## Sri Lanka Medical Council Examination to Registration to Practice Medicine (ERPM) in Sri Lanka

## **Notice to ERPM Candidates**

The Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC) is committed to conducting ERPM examinations twice a year from the year 2022 by streamlining degree approvals, holding different components of each examination together without delay, release of results, and submission of the order of merit to the Ministry of Health. This decision was taken following an investigation conducted by the SLMC in 2021 where an in depth study was conducted into issues related to delays in conducting the ERPM examination from 2018 to 2021.

The Medical Service Minute of the Sri Lankan Health Service specifically notes in its item 7.2 (b) that commencement of the internship appointment for medical graduates with foreign qualifications should coincide with the commencement of the appointment of the interns from the Faculties of Medicine in Sri Lanka. Accordingly, the Ministry of Health would call for foreign graduates who have passed the ERPM and have a certificate of provisional registration to apply for internship along with the graduates from the state Medical Faculties twice a year.

To facilitate that, starting from 2022 the SLMC would hold two ERPM examination each year, timing the release of results and granting of certificates of provisional registration to enable foreign graduates to apply for internship for the June intake or the September intake respectively each year.

In each ERPM examination all components of the Exam [i.e. Unit I (ERPM Part A and ERPM Part D) and Unit II (ERPM Part B and ERPM Part C)] would be conducted. The first examination would be conducted from January to March and the second examination would be conducted from May to July each year. This would enable candidates who complete all components of the ERPM by the end of the first ERPM examination to apply for and commence internship in June and the candidates who complete all components of the ERPM by the end of the second ERPM examination to apply for and commence internship in September.

Starting in 2022, after completion of Unit I of an ERPM examination, only the results of ERPM Part A would be released to facilitate candidates to apply for Unit II, when applications are called for Unit II of the same ERPM examination. That would enable candidates who pass ERPM Part A of the particular ERPM examination to apply for Unit II of the same ERPM examination together with other candidates who have already passed Part A at previous ERPM examinations. After completion of Unit II the results of ERPM Part B, ERPM Part C and ERPM Part D would be release together.

The SLMC looks forward to the cooperation of foreign graduates to conduct the ERPM examinations smoothly to enable you to become eligible to practice medicine in Sri Lanka with the least delay.

If you have any concerns, you may address such concerns to the President, SLMC via email at president@mc.gov.lk

Registrar,

Sri Lanka Medical Council

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