

**SRI LANKA**  
**MEDICAL COUNCIL**

**THE EXAMINATION FOR**  
**REGISTRATION TO PRACTICE**  
**MEDICINE IN SRI LANKA**  
**[ERPM]**

**THE REVISED NEW FORMAT**

**EFFECTIVE FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> March 2017 and updated 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**(For the information of candidates)**

**INCLUDES THE EXAMINATION RULES**

**COMPILED BY THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
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## FOREWORD

The Examination for Registration to Practice Medicine (ERPM) in Sri Lanka is conducted by the Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC) for citizens of Sri Lanka who have obtained their medical qualification from medical schools overseas. This examination is prescribed in terms of Act No.16 of 1965 and Section 29(l)(b)(ii)(cc) of the Medical Ordinance. It was previously referred to as the Act 16 Examination. The candidates should possess an MBBS or equivalent degree from a medical school recognized by the SLMC, to be eligible to sit this examination. Passing the ERPM enables them to apply for Provisional or Full Registration with the SLMC.

Although the general principles of medical practice are universal, clinical teaching and the relative emphasis on various aspects of training differ from country to country. They depend on the pattern of disease prevalence, the facilities and resources available for the provision of health services as well as the healthcare ethos of the country of training.

The ERPM is designed to ascertain whether medical graduates qualified at medical schools overseas possess appropriate knowledge, skills and attitudes for hands-on clinical training and patient care as a Provisionally Registered Medical Practitioner under local conditions.

In 2005 the Education Committee of the SLMC carried out a major review of the ERPM. Recommendations were made to have a new format for the examination and since then it has evolved further by the inclusion of Psychiatry. The ERPM serves to test the following:

- a) Core knowledge of common communicable and non-communicable diseases and their prevention.
- b) Ability to make a provisional diagnosis and plan initial management.
- c) Ability to adapt to the facilities and resources available in the hospital.
- d) Basic knowledge of the healthcare structure and the medico-legal system in Sri Lanka and the responsibilities of medical practitioners.

The new format ERPM is more objective, comprehensive and structured. It aims to ensure that the examination is appropriate and conforms to the local needs. It is also convenient to conduct, and intended to be candidate-friendly. The new ERPM provides greater accuracy and relevance in testing the above components. Problem solving and management of emergency cases in particular are mandatory skills that should be included in the assessment of all care-providers. The new format of the ERPM came into effect from January 2014 and has been upgraded and modified as per national needs. This document provides the candidates with an updated overview of the future arrangements for the ERPM.

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(21<sup>st</sup> November 2019) (3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021) 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**OVERVIEW OF MODIFIED NEW FORMAT ERPM**

## Part A

<b>Medical Track</b>		<b>Surgical Track</b>		<b>Psychiatry</b>
<b>Paper 1</b>	<b>Paper 2</b>	<b>Paper 3</b>	<b>Paper 4</b>	<b>Paper 5</b>
Medicine T/F 25 & SBA 25 <b>2hr 30min</b>	Paediatrics T/F 25 & SBA 25 <b>2hr 30min</b>	General Surgery T/F 25 & SBA 25 <b>2hr 30min</b>	Obstetrics & Gynaecology T/F 25 & SBA 25 <b>2hr 30min</b>	Psychiatry  T/F 30 <b>1hr 30 min</b>

<b>Marks:</b>	250	250	250	250	150
<b>Pass (45%):</b>	112.5	112.5	112.5	112.5	67.5

Candidates are required to sit (as per notice announced on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017):

1. All the subjects of ERPM (Part A) and both subjects of ERPM (Part D) at the first attempt.
2. Together in subsequent attempts all the subjects NOT passed or the subjects previously failed in each of ERPM (Part A) and ERPM (Part D).

Eligibility to proceed to Parts B and C of the ERPM

1. Passing in both subjects of each track (Medical and Surgical) of Part A permits a candidate to proceed to the corresponding track of Part B and C.
2. A candidate who has passed a single subject of the Medical or Surgical track is permitted to sit the corresponding Track of Part B and / or C only after passing in the other subject to complete the relevant track of Part A.
3. In addition to the above conditions to complete ERPM Part A the candidate should pass in all papers 1 to 5 before the deadline for completing the ERPM.

