to prioritize the establishment of measures that promote transparency and accountability within the justice system affecting medical practitioners. This can be achieved by requiring comprehensive record-keeping of sentencing decisions, ensuring documentation of factors considered, and promoting public access to this information. These measures will foster accountability, enable the monitoring of sentencing patterns, and facilitate the identification of potential biases or disparities in the system.

In order to achieve the said targets, it was decided to propose new regulations to the said Ordinance. We, as a unit drafted 6 regulations pertaining to the said Ordinance under the supervision of the council and legislative committee in terms of the respective sections of the Medical Ordinance as amended and the following regulations were forwarded to the Minister of Health for gazetting in 2022.

- A. Amendments to the Medical (Minimum Standards of Medical Education) Regulation No. 01 of 2018.
- B. New Regulation on Examination to Register to Practice Medicine (ERPM)
- C. Amendments to the Medical Ordinance (Minimum Standards of Dental Education)
- D. New Regulation on Examination for Registration to Practice Dental Surgery (ERPDS)
- E. New Regulation on Registration of Additional Qualifications.
- F. New Regulations on Temporary Regulation of Practitioners.

Disciplinary procedures

Actions that have been taken to expedite the Disciplinary Procedure Inquiries by appointing members to the committees, appointing Judicial assessor and fixing the Inquiry sessions in more timely manner. As a new strategical movement following initiatives were taken.

A. Introducing and Implementing a New Sentencing Guideline for SLMC Inquires

Implementing and introducing a sentence guideline based on the Harm and culpability of the same is crucial in ensuring a fair and just legal system. By establishing a structured framework for sentencing, we have intended to achieve consistency and uniformity in the sentencing process.

The first step in implementing such a guideline is to clearly define and categorize offenses based on their severity. This can be done by considering the harm caused, the level of intention or recklessness involved, and any aggravating or mitigating factors.

Then, the culpability of the offender must be assessed and taken into account. Factors such as the offender's level of involvement, prior criminal record, and any mitigating or aggravating circumstances must be carefully considered. This evaluation ensures that the sentence imposed is proportionate to the level of responsibility and guilt of the offender.

Once the harm and culpability have been determined, a sentencing scale can be created. This scale will provide a range of sentences for each offense category, taking into account the various factors evaluated. Judges and legal practitioners can refer to this guideline to ensure consistency in sentencing without arriving at arbitrary decisions.

Additionally, it is crucial to regularly review and update the guideline to adapt to changing environment.

B. Guideline to conduct Virtual Hearing Procedure

With the global COVID outbreak, the justice system of each country was challenged by finding a suitable method of conducting inquiries/legal proceedings. Following the global steps, the Legal unit introduced a virtual hearing procedure for the inquiries in 2022.

A virtual hearing system allows for remote participation in court proceedings and eliminates the need for physical presence in the courtroom. This can greatly reduce logistical challenges, travel costs, and time constraints for all parties involved aggrieved parties, judges, lawyers, defendants, and witnesses, and ensures equal access to justice.

Moreover, implementing a virtual hearing system can have financial implications, leading to cost savings for the Sri Lanka Medical Council.

Summary of the PPC and PCC Inquiries as at 31.12.2022

Before PPC

Number of new inquiries within the year - 17

Number of concluded inquiries - 13

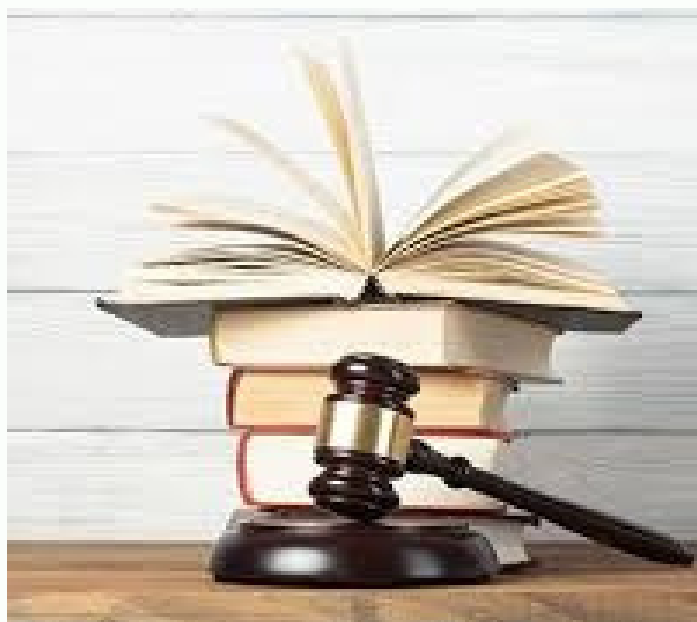
Before PCC

Number of new inquiries referred to the PCC - 27

Number of concluded inquiries - 10

Number of cases dismissed - 03

Number of inquiries sentences were pronounced - 06





INTERNSHIP UNIT

SRI LANKA MEDICAL COUNCIL

SRI LANKA MEDICAL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT OF INTERNSHIP UNIT- 2022

