



Important Notice to Prospective Students Intending to Pursue Medical Education Overseas

The Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC) strongly advises all prospective students who intend to pursue medical education overseas, whether under scholarship schemes or on a self-financed basis, to exercise utmost caution and due diligence on the facts given below prior to enrollment in any foreign medical degree programme.

Students are strictly advised to ensure that the university/medical school they intend to enter are already recognized by the Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC) before making any commitment to study abroad. Enrollment in non-recognized institutions may result in serious difficulties in obtaining eligibility for registration to practice medicine in Sri Lanka upon completion of the degree.

Prospective students and their parents or guardians are urged to carefully verify the recognition status of the foreign university/medical school at the planning stage itself and not to proceed with enrollment unless the institution is included in the list of SLMC-recognized medical schools on the date of enrollment.

The SLMC has observed that students encounter significant challenges in relation to acceptance by the SLMC of degrees obtained from a non-recognized university/medical school. The SLMC had no option but **not to grant degree approval** for such degrees. The courts in Sri Lanka, too have endorsed such decisions of the SLMC. Such situations and decisions may adversely affect their future career prospects in the medical profession in Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC) wishes to emphasize that this process is applicable to both scholarships, whether government or otherwise, and self-funded programs.

Accordingly, all applicants are strongly advised to ensure that **only SLMC-recognized foreign medical universities are selected prior to enrollment for overseas medical education.**

Registrar
Sri Lanka Medical Council
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