**Part B: Provided the two subjects of each track in ERPM Part A have been completed a candidate is required to sit both relevant subjects of each track of ERPM (Part B) and relevant track of ERPM (Part C).**

<u>Medicine</u> X 2 Stations <u>Pass: 45% per station</u> <b>AND 50% per subject</b>	<u>Paediatrics</u> X 2 Stations <u>Pass: 45% per station</u> <b>AND 50% per subject</b>	<u>Surgery</u> X 2 Stations <u>Pass: 45% per station</u> <b>AND 50% per subject</b>	<u>Obst / Gyne</u> X 2 Stations <u>Pass: 45% per station</u> <b>AND 50% per subject</b>
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### Part C

Emergency Medicine  
Emergency Paediatrics  
**Pass 50 / 100 marks (50%)**

Emergency Surgery  
Emergency Obs&Gynae  
**Pass 50 / 100marks (50%)**

### Part D

**Paper 6**  
Community Medicine  
30 T/F **90 minutes**  
67.5 of 150 marks (45%)

**Paper 7**  
Forensic Medicine  
30 T/F **90 minutes**  
67.5 of 150 marks (45%)

**To Complete PART D PASS in both Paper 6 and Paper 7. If NOT passed in one or both papers 6 and 7 then re-sit remaining paper (s).**

## 1. OBJECTIVES OF ERPM

To assess

- a) The core knowledge in clinical subjects with particular reference to problems prevalent in Sri Lanka.
- b) The skills and competencies required to bear the responsibilities as a Provisionally Registered Medical Practitioner

## 2. ELIGIBILITY

- a) Should be a citizen of Sri Lanka
- b) Should possess an MBBS degree or equivalent qualification obtained from a foreign medical school recognized by the SLMC. (degree recognition certificate)

## 3. COMPOSITION OF THE ERPM

There are four parts – Parts A, B, C and D. **Part A** is the theory component containing True/False type (T / F) multiple choice questions (MCQ) and Single Best Answer (SBA) questions in the subjects of Medicine, Paediatrics, Surgery, Obstetrics & Gynaecology and True/False type (T / F) multiple choice questions in Psychiatry.

**Part B** is an interactive assessment in clinical/practical problems in the subjects Medicine, Paediatrics, Surgery and Obstetrics & Gynaecology.

**Part C** is an oral examination on Emergency Medicine in the subjects of Medicine, Paediatrics, Surgery and Obstetrics & Gynaecology.

**Part D** is the theory component containing True/False type multiple choice questions in the theoretical and practical aspects of Community Medicine and Forensic Medicine.

- Candidates are advised to refer to the document Arrangements for the ERPM from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 and would be expected to sit the subjects not passed in each of ERPM Parts A, B, C or D in all subsequent attempts provided they are qualified to sit those parts..
- The detailed curriculum for each of these subjects and sample questions are available on the website of the SLMC at [www.srilankamedicalcouncil.org](http://www.srilankamedicalcouncil.org)
- The examination will be conducted in English. Interaction with examiners will be in English. Interaction with patients however (in ERPM Part B) may be in Sinhala or Tamil or English. A translator will be provided where necessary and whenever possible.
- The ERPM (Part A and Part D) will be conducted in paper format as at present or in the future after due notice in electronic or other format.
- All examiners shall be PGIM Board Certified specialists.

#### 4. PART A. THEORY EXAMINATION IN MEDICINE, PAEDIATRICS, SURGERY, OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY AND PSYCHIATRY

The theory examination consists of both **True/False type Multiple Choice Questions (T / F MCQ)** and **Single Best Answer (SBA) type questions**. Core knowledge will be assessed through T/F MCQs. The candidate's ability to solve basic clinical problems and interpret data including laboratory results in a given clinical setting will be assessed through SBA questions. The theory examination has 2 tracks and an independent Paper 5 in Psychiatry. Each of the Medical and Surgical Tracks has 2 papers.