The Sri Lanka Medical Council established an Internship Unit In November 2022 and Prof.R.B.Marasinghe has been appointed as the Head of the Internship Unit. According to his guidelines, the Internship Unit has prepared the future for the upcoming 2023 year:

- 1) Improve the user-friendliness of the web information
- 2) Design and implement an online mechanism to
 - 1.)integrate the review of hospital information (for accreditation of the eligible Hospitals) and publish the accredited list of hospitals.
 - 2.)integrate the document "Evaluation certificate for internship' (Form A up to F with Progress reports (1 up to 4)
 - 3.) Revisit the content to identify and make a suggestion for online integration
- 3) Improve stakeholder engagement
 - a) Conduct Stakeholder meetings
 - I) When revisiting the content and level of achievement
 - II) Revisit and develop guidelines & TORs
 - 1 Guidelines for interns
 - 2 Guidelines for supervisors of interns
 - 3 Guidelines for Head of Institutes (hospital)
 - 4 TOR for relevant officials of the SLMC
 - b) Conduct training programs
 - 1) Intern house officers (Pre-Internship Program)
 - ii) Supervisory Consultants
- 4) Create a policy on documentation
 - a) for Quality Assurance
 - b) for Professional Communications
 - c) for general public



FINANCE UNIT

SRI LANKA MEDICAL COUNCIL

SRI LANKA MEDICAL COUNCIL
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
31 DECEMBER 2022

NDeS/KE/DM

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE BOARD OF SRI LANKA MEDICAL COUNCIL**

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Sri Lanka Medical Council ("the Council"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Council as at 31 December 2022 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Sri Lanka Statement of Recommended Practice for Not-for-Profit Organizations (Including Non-Governmental Organization) (SL SoRP-NPO's [including NGO's]) issued by the Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAuSS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Council in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by CA Sri Lanka (Code of Ethics) and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Council's Responsibility and those charged with governance for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the Sri Lanka Statement of Recommended Practice for Not-for-Profit Organizations (Including Non-Governmental Organization) (SL SoRP-NPO's [including NGO's]) issued by the Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Council or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Council's financial reporting process.



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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SLAuSs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SLAuSs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Council to cease to continue as a going concern.
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.


Ernst & Young

12 September 2023
Colombo

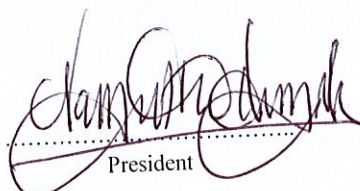
Sri Lanka Medical Council
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
Year ended 31 December 2022

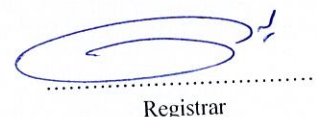
	Note	2022 Rs.	2021 Rs.
ASSETS			
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	4	97,335,232	84,323,240
Intangible Assets	5	1,048,710	1,961,667
Investments in Fixed Deposits	6	722,588,461	700,255,989
Investments in Treasury Bills		395,573,073	192,195,971
Deferred Tax Assets	9.2	1,727,679	541,778
		<u>1,218,273,155</u>	<u>979,278,645</u>
Current Assets		2,999,317	-
Withholding tax receivable	7	1,567,468	2,409,164
Receivables	8	37,285,852	1,470,104
Advances and Prepayments		-	337,025
Stocks: FR Certificates	13	64,558,072	16,762,508
Cash and Cash Equivalents		<u>106,410,709</u>	<u>20,978,801</u>
		<u>1,324,683,864</u>	<u>1,000,257,446</u>
Total Assets			
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Accumulated Fund		849,870,918	768,534,254
Balance as at the Beginning of the Year		280,427,245	81,336,664
Excess of Income over Expenditure		<u>1,130,298,164</u>	<u>849,870,918</u>
Balance as at the End of the Year			
Non-Current Liabilities	10	11,490,094	10,401,260
Provision for Retirement Gratuity		29,336,672	57,968,943
Deferred Income		<u>40,826,766</u>	<u>68,370,203</u>
Current Liabilities	11.1	70,140,181	31,762,983
Advances from Members		6,992,040	6,267,616
Accrued Expenses	12	29,336,671	28,984,472
Deferred Income		45,020,142	11,049,723
Income Tax Payable	13	2,069,900	3,951,532
Bank Overdraft		<u>153,558,934</u>	<u>82,016,325</u>
		<u>1,324,683,864</u>	<u>1,000,257,446</u>
Total Equity and Liabilities			

These Financial Statements are in compliance with the requirements of the (Medical Ordinance No 26 of 1927) and amendments there to.


Financial Officer

The Governing Board is responsible for these Financial Statements. Signed for and on behalf of the Board by:


President


Registrar

The accounting policies and notes on pages 07 through 17 form an integral part of the Financial Statements.



STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 Rs.	2021 Rs.
Revenue	3	255,913,465	135,199,696
Other Income	12	227,233,208	63,598,510
Operating Expenses		(56,766,636)	(29,625,177)
Administrative Expenses		(74,956,958)	(62,395,090)
Financial and Other Expenses		(15,933,025)	(9,158,891)
Excess of Income over Expenditure Before Taxation		<u>335,490,054</u>	<u>97,619,047</u>
Taxation	9	(55,062,808)	(16,282,383)
Excess of Income over Expenditure After Taxation		<u>280,427,245</u>	<u>81,336,664</u>
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
Total Comprehensive Income		<u>280,427,245</u>	<u>81,336,664</u>

The accounting policies and notes on pages 07 through 17 form an integral part of the Financial Statements.



STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Year ended 31 December 2022

	Accumulated Fund Rs.	Total Rs.
Balance As at 01 January 2021	768,534,254	768,534,254
Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	81,336,664	81,336,664
Balance As at 31 December 2021	849,870,918	849,870,918
Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	280,427,245	280,427,245
Balance As at 31 December 2022	1,130,298,163	1,130,298,163

The accounting policies and notes on pages 07 through 17 form an integral part of the Financial Statements.



Sri Lanka Medical Council
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 Rs.	2021 Rs.
Excess of Income over Expenditure Before Taxation		335,490,054	97,619,047
Adjustments for			
Depreciation	4.2	4,719,742	2,689,946
Amortisation	5.2	987,957	977,241
Interest Income	12	(227,233,208)	(63,598,510)
Gratuity Provision	10	2,331,644	1,148,852
Operating Surplus /(Deficit) before Working Capital Changes		116,296,188	38,836,576
(Increase)/ Decrease in Advances and Prepayments		(38,815,065)	(751,449)
(Increase)/ Decrease in Receivables		841,696	581,536
Increase/(Decrease) in Advances		38,377,198	(6,441,341)
Increase/(Decrease) in Accrued Expenses		724,424	(2,179,286)
Increase/(Decrease) in Deferred Income		(28,280,072)	-
Increase/(Decrease) in Inventory		337,025	(337,025)
Cash Generated from/(Used in) Operating Activities		89,481,395	29,709,010
Income Tax Paid		(22,278,289)	(18,175,396)
Gratuity Paid	10	(1,242,809)	-
Net Cash from /(Used in) Operating Activities		65,960,297	11,533,615
Cash Flows from/(Used in) Investing Activities			
Interest Income	12	227,233,208	63,598,510
Net Movement in Fixed Deposits		(22,332,472)	(60,844,123)
Net Movement in Treasury Bills		(203,377,102)	(9,800,451)
Purchase of Property Plant and Equipment	4.1	(17,731,736)	(3,150,276)
Purchase of Intangible Assets	5.1	(75,000)	(216,000)
Net Cash from/(Used in) Investing Activities		(16,283,102)	(10,412,341)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		49,677,195	5,336,774
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Year	13	12,810,977	7,474,203
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the Year	13	62,488,172	12,810,977

The accounting policies and notes on pages 07 through 17 form an integral part of the Financial Statements.



1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

1.1 General

Sri Lanka Medical Council ("The Council") is registered as a Statutory Body under the Medical Ordinance No.26 of 1927. The registered office of the Council is located at No.31, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 10.

1.2 Principal Activities and Nature of Operations

The Council is established for the purpose of protecting health care seekers by ensuring the maintenance of academic and professional standards, discipline and ethical practice by health professionals who are registered with the Medical Council.

1.3 Date of Authorization for Issue

The Financial Statements of Sri Lanka Medical Council for the year ended 31 December 2022 were authorized for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Finance Committee on 12 September 2023.



2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 Basis of Preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Sri Lankan Accounting Standards issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka and are presented in Sri Lanka Rupees.

2.1.1 Going Concern

The company's current liabilities exceeded its current assets by Rs. 6,634,645/- (2021- Rs. 61,037,526/-). However, the council has invested in fixed deposits and treasury bills amounting Rs. 1,118,161,534/- (2021- Rs. 892,451,960/-) as of the reporting date. The Financial Statements of the Council have been prepared on the assumption that the Council would be able to continue its operations in the foreseeable future.

2.1.2 Comparative Information

The accounting policies have been consistently applied by the Council with those used in the previous year. Certain prior year figures and phrases have been re-arranged whenever necessary to conform to the current year's presentation.

2.2 CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year.

2.3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.3.1 Taxation

a) Current Taxes

Current income tax assets and liabilities for the current and prior periods are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the Commissioner General of Inland Revenue. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

The provision for income tax is based on the elements of income and expenditure as reported in the financial statements and computed in accordance with the provisions of the Inland Revenue Act.

b) Deferred Taxation

Deferred income tax is provided, using the liability method, on all temporary differences at the date of statement of financial position between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes. Deferred income tax liabilities are recognized for all taxable temporary differences.

Deferred income tax assets are recognized for all deductible temporary differences, carry-forward of unused tax assets and unused tax losses, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, and the carry-forward of unused tax assets and unused tax losses can be utilized.

The carrying amount of deferred income tax assets is reviewed at each date of statement of financial position and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred income tax asset to be utilized.



Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the year when the asset is realized or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the date of statement of financial position.

Deferred income tax relating to items recognized directly in equity is recognized in equity and not in profit or loss.

2.3.2 Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are cash in hand, demand deposits and short-term highly liquid investments, readily convertible to known amounts of cash and subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.

For the purpose of receipts and payments statement, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash in hand and deposits in banks net of outstanding bank overdrafts. Investments with short maturities i.e. three months or less from the date of acquisition are also treated as cash equivalents.

2.3.3 Foreign Currency Translation

The financial statements are presented in Sri Lanka Rupees, which is the Council's functional and presentation currency. Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded at the functional currency rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the functional currency rate of exchange ruling at the date of statement of financial position. All differences are taken to the statement of Income and Expenditure. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are not re-translated.

2.3.4 Property, Plant and Equipment

Items of property, plant and equipment are measured at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of the assets less the residual value over the life of the assets.

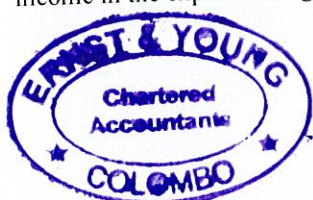
If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in depreciation rate, useful life or residual value of an asset, the depreciation of that asset is revised prospectively to reflect the new expectations.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognized upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss arising from derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in the profit or loss in the year the asset is derecognized.

2.3.5 Intangible Assets

Intangible assets acquired separately are measured on initial recognition at cost. Following initial recognition, intangible assets are carried at cost less any accumulated amortization and any accumulated impairment losses.

The useful lives of intangible assets are assessed to be finite. Intangible assets with finite lives are amortized over the useful economic life and assessed for impairment whenever there is an indication that the intangible asset may be impaired. The amortization period and the amortization method for an intangible asset with a finite useful life is reviewed at least at each financial year end. Changes in the expected useful life or the expected pattern of consumption of future economic benefits embodied in the asset is accounted for by changing the amortization period or method, as appropriate, and treated as changes in accounting estimates. The amortization expense on intangible assets with finite lives is recognized in the statement of comprehensive income in the expense category consistent with the function of the intangible asset.



2.3.5 Investment

Investment in Fixed Deposits is stated at their respective carrying amounts as at the reporting date.

Funds are invested only in government securities and fixed deposits. Investments are made after considering the higher yield on investment, liquidity, interest rate risk for reinvestment. All new investment, reinvestment and withdrawal decisions require the approval of the management committee.

2.3.6 Retirement Benefit Obligations

The council has both defined benefit and defined contribution plans. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the council pays fixed contributions to the employees. A defined benefit plans define an amount of pension benefit that an employee will receive on retirement, based on the years of service and compensation.

Defined contribution plans – Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund

All employees are eligible for Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund contributions in line with the prevalent statutes and regulations. The council contributes 15% and 3% of gross employee emoluments to EPF and ETF respectively.

Defined benefit plan – Gratuity

Provisions for retirement gratuity payable under the payment of Gratuity Act No. 12 of 1983 have been made for employees who have completed more than one year's continuous service with the council, in accordance with the Sri Lanka Accounting Standard No. 19 Employee Benefit. The liability to employees arises only on completion of five years continued service. However, under the Payment of Gratuity Act No. 12 of 1983, the liability arises only when an employee completes five years of continued services. The gratuity liability is not funded nor actuarially valued. Although the UGC Circular states that Gratuity would be paid at the rate of half a month per year of service, the council would pay at the rate of one month per year. The consolidated Salary and the Cost of Living allowance would be considered as full Salary but not the Council Allowance.

2.3.8 Deferred income

Deferred income results when the council receives registration fees of the members for the coming several years at once. Deferred income is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income to the portion of registration fees that is relevant for the current financial year and the balance attributable to the remaining year is recognised as a liability on the statement of financial position until income is recognised.

2.3.9 Provisions

Provisions are recognized when the Council has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, where it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. If the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability. Where discounting is used, the increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognized as an interest expense.



2.3.10 Trade and Other Receivables

Trade receivables are stated at the amounts they are estimated to realize net of allowances for bad and doubtful receivables.

Other receivables and dues from Related Parties are recognized at cost less allowances for bad and doubtful receivables.

2.3.11 Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognized to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Council and the income and associated costs incurred or to be incurred can be reliably measured. Income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

The following specific criteria are used for the purpose of recognition of income.

a) Rendering of Services

Revenue from rendering of services is recognized in the accounting period in which the services are rendered or performed.

b) Interest Income

Interest Income is recognized as the interest accrues unless collectability is in doubt.

2.3.12 Expenditure Recognition

Expenses are recognized in the Income Statement on the basis of a direct association between the cost incurred and the earning of specific items of income. All expenses incurred and associated in the production of income, including those incurred in maintaining the property, plant and equipment in a state of efficiency have been charged to the statement of income and expenditure.



