



SLMC CLARIFIES FACTS REGARDING THE NEW ERPM EXAMINATION **GUIDELINE – 2025**

The New Examination for Registration to Practice Medicine (ERPM) Guideline was introduced in 2025 following consultations with university academics, Ministry of Health specialists, medical education experts, and members of the Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC), replacing the ERPM Guideline 2010.

The revised assessment framework has been developed in line with internationally recognized licensing examination models, including those of the General Medical Council and the Australian Medical Council. It is important to note that a professional licensing examination differs from a Final MBBS examination, as its purpose is to assess whether candidates possess the minimum competencies required for safe clinical practice.

The pass rates of the two components of the ERPM examination conducted under the new format are 53% for Part I and 93% for Part II, resulting in an overall pass rate of 49%. This is consistent with the pass rates observed in many professional licensing examinations locally and internationally, including previous ERPM examinations conducted under the ERPM Guideline 2010.

In keeping with accepted international practice and its commitment to continuous improvement, the SLMC has appointed an Expert Panel to review the New ERPM Guideline 2025, consider the concerns and observations raised, and recommend necessary modifications. This includes reviewing the issue of candidates being able to pass the examination despite failing one or more subjects among the seven disciplines assessed.

The Sri Lanka Medical Council reaffirms its commitment to maintaining the integrity, fairness, and standards of the ERPM examination process to ensure that foreign medical graduates possess the knowledge and clinical competencies required for safe patient care.

The Council further urges the public to rely on official communications issued by the SLMC and to disregard unsubstantiated claims circulated through social media and other unofficial sources.

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