Track 1 – Medical Track      **Paper 1** (Medicine)  
    **Paper 2** (Paediatrics)

Track 2 – Surgical Track      **Paper 3** (Surgery)  
    **Paper 4** (Obstetrics and Gynaecology)

Psychiatry (Adult and child) **Paper 5** (Psychiatry)

Each paper would be set by an examiner panel independent of that which set the Common MCQ papers for the final MBBS of the State Faculties. The Chairperson of the corresponding Subject committee of SLMC would serve as the Chief Examiner for each subject. The remaining members of the examiner panels for each of the subjects would be the nominees from each of the present eight (8) state Medical Faculties.

**TABLE 1. DETAILS OF PAPERS, QUESTIONS AND PASS MARKS**

	No. of Questions		Comments	Duration	Pass mark	
	T/F	SBA			Papers	Track
Paper 1 Medicine	25	25	T/F MCQs will have five (5) responses. A correct answer scores +1, wrong answers -1. Negative marks will not be carried over.	Each Paper is 2 hours and 30 minutes	112.5 marks of 250 (45%) in each Paper	225 of 500 (45%)
Paper 2 Paediatrics	25	25				
Paper 3 Surgery	25	25	SBA questions will have five (5) responses, one of which will be correct. Each correct answer will be given +5. There will be no negative marking.			225 of 500 (45%)
Paper 4 Obstetrics & Gynaecology	25	25				
Paper 5 (Adult and child Psychiatry)	30	-	Each question will have five (5) responses. A correct answer will score +1 and a wrong answer -		67.5 marks out of 150 (45%)	

			1. Negative marks will not be carried over.			
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**NOTE:**

Candidates are required to sit (as per notice announced on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017):

1. All the subjects of ERPM (Part A) at the first attempt.
2. Together in subsequent attempts all the subjects NOT passed or the subjects previously failed in ERPM (Part A).

**The requirements to pass Part A are tabulated below.**

**NB – Completing these requirements will qualify a candidate to sit Part B and Part C.**

**TABLE 2. OPTIONS IN SITTING ERPM AND REQUIREMENTS TO PASS PART A**

<b>CONDITIONS</b>	<b>REQUIREMENTS TO PASS</b>
1. When a candidate sits the subjects of both Tracks at one time	1. The pass mark will be 450 of 1000 (45%), for each of the Tracks if a minimum mark of 112.5 of 250 marks (45%) is obtained for <b>each of the subjects of the track.</b>
2. If a candidate sits one of the two Tracks at a time.	2. The candidate can pass in the Track with a score of 225 of 500 (45%) if a minimum mark of 112.5 of 250 marks (45%) has been obtained in the other <b>subject of the track on a previous occasion.</b> A candidate may pass one paper at such an attempt if a minimum score 112.5 of 250 marks (45%) is obtained in the particular paper. To complete the track the remaining subject should be passed in a subsequent attempt by scoring 112.5 of 250 marks (45%).
3. In order to pass in Psychiatry (Paper 5) of Part A, a candidate must obtain a minimum of 67.5 out of 150 (45%).	To complete Part A the Paper 5 should be passed in a subsequent attempt before the date for completion of ERPM.
4. Limits of duration for ERPM (Part A)	Refer to notice on “Arrangements for ERPM in SLMC web site dated 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2017”.

## 5. ELIGIBILITY TO SIT PART B AND PART C

- A candidate who has passed in the subjects of Medical and Surgical Tracks of ERPM Part A is permitted to sit both Tracks of Part B and Part C if a minimum mark of 112.5 of 250 marks (45%) is obtained in each paper of each Track.
- A candidate who has passed Part A of only one Track is permitted to sit Part B and Part C of the relevant Track only when a minimum mark of 112.5 of 250 marks (45%) is obtained in each paper of the Track.
- A candidate who has passed a single paper in Part A of Track 1 or Track 2 is permitted to sit the two relevant Subjects in Part B and sit the corresponding Track of Part C **only** after passing the remaining paper of the relevant Track in Part A by obtaining a minimum mark of 112.5 of 250 marks (45%).