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		2022 Rs.	2021 Rs.
3. REVENUE			
	Fees - Registration, Registration Renewal and Services	151,126,790	106,506,508
	Examination Fees	104,786,675	28,693,188
		<u>255,913,465</u>	<u>135,199,696</u>
4. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT			
4.1 Gross Carrying Amounts			
	Balance As at 01.01.2022	Additions	Disposals
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
At Cost			Balance As at 31.12.2022
			Rs.
	74,266,084	-	74,266,084
Land	30,628,206	5,362,598	35,990,804
Buildings	4,744,297	1,574,885	6,089,594
Furniture and Fittings	14,030,746	5,932,492	19,621,556
Office Equipment	3,499,411	227,606	3,652,016
Other Equipment	444,771	-	444,771
Telephone System	749,570	-	749,570
Simulators and Examination Trainer	248,874	-	248,874
Computer Software	217,500	-	217,500
Motor Vehicles	-	4,634,155	4,634,155
Computer network System equipment	128,829,459	17,731,736	145,914,924
Total Value of Depreciable Assets		(646,271)	
4.2 Depreciation			
	Balance As at 01.01.2022	Charge for the year	Disposals
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
At Cost			Balance As at 31.12.2022
			Rs.
	23,980,168	1,587,140	25,567,308
Buildings	4,370,258	340,352	4,481,022
Furniture and Fittings	11,613,720	1,679,880	12,951,918
Office Equipment	2,881,357	300,758	3,107,116
Other Equipment	444,771	-	444,771
Telephone System	749,570	-	749,570
Simulators and Examination Trainer	248,876	(2)	248,874
Computer Software	217,500	0	217,500
Motor Vehicles	-	811,613	811,613
Computer network System equipment	44,456,221	4,719,742	48,579,692
Total Depreciation		(646,271)	
4.3 Net Book Values			
		2022	2021
		Rs.	Rs.
At Cost			
Land		74,266,084	74,266,084
Buildings		10,423,496	6,648,038
Furniture and Fittings		1,608,572	374,039
Office Equipment		6,669,639	2,417,026
Other Equipment		544,901	618,053
Telephone System		-	-
Simulators and Examination Trainer		-	-
Computer Software		-	-
Motor Vehicles		-	-
Computer network System equipment		3,822,542	-
Total Carrying Amount of Property, Plant and Equipment		<u>97,335,232</u>	<u>84,323,240</u>



4. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Contd...)

4.5 The useful lives of the assets are estimated as follows :

	2022	2021
Buildings	20 Years	20 Years
Furniture and Fittings	4 Years	4 Years
Office Equipment	4 Years	4 Years
Other Equipment	4 Years	4 Years
Telephone System	4 Years	4 Years
Simulators and Examination Trainer	4 Years	4 Years
Computer Software	4 Years	4 Years
Motor Vehicles	5 Years	5 Years

4.6 Property, Plant and Equipment includes fully depreciated assets having a gross carrying amount of Rs.18,407,065/- (2020 -Rs. 18,407,065/-) which are still in use.

5. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	2022 Rs.	2021 Rs.
5.1 At Cost		
As at 1 January	3,920,800	3,704,800
Additions during the Year	75,000	216,000
As at 31 December	<u>3,995,800</u>	<u>3,920,800</u>
5.2 Amortization		
As at 1 January	1,959,133	981,892
Amortization charge for the Year	987,957	977,241
As at 31 December	<u>2,947,090</u>	<u>1,959,133</u>
5.3 Net Book Value		
As at 31 December	<u>1,048,710</u>	<u>1,961,667</u>

5.4 Intangible assets consisting of paper marking application software and which is amortised equally over 4 years.

6. INVESTMENTS IN FIXED DEPOSITS

	2022 Rs.	2021 Rs.
Bank of Ceylon	473,091,318	317,412,494
State Mortgage and Investment Bank	-	50,763,758
National Savings Bank	206,585,701	181,221,884
Peoples Bank	42,911,442	150,857,853
Total Carrying Value of Investments	<u>722,588,461</u>	<u>700,255,989</u>

7. RECEIVABLES

	2022 Rs.	2021 Rs.
Staff Loan	696,147	1,199,977
Distress Loan	871,320	1,209,187
	<u>1,567,468</u>	<u>2,409,164</u>

8. ADVANCE AND PREPAYMENTS

	2022 Rs.	2021 Rs.
Festival Advances	327,000	219,000
Other Advances	36,958,852	1,251,104
	<u>37,285,852</u>	<u>1,470,104</u>



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9. INCOME TAX

The major components of income tax expense for the years ended 31 December are as follows :

Statement of Profit or Loss

	2022 Rs.	2021 Rs.
Current Income Tax		
Current Income Tax Charge (9.1)	56,248,708	16,861,567
Under/(Over) Provision in Respect of Prior Year	-	(230,233)
Deferred Income Tax		
Deferred Taxation Charge / (Reversal) (9.2)	(1,185,900)	(348,950)
Income Tax Expense reported in the Statement of Profit or Loss	<u>55,062,808</u>	<u>16,282,383</u>

9.1 A reconciliation between tax expense and the product of accounting profit multiplied by the statutory tax rate is as follows:

	2022 Rs.	2021 Rs.
Income Over Expenditure Before Taxation	335,490,054	97,619,047
Aggregate Allowed Items	(231,668,301)	(60,513,556)
Aggregate Disallowed Items	9,295,418	5,828,467
Net Income	<u>113,117,171</u>	<u>42,933,958</u>
Other Income	105,829,468	45,211,715
Statutory Tax @ 14%	7,909,945	6,010,754
Statutory Tax @ 24%	1,581,386	10,850,812
Statutory Tax @ 30%	46,757,377	-
Income Tax Expense Reported in the Statement of Income and Expenditure	<u>56,248,708</u>	<u>16,861,567</u>

9.2 Deferred Tax

Deferred Tax Assets, Liabilities and Income Tax relates to the Followings

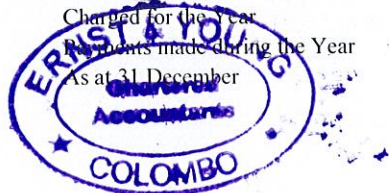
	Statement of Financial Position		Statement of Profit or Loss	
	2022 Rs.	2021 Rs.	2022 Rs.	2021 Rs.
Deferred Tax Assets/Liability				
Capital Allowances for Tax Purposes	(1,719,349)	(914,398)	(804,951)	188,112
Defined Benefit Plans	3,447,028	1,456,176	1,990,852	160,839
Net Deferred Tax Assets	<u>1,727,679</u>	<u>541,779</u>	<u>1,185,900</u>	<u>348,951</u>
Deferred Tax Income /(Expense)				

9.2.1 The movement in Deferred Tax Assets/(Liabilities) is as follows

	2022 Rs.	2021 Rs.
As at 1 January	541,778	192,827
Deferred Tax (Expense)/Reversal for the year	1,185,900	348,951
As at 31 December	<u>1,727,678</u>	<u>541,778</u>

10. PROVISION FOR RETIREMENT GRATUITY

	2022 Rs.	2021 Rs.
As at 1 January	10,401,260	9,252,408
Charged for the Year	2,331,644	1,148,852
Repayments made during the Year	(1,242,809)	-
As at 31 December	<u>11,490,094</u>	<u>10,401,260</u>



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11. ADVANCES FROM MEMBERS	2022	2021
	Rs.	Rs.
11.1 Current Liability		
Renewal, Registration and Services	45,616,986	12,639,039
ERPM Advances and Other Payables	24,523,195	19,123,944
	<u>70,140,181</u>	<u>31,762,983</u>
11.2 Non Current Liability		
Renewal, Registration and Services	29,336,672	28,984,472
	<u>29,336,672</u>	<u>28,984,472</u>
12. OTHER INCOME	2022	2021
	Rs.	Rs.
Interest on Fixed Deposits	83,382,618	38,070,588
Miscellaneous Income	267,145	627,397
Interest on Treasury Bills	37,113,806	9,800,451
Interest on SMIB	(1,018,655)	3,098,258
Interest on Savings Account	57,794	21,981
Interest on Fund Management and Money Market Account	3,526,512	286,930
Interest on Staff Loans	78,181	102,163
Exchange Gain	101,281,428	6,933,455
Penalty charges from Renewal & Regis.	2,454,678	4,632,044
Interest on RFC Account	40,103	25,242
Assets Disposal Income	37,600	
Non refundable income- Bid	12,000	
	<u>227,233,208</u>	<u>63,598,510</u>
13. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	2022	2021
Components of Cash and Cash Equivalents	Rs.	Rs.
13.1 Favourable Cash and Cash Equivalent Balances		
Cash and Bank Balances	64,558,072	16,762,508
13.2 Unfavourable Cash and Cash Equivalent Balances		
Bank Overdraft	(2,069,900)	(3,951,532)
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents For the Purpose of Cash Flow Statement	<u>62,488,172</u>	<u>12,810,976</u>

14. RECLASSIFICATION OF COMPARATIVES

Where necessary, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with change in presentation in the current year. A summary of such changes is as follows:

Impact on the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2021	Previously Reported	Impact Adjustment	Reclassified Amount
Non-Current Liabilities			
Advances from Members	-	58,950,075	57,968,943
Current Liabilities			
Advances from Members	90,713,058	(58,950,075)	31,762,983
	<u>90,713,058</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,731,926</u>



15. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

15.1 Commitments

There are no significant commitments as at the end of the reporting period.

15.2 Contingent Liabilities

There are no significant contingent liabilities as at the end of the reporting period, except for the following legal cases which are in progress.

