



CEYLON MEDICAL COLLEGE COUNCIL

External Pharmacists' Examination – Special Notice

1. All applicants for the External Pharmacists' Examination should submit a sworn affidavit administered or taken before a Justice of the Peace or an Attorney-at-Law to affirm that during the two-year period covered by the Indenture Form issued by the Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC), he/she will not undertake any paid or voluntary employment in any capacity or position as a regular employee of any State Department Corporation or State Programme. The said affidavit must be submitted to the SLMC along with the relevant Application Form.
2. All candidates are allowed a **maximum of five attempts** at the examination. These five attempts **must be at consecutive examinations**, except in the case of illness supported by a medical certificate issued by a **Medical Officer in Charge (MO) or District Medical Officer (DMO) in a Government Hospital, or a Consultant in a Government or Private Hospital**. Medical Certificates regarding the inability to sit for the examination are acceptable only from a candidate who has applied for the relevant examination. No Medical Certificates will be accepted if the candidate has not applied for the relevant examination, except in regard to long-standing or serious illnesses. Medical Certificates should be submitted either before the examination date or within 2 weeks after the written examination.
3. The Ceylon Medical College Council (CMCC) advises all indentured Apprentice Pharmacists to adhere to all items in the Indenture Application Form, and in particular to item 2(b), which specifies the time allocation of the training during the indenture period of 2 years. You should attend to the training schedule indicated and adhere to training requirements from 10.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. daily, except when excused by the Master Pharmacist for a leave of absence permitted by the Medical Ordinance. If it is found by the CMCC that you have breached the compulsory requirements mentioned in the Indenture Application Form, **you may be disqualified from sitting for the**

External Pharmacists' Examinations conducted by the CMCC or cancellation of results.

4. All Apprentice Pharmacists should sit for the External Pharmacists' Examination held immediately after completing the apprenticeship period of 2 years. Those who have not met this criterion yet and having a gap between completion of apprenticeship and sitting for examination should sit for the next External Pharmacists' Examination to be held in 2023. The validity period of the apprenticeship to sit for the External Pharmacists' Examination conducted by the CMCC is 7 years from the date of registration as an apprentice. After completion of the apprenticeship in the first two years, an apprentice pharmacist should complete their examination within the next 5 External Pharmacists' Examination held during next 5 years except for the conditions given in the sub section 2 above.
5. The Apprentice Pharmacists who are sitting for the External Pharmacists' Examination as repeat candidates (2nd attempt, 3rd attempt, 4th attempt, or 5th attempt) should update the
 - i. Prescriptions Book with 50 new entries
 - ii. details of the Over The Counter (OTC) drugs book with 05 new entries and
 - iii. details of the Prescription Only Medicines (POM) book with 10 new entrieswith the signature of any chief pharmacist (need not to be the same Master Pharmacist submitted for the first attempt) with updated dates. This regulation is applicable to all the Apprentice Pharmacists regardless of the version of the Training Record Book (red color or green color) you have.
6. Hereinafter, the candidates of the External Pharmacists' Examination should attach a photocopy of the indenture form when submitting the Training Record Book. Training record books submitted without a copy of the indenture form shall not be considered for evaluation and marking.
7. Candidates who had changed the Master Pharmacist during their period of apprenticeship are requested to submit a copy of the document submitted to the SLMC regarding the change of the Master Pharmacist to the CMCC office.

If a candidate fails to submit such document on or before the date of their *viva voce* examination, it will be considered as a violation of the Medical Ordinance and such candidates will be considered ineligible to obtain the Certificate of Efficiency in Pharmacy issued by the CMCC.

8. Hereinafter the printed Regulations book for the External Pharmacists' Examination (blue book) will not be issued by the CMCC office and it will be available as an e-book in the cmcc.lk website. Candidates are strictly advised to check the website occasionally for the most updated version.
9. All the Apprentice Pharmacists are bound to the rules and regulations of the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105 – incorporating amendments up to 31st December, 1987).

Registrar

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