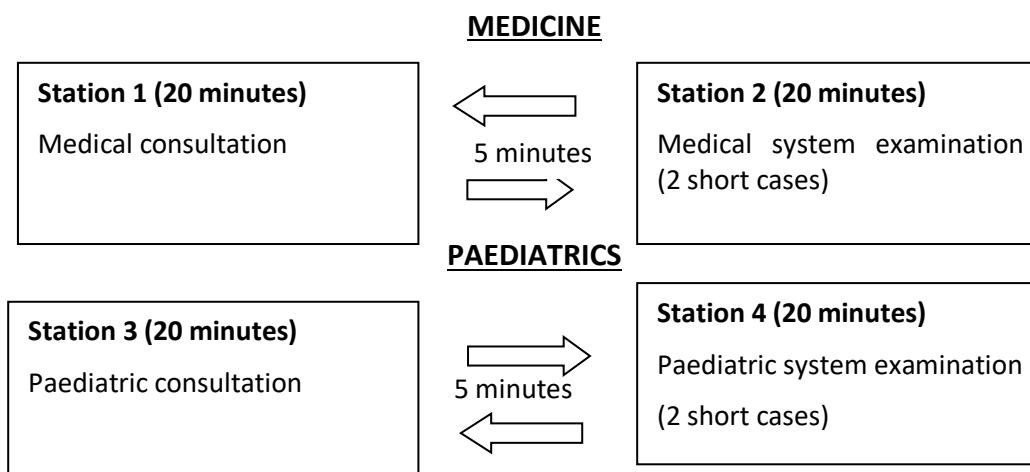
### Note:

- Effective from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 only the above regulations will operate in conducting the ERPM Part A.*
- Those who have previously passed individual papers in Medicine, Paediatrics, Surgery and Obstetrics and Gynaecology under the previous format ERPM can fit into the Track pattern as stated above.*

## 6. PART B. CLINICAL EXAMINATION

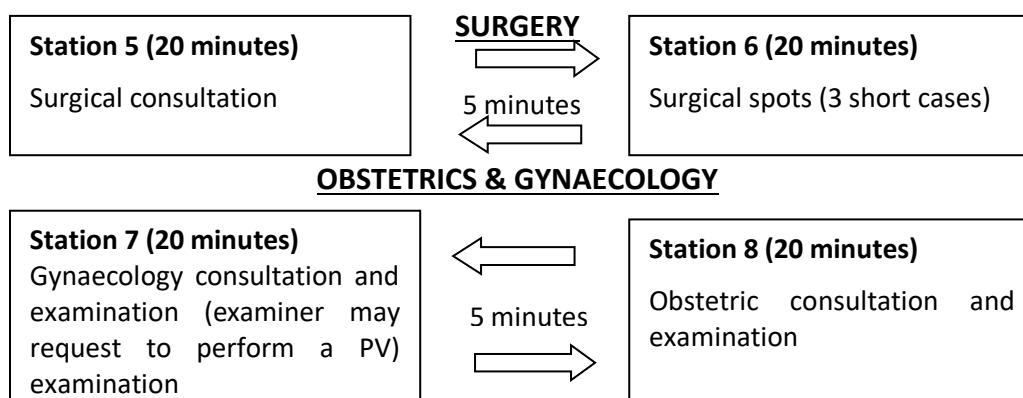
The clinical component comprises of **four Subjects**, and each Subject has **two stations**. Medicine and Paediatrics will be in the Medical Track while Surgery and Obstetrics & Gynaecology will be in the Surgical Track. Refer Item 5 for eligibility to sit the ERPM Part B.

### Track 1. Medical Track





## Track 2. Surgical Track



The evaluation will be based on marks awarded for displaying skills listed against each station. These include history-taking, problem identification, physical examination, identification of abnormal signs, differential diagnosis, patient management and communication skills. The examiner will award marks on the basis that the pass mark (minimum expected standard) for each station is 50%.

Each station will have 2 examiners who will award marks independently. The total mark awarded by each examiner for all skills evaluated at the station will be the total mark (out of 100) for the station. The final mark obtained by the candidate for each station (out of 100) will be the average of the total mark awarded by each examiner for the station.

Example: Station 1      Examiner 1: 60 / 100  
   Examiner 2: 50 / 100  
   Final mark: 55 / 100

### Requirements to pass Part B (Clinical Examination)

Candidates should pass all subjects (Medicine, Paediatrics, Surgery and Obstetrics & Gynaecology) to complete ERPM Part B.

