



**INFORMATION FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS WHO WISH TO
PURSUE UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES IN MEDICINE AT THE
FACULTY OF MEDICINE UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO
SRI LANKA**

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1. INTRODUCTION

The university system in Sri Lanka operates within the framework laid down in the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 as amended. The selection of students for admission to undergraduate courses in the universities is a task assigned to the University Grants Commission (UGC) under the said Act. The UGC carries out this task in consultation with the Universities/ Campuses/ Institutes.

2. COURSES OF STUDY OFFERED FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS BY FACULTY OF MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO

2.1 Title of the Course of Study & Duration

Medicine leading to degree MBBS Colombo – 5 years

2.2 Place of Study

Faculty of Medicine, 25, Kynsey Road, Colombo 8, Sri Lanka under the University of Colombo

2.3 Minimum eligibility requirements for admission

“Grade A” passes in Chemistry, Physics and Biology at the London Advanced Level Examination or an equivalent national examination.

3. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION OF STUDENTS WITH FOREIGN QUALIFICATIONS

3.1. Candidates with results at a foreign examination held outside Sri Lanka, deemed equivalent to G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination of Sri Lanka are eligible to apply for admission to Universities in Sri Lanka.

3.2 Applicants are advised to attach to their applications the original letter obtained from the Examinations Board concerned, to approve that their educational qualifications are equivalent to the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination of Sri Lanka or their educational qualifications are considered for admission to a university in their own country to follow an undergraduate course of study leading to Bachelor’s Degree.

3.3 Applicants should ensure that all required passes should be obtained in one and the same sitting under a recognized Board of Examinations subject to the rules set out by the Education Authority of the country concerned.

3.4 Applicants should attach to their applications the certified copies of the educational certificate and the statement of results of their qualifying examination. The copy of the educational certificate and the statement of results should be certified by the relevant Examinations Board, which conducted the examinations concerned.

3.5 Candidates with foreign passports who are citizens of foreign countries are eligible under this special provision. Candidates with foreign passports must also provide the certified copies of their School Leaving Certificates.

4. DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCES TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE CANDIDATE

4.1 Documents in proof of the 3.1 & 3.2 above

4.2 Duly certified copies of certificates in proof of satisfying the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT/ Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)/ International English Language Testing Systems (IELTS), if the candidate's entry qualification under this provision is a High School Diploma.

4.3 Documentary evidences in proof of funds in relevant foreign currencies (Candidate must submit an original letter from the bank stating the bank balance of Father/ Mother/ Guardian as a documentary evidence in proof of the availability of funds)

5. ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

English is the medium of instructions for the degree programme. Accordingly, an applicant whose primary language is not English or whose previous education has been conducted in another language, must demonstrate a command of English sufficient to meet the demands of classroom instructions, written assignments and participation in tutorials and discussions. Therefore, applicants whose primary language is not English or whose previous education has not been in English must provide evidence of proficiency in English i.e. achieve a minimum score of 79 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or achieve a minimum score of 6.5 on the International English Language System (IELTS) etc.

6. ACADEMIC YEAR IN SRI LANKAN UNIVERSITIES

The Faculty of Medicine follow the term system and there are three terms per year. The date of commencement of the first term of an academic year is in September

7. PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS

Application forms are available on the UGC website or the Handbook published by the UGC.

All the applicants should be forwarded to Senior Assistant Secretary (University Admissions), University Grant Commission. No 20, Ward Place, Colombo 07, Sri Lanka, by registered post. No applications will be entertained after the dead line.

7.1 The UGC charges a fee US \$ 100 for processing the applications. Therefore, every applicant should attach a copy of the payment receipt transferring an amount equivalent to US \$ 100 to the University Grant Commission telegraphically (swift), being the application processing fee.

Name of the Account : UNIVERSITY GRANT COMMISSION
Name of the Bank : Bank of Ceylon
Branch : Torrington Branch
Account Number : 2323287
Swift code : BCEYLK LX

The application processing fee also can be paid online via the official website of the UGC (www.ugc.ac.lk) and send the duly signed Online Payment Receipt generated at the end of the transaction along with the application.

Applications which do not accompany the application processing fee will not be considered for admission. Please note that this processing fee is not refundable.

7.2 All applications that satisfy the criteria for university admission in Sri Lanka will be evaluated by panels appointed by the UGC, including all relevant Deans of faculties. Then the UGC will communicate with the applicants regarding the final offer. Moreover, results of the last student who had been selected for each course of study on 40% merit quota to Sri Lankan Universities under normal intake would be deemed as the minimum level to consider the candidates under this provision.

- a) It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that his/her application is accompanied by all relevant documents and authorities.
- b) Failure to submit the relevant documents and certificates along with the application may result in rejection of the application for University admission under this special provision.
- c) Closing date for applications for the academic year 2018/2019 will be on 28th April 2018

The contact details are given below for further inquiries.

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8. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

All applications will be acknowledged within two weeks of receiving the applications by e-mail. The acknowledgement merely indicates that the UGC has received the application and it does not mean that the application has been processed.

9. SELECTION

9.1 All selected candidates will be admitted on fee levying basis

9.2 Up to 5% of the places (numbering 10 placements currently) will be allocated to students who satisfy the criteria for admission under this provision.

9.3 Selected candidates who wish to accept the offer should make arrangements to get themselves registered at the university to which they will be assigned in consultation with the Registrar of the university.

10. VISA REQUIREMENTS

All prospective foreign students should note that the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka will not convert tourist visa to student visa. Therefore, no person who wishes to gain admission to a university enter the country on tourist visa and should make arrangements to obtain student visas in advance.

11. ACCOMMODATION

In view of the limited hostel facilities available, the universities are not in a position to provide state hostel accommodation to students gaining admission under this provision

12. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

No scholarships or other financial assistance will be provided by the Government of Sri Lanka to candidates selected for admission under this provision.

13. FEES PAYABLE STUDENTS WITH FOREIGN QUALIFICATIONS

Those who are admitted to universities under this provision are liable to pay the following combined tuition and examination fees. Therefore, the applicants should submit with their applications, documentary evidence in proof of the availability of funds.

Field of study	Total Tuition fee
Medical	US \$ 65000

- For each repeat year USD 6000 will be charged additionally