- SCFR 07/2022-This is case filed by Devni Seneka Kumarihamy Abeyaratne and 02 Others against SLMC and AG's Dept regarding non granting approval to sit for the ERPM
- SCFR 160/2022 - This s a case filed by Wasanga Madhavee Pathirana against AG'S Dept regarding Fundamental Rights Application
- SCFR 84/2018 -This is a case filed by Dr. K.D.N Kadadora against Dr. A.M.S Weerabandara, Dr K.A Shanthi Samarasinhe, Dr. Palitha Gunarathna Mahipala, The 3rd & 4th Respondents of Ministry of Health, SLMC, Mr. Pujitha Jayasundara, AGS's Dept regarding Fundamental Rights Application.
- DSP 55/2021 - This is a case filed by Dr. Rayan Jayalath. The case was filed in District Court Colombo Filed by a doctor who claims that his nomination papers were unfairly not accepted for the scheduled election
- DSP 103/2021 - This is a case filed by Dr. Voranjan Jayasundara and Dr. R.P. Kapila Chandana VS SLMC, Prof. Vajira Dissanayake, Dr. Ananda Hapugoda
- SCFR 373/2021 - This is a Cass Filed by B.P.T.S. Pathirana, T.S. Siriwardane, and K.V.D.H. Bandaranayake and SLMC AG's Dept
- SCFR 163/2022- This is a case filed by Lakmalee Maduwanthi Matarage against AG'S Dept regarding Fundamental Rights Application
- DSP 125/2021 - This is a case Filed by P.A.J.S.Fernando, K.T.K. Fernando, W.A.D.T.T. Wickramasinghe and SLMC
- SCFR 180/2021 - This is a Case Filed by Dr. Chandana Atapattu (Former Assistant Registrar) and SLMC, Ministry of Health and AG's Department
- SCFR 254/2021 - This is a Case Filed by Chulani Weerakoon and SLMC, AG's Department.
- SCFR 163/2022 -This s case filed by Selani Sumie Sun against SLMC, AG'S Dept regarding Fundamental Rights Application
- SC Contempt 05/2018 - This is a Case Filed by Dr. Viveganath Vinoth (An Indian National) and Nawaloka Hospital PLC and SLMC & Those who were members of the council at that time (Prof. Nilanthi De Silva, Dr. Anil Jasinghe, Dr.s. Shanmuganathan...)
- SCFR 166/2022- This is a case filed by Saranija Sriraveendra against SLMC, AG'S Dept, DGHS regarding Fundamental Rights Application
- SCFR 167/2022-This is a case filed by Heshani Rashmini Hettige against SLMC, AG's Dept regarding Fundamental Rights Application
- CA WRIT 32/2021 - This is a case filed by Mr. Nagananda Kodithuwakku and SLMC and Ministry of Health
- SCFR 310/2021- This is a case filed by B.L.D.L. Thushara and 125 others and SLMC Ministry of Health and 1408 others
- SCFR 239/2022-This case filed by J.D.G.U. Indeewari and 27 Others against SLMC and AG's Dept regarding Fundamental Rights Application
- SCFR 240/2022-This case filed by Kachchakaduge Kavishka Nimeshi Fernando. And 09 Others against SLMC and AG's Dept regrading Fundamental Rights Application
- CA WRIT 445/2021 - This is a case filed by Mr. Priyankaran Mitharakumar And SLMC AG'S Dept
- SCFR 244/2022-This case filed byThennakoon Mudiyanseelage Aiyshwini Thennakoon (Graduate from Virgin Milagrosa, Philipines) regarding Fundamental Rights Application against SLMC and AG's Dept



15. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Contd...)

15.2 Contingent Liabilities (Contd...)

- CA WRIT 246/2022-This is case filed by 30 Petitioners from Virgin Milagrosa, Philippines against SLMC and 31 Others regarding Writ Application
- CA WRIT 251/2022-This is case filed by H.D.C.Y. Gunarathne and 05 Others against SLMC and 31 Others regarding Writ Application
- SCFR 258/2022-This case filed by Hettiyadura Haridu Oshadade Silva alias Harindu Oshada Gamage de Silva against SLMC and AG's Dept regarding Fundamental Rights Application
- SCFR 284/2022-Dr. R.C. Sigera and 14 Others filed this case against SLMC, Ministry of Health and AG's Dept regarding Fundamental Rights Application
- SC Contempt 03/2022-This case filed by Dr. R.C. Sigera and 14 Others against President of the SLMC and Council Members regarding degree awarding status of SAITM which resulted the noncompliance of the judgment in SCFR 54/2019
- SCFR 321/2022-This case filed by P.A.A. Pushpa Kumari and 14 others against SLMC and AG's Dept regarding Fundamental Rights Application
- CA WRIT 334 / 2022-This case filed by Dr. Nalaka Gunarathn against President of the SLMC and Council Members regarding challenge the proceedings of the
- CA WRIT 408/ 2022 -Dr. Ajith Tennakoon filed case against SLMC, Complainant of the inquiry regarding Writ application
- CA Writ 422/2020 - This is a case Prof. Harendra De silva (former president of the SLMC) Dr. Sunil Rathnapriya and Dr. Upul Gunasekara (Former Concil member) vs Ministry of Health SLMC
- CA Write 440/2020 - This is a case filed by Prof. Narada Digagamini Warnasuriya and Dr. Pushpitha Sunil Ubaysiri vs Ministry of Health SLMC

16. ASSETS PLEDGED

No assets have been pledged as securities for liabilities.

17. EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD

There have been no material events occurring after the end of the reporting period that require adjustments to or disclosure in the financial statements.



SRI LANKA MEDICAL COUNCIL

**DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT

Year ended 31 December 2022

OPERATING EXPENSES	2022 Rs.	2021 Rs.
Examiner Fees	15,348,660	10,578,060
Supervisors and Co-ordinators Fees	6,195,720	2,883,000
Supporting Staff Payments - SLMC	593,939	51,720
Supporting Staff Payments - Others	9,286,826	3,881,700
Exam Hall Charges	1,330,000	200,000
Exam Equipments	82,212	61,400
Payments for Patients	2,845,600	1,511,600
Security for Exam Centers	-	-
Refreshment	7,799,772	2,800,676
Payment for Dental Exam	573,240	284,494
Printing, Postage and Stationery	1,683,636	218,256
Travelling	238,262	646,519
Meeting Expenses	428,000	134,000
Telephone Charges	14,421	14,390
Internet Charges	-	39,617
Advertisements	596,818	170,716
Repairs and Maintenance	1,098,027	111,065
Identity Card Preparation Charges	1,555,475	812,750
Committee Meeting Allowances	3,228,000	2,988,000
Council Meeting Allowances and Travelling Charges	2,421,115	1,822,680
Covid 19 Expenses (General)	63,900	314,381
Covid 19 Expenses (ERPM)	16,681	100,155
Courior Charges	448,370	-
Quest. papers & correction fees	898,963	-
Re-scrutiny	19,000	-
	<u>56,766,636</u>	<u>29,625,177</u>



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ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

	2022 Rs.	2021 Rs.
Staff Salaries and Allowances	26,679,775	18,536,704
Overtime	360,354	452,559
Allowance to Registrar	1,785,000	1,800,000
Allowance to Staff-Renewal Registration	258,721	3,114,701
Allowance to Asst. Registrar	1,553,964	890,687
Allowance to Acting Registrar	50,000	-
Allowance to Legal Officer	1,770,000	1,140,000
Allowance to Accreditation Head	1,950,000	900,000
Allowance to President	728,400	600,000
Allowances on Reports of PPC	1,300,000	960,000
Fees for Reviewing Medical School	1,060,000	1,080,000
EPF	3,282,060	2,416,453
ETF	692,498	483,291
Bonus	1,530,070	1,347,922
Gratuity	2,331,644	1,148,852
Depreciation	4,549,744	2,689,946
Amortisation	987,957	977,241
Staff Welfare	364,259	9,800
Refreshment and Others	1,137,253	473,570
Travelling	251,951	4,490,685
Rates-Colombo Municipal Council	288,288	297,650
Security Services	3,213,346	2,965,896
Electricity	1,750,538	1,255,615
Water	249,129	138,510
Telephone	772,280	545,045
Insurance	1,388,474	989,598
Repairs and Maintenance	-	20,405
Computers	29,340	16,150
Motor Bicycle	17,257	33,324
Building, Office and Equipment	917,887	970,974
Elevator	90,960	84,000
Web Site	1,232,746	574,156
Air Conditioner	193,113	144,751
CCTV System Repairing	20,300	12,200
Management Information System M	550,000	1,575,000
Microsoft 365 Subscription	6,953	-
Printers	12,500	44,000
Telephone	36,751	45,775
Software	58,303	-
Adobe Acrobat Subscription	19,120	-
Photocopiers	99,570	80,670
BoardPAC Software	206,027	-
Printing and Stationery	2,920,997	2,304,575
Postage	279,183	337,383
Newspapers and Periodicals	49,240	30,190
Site Visit Allowances	10,000	12,000
Advertising and Establishment	2,196,167	1,531,657
Oath Ceremony Expenses	1,581,939	293,065
Staff Training	20,000	-
Gardening Expenses	19,250	-
Hall Charges	62,750	41,300
Travelling Expenses	-	4,614
COVID-19 Expenses	-	4,787
Photography	-	7,000
Accessories for machines	10,440	86,842
Virtual Hosting Server / Zoom S	143,904	197,710
Zoom Subscription	33,008	86,395
Refreshments	-	64,355
Election Expenses	-	4,087,088
A Registration Expense	70,000	-
Accreditation Site Visit	3,008,825	-
Advertising - Accreditation	77,814	-
Building Repairs (Accreditation)	25,000	-
Work Shop Expenses	359,304	-
Cleaning & Maintenance Expense	179,831	-
Laundry Expenses	42,775	-
Travel Expenses	90,000	-
	74,956,958	62,395,089

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FINANCIAL AND OTHER EXPENSES

Bank Charges and Debit Tax
Legal Fees
Audit Fees
Audit Fee under provision in respect of the previous year
Surcharge on ETF
Subscription for Professions
PCC Expenses
Professional Fees

2022 Rs.	2021 Rs.
54,191	53,573
12,530,128	8,580,000
395,000	291,200
104,394	(7,844)
-	10,130
-	9,999
90,000	114,000
2,759,312	107,832
<u>15,933,025</u>	<u>9,158,891</u>