In order to pass each Subject a candidate must obtain

- A minimum final mark of 45 / 100 (45%) for each station **AND**
- A minimum of 100 marks out of 200 (50%) for the two Stations of the subject.

**A candidate who has a minimum of 100 out of 200 marks from the two stations of a Subject but has scored less than 45% for one of the stations will be required to sit the whole Subject (two stations) of Part B to qualify at a repeat attempt.**

Candidates are required to sit (as per notice announced on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017):

- a. All the subjects of ERPM (Part B) at the first attempt since qualifying from the Medical and Surgical Tracks of ERPM (Part A).
- b. Together in subsequent attempts all the subjects NOT passed or the subjects previously failed in ERPM (Part B) except those where the candidate is not qualified to sit.
- c. If a candidate fails in one or more Subjects he/she shall be permitted to sit for the relevant Subject(s) only in a subsequent attempt.
- d. If a candidate scores more than 50% for one or more of subjects, but fails the subject (s) due to a score of less than 45% for a station(s) of that subject, he/she shall be considered as failing that subject and shall be required to sit **both stations of the subject** in a subsequent attempt.

**Note:**

- *Effective from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 only the above regulations will operate in conducting the ERPM Part B.*
- *Those who have previously passed individual subjects in Medicine, Paediatrics, Surgery and Obstetrics and Gynaecology under the previous format ERPM can fit into the Track pattern as stated above.*

## **7. PART C. ORAL EXAMINATIONS**

This part is composed of two tracks (Refer Item 5 for eligibility to sit the ERPM Part C).

**Track 1** –Oral examinations in emergencies in Medicine and Paediatrics will be conducted for 20 minutes, by a panel consisting of an Examiner in Medicine and an Examiner in Paediatrics. Each examiner shall mark the performance of the candidate independently out of 100 marks. The final mark obtained for the Medical Track of Part C (out of 100 marks) will be determined from the average of the marks awarded by the two examiners.

**Track 2**– Oral examinations in emergencies in Surgery and Obstetrics & Gynaecology will be conducted for 20 minutes, by a panel consisting of an Examiner in Surgery and an Examiner in Obstetrics & Gynaecology,. Each examiner shall mark the performance of the candidate independently out of 100 marks each. The final mark obtained for the Surgical Track of Part C (out of 100 marks) will be determined from the average of the marks awarded by the two examiners.

## Requirements to pass Part C

- A candidate has to obtain 50 out of 100 marks (50%) at the Part C oral examinations in Emergencies in Medicine and Paediatrics.
- A candidate has to obtain 50 out of 100 marks (50%) at the Part C oral examinations in Emergencies in Surgery and Obstetrics & Gynaecology.

### **Note:**

- *Effective from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 only the above regulations will operate in conducting the ERPM Part C.*
- *Those who have previously passed individual Medical Track (Emergency Medicine and Paediatrics) and Surgical Track (Emergency Surgery and Obstetrics and Gynaecology) under the previous format ERPM can fit into the Track pattern as stated above.*

## 8. PART D. COMMUNITY MEDICINE AND FORENSIC MEDICINE

Part D will continue to consist of two written papers with Multiple Choice Questions of the True/False type.

**Paper 6** – Community Medicine comprising 30 T/F MCQs

**Paper 7** – Forensic Medicine comprising 30 T/F MCQs

Duration – 90 minutes for each of Paper 6 and Paper 7.

Each question will have 5 responses. A correct answer will score +1 and a wrong answer -1. Negative marks will not be carried over. Each paper will be marked out of a total of 150 marks and results presented as a percentage.

### Requirements to pass Part D

In order to pass Part D, a candidate must obtain a minimum of 67.5 out of 150 (45%) in each of the Papers 5 (Community Medicine) and 6 (Forensic Medicine).

Those who have failed to obtain the mark of 67.5 of 150 (45%) for each paper in Part D would be required to re-sit the failed paper(s) in Part D in order to obtain the mark of 67.5 of 150 (45%) for each paper to complete ERPM Part D.

### **NOTE:**

Candidates are required to sit (as per notice announced on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017):

1. Both subjects of ERPM Part D at the first attempt.
2. Together in subsequent attempts both the subjects NOT passed or the subjects previously failed in each of ERPM Part D.

## 9. TRANSITION FROM OLD TO NEW FORMAT ERPM

The candidates who have sat the ERPM under the previous formats of the examination may complete the ERPM as follows:

Conduct the **ERPM Part A** and for the old format candidates along with the new format candidates as at present.

**ERPM Part A (Written papers in clinical subjects):** Those who have passed individual papers in Medicine and Psychiatry or Paediatrics and Psychiatry, under the previous format ERPM can fit into the new pattern as stated in Table 3. The old format candidates who are required to pass in Psychiatry have to sit the Paper 5 Effective from 2021 in Psychiatry 1<sup>st</sup> January.

**Table 3. Progress from the previous arrangement Paper 1 Medicine and Psychiatry and Paper 2 Paediatrics and Psychiatry to the present Paper 5 in Psychiatry is as follows:**

Previous result Paper 1 (Medicine and Psychiatry)	Previous result Paper 2 (Paediatrics and Psychiatry)	Requirement to sit new Paper 5 in Psychiatry
Pass	Pass	Exempted
Fail	Fail	Should sit Paper 5
Pass	Fail	Should sit Paper 5
Fail	Pass	Should sit Paper 5

**ERPM Part D (Community Medicine and Forensic Medicine):** The written papers will be conducted as stated in the section referring to Part D. The concession given to those who have passed the former combined paper or written papers in any previous formats of ERPM by way of two options has ceased to operate after the ERPM Part D conducted in October/November 2015 and only the modified new format ERPM will be conducted from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016.

**ERPM Part B:** The transfer of the previous results obtained at the 'old format' examination would be converted as follows:

1. ERPM Part B: Combine the highest obtained marks in each subject from Station 1 and Station 2 to obtain the mark for each of the subjects. If the score is  $\geq 50\%$  then Pass Part B in that subject.
2. To pass Part C:
  - Add highest marks of viva in Medicine to that of Paediatrics and if the score is  $\geq 50\%$  then pass in Medical Track.
  - Add highest marks of viva in Surgery to that of Obst / Gynae and if the score is  $\geq 50\%$  then pass in Surgical Track.

## **10. REQUIREMENTS TO PASS THE ERPM AND QUALIFY FOR PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION**

To pass the ERPM and qualify to obtain Provisional Registration with the SLMC, a graduate with qualifications from a medical school overseas must meet the following criteria:

1. Successfully complete Part A of ERPM by obtaining a minimum of 112.5 of 250 marks (i.e. 45%) in each of the Papers 1 (Medicine), 2 (Paediatrics), 3 (Surgery) and 4 (Obstetrics and Gynaecology) as well as 67.5 out of 150 marks (i.e. 45%) in Paper 5 (Psychiatry).
2. Successfully complete Part B of ERPM by obtaining a minimum final mark of 45 out of 100 (45%) for each station **AND** a minimum total of 100 marks out of 200 (50%) for the two stations in each Subject (Medicine, Paediatrics, Surgery and Obstetrics & Gynaecology).
3. Successfully complete Part C by obtaining 50 out of 100 marks (50%) at the oral examinations in Emergencies in each of the Medical and Surgical Tracks.
4. Successfully complete Part D by obtaining a minimum of 67.5 of 150 marks (45%) in each of Paper 6 (Community Medicine) and Paper 7 (Forensic Medicine).

## **11. ORDER OF MERIT FOR EMPLOYMENT BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

Calculation for ranking by order of merit at ERPM will be performed taking into account the following details of each candidate who has passed in all Parts of the ERPM (A, B, C, and D).

1. Candidates will be grouped according to the total number of attempts obtained by the addition of attempts at each of the ERPM Parts A, B, C and D.
2. Each subject of ERPM Part A, B, D and each track of ERPM Part C will be scored out of 100 marks.
3. A grand total mark (out of 1300) is calculated by adding the highest mark scored for each component.
  - 3.1 Part A out of 500
  - 3.2 Part B out of 400
  - 3.3 Part C out of 200
  - 3.4 Part D out of 200

The grand total mark obtained for all Parts of the ERPM is then used to determine the rank order within each group.

The list of rank order according to merit is then forwarded to the Ministry of Health for appointment as Provisionally Registered Medical Officers (Interns).

## 12. VOLUNTARY TRAINING OF CANDIDATES FOR PARTS A, B AND C

A clinical training programme is available for candidates in preparation for Part A, B and C of the ERPM. As per Circular No. 13 of DDG (MS)/HCE/MICE/02-2008, the medical graduates who have qualified overseas, would be assigned only to Non – teaching Hospitals with specialist services. Candidates should download all documents related to training from the SLMC web site. After completion of the clinical training course, the respective Specialist who provided the training should certify attendance and satisfactory performance for the candidate on the document available in the SLMC website, as a feedback to the SLMC and The Ministry of Health.

The clinical training programme will be for **one month in each clinical subject** as appropriate: Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, Obstetrics & Gynaecology and Psychiatry. The candidates who wish to be trained could apply directly or through the SLMC to the Deputy Director General of Medical Services (DDG.MS1) of the Department of Health. The DDG.MS1 will identify the Non – teaching Hospitals with specialist services where training can be provided and allocate them, **as far as possible**, according to the candidate's preference. The DDG MS1 will assign candidates to named Specialists in the identified hospitals, indicating the period of training (One month per subject). The SLMC web site has the curriculum of the training programme and the procedure check list for each subject, which the candidates should download and these documents should be initialed by the Specialist who provides the training to indicate satisfactory attendance and performance during training.

## 13. RULES AT THE EXAMINATION FOR REGISTRATION TO PRACTISE MEDICINE (ERPM) OF THE SRI LANKA MEDICAL COUNCIL

This Examination is limited to those who are eligible to sit, under Act No.16 of 1965 and Section 29(I)(b)(ii)(cc) of the Medical Ordinance, having fulfilled the requirement criteria.

The format of the ERPM examination from 2014 and modified from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 and subsequently is presented in this document.

1. The date to complete all Parts of ERPM (A, B, C and D) is **five (5) years from the date of first registration**. Those who complete would be eligible to obtain Provisional Registration with the SLMC to proceed for further training. (ref. conditions applicable to candidates registering for the ERPM before 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 in the document stating Arrangements for the ERPM from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 in the SLMC website).
2. Every candidate who registers for an examination shall be deemed to have sat the examination unless he/she withdraws from the examination with proven valid reasons for the Education Committee to approve such withdrawal within the specified period (closing date for applications) or submits a valid medical certificate (MC) covering the

period of absence before the end of the examination. The medical certificate shall be from a medical practitioner registered with the SLMC. Such MC will require the acceptance of the Education Committee of the SLMC. The candidate may have to appear before a Medical Board appointed by the SLMC if the necessity arises. Changing of the date, time, venue or centre of the examination by the candidate is not permitted and such requests shall not be entertained.

3. Candidates shall be present at the examination hall at least 30 minutes before the commencement of each paper or clinical/viva voce examination, but shall not enter the hall until requested to do so by the supervisor.
4. A candidate should have the Passport, National Identity Card or Driving License (to prove his/her identity) as well as the SLMC Registration Card and the Admission Card with the Index Number when entering the examination hall and on every occasion on presenting for the examination. At designated examinations 'finger print' identification would be used.

**Note: Any damage or defacement or modification of Passport, National Identity Card, Driving License, Admission Card (including photograph) and the SLMC Registration Card will result in the candidate being disallowed to sit the examination and the incident subsequently subjected to an enquiry and due punishment given if found to be guilty.**

5. On admission to the hall, a candidate should occupy the allotted seat/place and should not change it, except on the specific instruction of the supervisor.
6. It is the sole responsibility of the candidate to sign the attendance sheet at the examination hall on each occasion before leaving the examination venue. Failure to do so would be considered as not having sat the examination.
7. No candidate shall be admitted to the examination hall for any reason whatsoever after 30 minutes from the commencement of the examination. A candidate will not be allowed to leave the hall until 30 minutes has lapsed from commencement of the examination and during the last 30 minutes of the paper in ERPM Part A and Part D.
8. Candidates shall bring their own pens, ink, erasers, pencils or any other equipment and stationery which the candidates have been instructed to bring for the written papers. A stethoscope, knee hammer, torch, pins, cotton wool and any other necessary equipment should be brought for the clinical examination. The candidate should wear a white overcoat for the clinical examination.
9. Examination stationery, i.e writing paper, answer papers etc. would be supplied as and when necessary. No sheet of paper or answer book supplied to a candidate may be torn,

crumpled, folded or otherwise mutilated. No other paper shall be used for answering by candidate. Any materials supplied including question papers, whether used or unused, should be handed over to invigilators and should not be removed from the examination hall.

10. Every candidate shall enter his/her Index Number and the ERPM Registration number on the answer papers and the question papers. A candidate who writes on his/her answer paper an Index Number other than his/her own is liable to be considered as having attempted to cheat. A script that bears no Index Number or one that is not legible will be rejected. No candidate shall write his/her name or any other identifying mark on the answer script.
11. Candidates are under the authority of the supervisor/coordinator/examiners and shall assist them by carrying out instructions as well as those of the invigilators and other supporting staff, during the examination and immediately before and after it. Candidates shall stop work promptly when ordered to do so by the supervisor/examiner/ invigilator.
12. Every candidate shall hand over the answer scripts personally to the invigilator or remain in his/her seat until it is collected. On no account shall a candidate hand over the answer script to an attendant, a minor employee or any other candidate.
13. No candidate shall have on his/her person or on any document listed above, any notes, signs or formulae. Except for stationery such as pencils, pens erasers, identity documents, Index Cards and Admission cards, no other paper or envelopes should be kept with the candidate. No candidate shall have on his/her person, with him/her or anywhere near him/her any material such as books, note pads, notes parcels, handbags or any electronic communication equipment such as cellular phones, smart watches, etc. Having written material on any parts of the body is a serious offence.
14. A candidate should not communicate in any form with another candidate or any other person other than an invigilator or a supervisor during the examination.
15. No candidate should copy or attempt to copy from any book, paper notes or similar material or from the scripts of or by communication with another candidate. A candidate shall not help another candidate or obtain help from another person. No candidate should conduct himself/herself negligently so as to provide an opportunity to assist any other candidate.
16. Every candidate shall conduct himself/herself in the examination hall and precincts so as not to cause disturbance or inconvenience to the supervisors/examiners or other staff and to other candidates. A candidate is liable to be evicted from the examination hall for disorderly conduct.
17. Absolute silence shall be maintained in the examination hall and its precincts. A candidate is not permitted for any reason whatsoever to communicate or have any dealings with any person other than the supervisor/examiner/invigilator. The attention of the supervisor/examiner/ invigilator could be drawn by rising of a hand.



18. During the course of answering a paper, viva voce examination or examining a patient, no candidate shall be permitted to leave the examination hall even temporarily. In the case of an emergency, the supervisor/examiner/invigilator will grant permission to do so but the candidate will be under their surveillance.
19. No person shall impersonate a candidate, nor shall any candidate allow himself/herself to be impersonated by another person.
20. No candidate shall obtain or attempt to obtain by any means prior knowledge of questions/clinical cases/examination material or names of examiners. All examination centres are out-of-bounds for a specified period before and during the exam.
21. Serious notice will be taken of any dishonest assistance given to a candidate, by any person aiding, abetting or copying at the examination.
22. If circumstances arise, which in the opinion of the supervisor/examiner/invigilator requires cancellation or postponement of the examination; he shall stop the examination, collect the scripts already written and then report the matter as soon as possible to the Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC).
23. The supervisor/examiner is empowered to require any candidate to make a statement in writing on any matter which may have arisen during the course of the examination, and such statement shall be signed by the candidate.
24. The results of the examination announced by the SLMC will be final and no complaints or representations will be entertained regarding the results, except re-scrutiny of the papers of ERPM Parts A and D, which is officially permitted.
25. Complaint(s) regarding the conduct of the ERPM examination should be sent in double envelopes to the Registrar by registered post before the release of the results. The outer envelope should be addressed to the Registrar SLMC, 31 Norris Canal Road, Colombo 10. The inner envelope should contain the sealed letter of complaint stating "ERPM Complaint" and dated. The complaint would be kept securely and acted upon in due course by an Appeals Board. Such complaint(s) shall be in writing and state precisely the grounds for such appeal(s). Anonymous complaints will not be entertained.