

**DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION FOR PRELIMINARY GRADE MEDICAL OFFICERS
AND DENTAL SURGEONS - MARCH 2024**

IT is hereby notified that the Departmental Examination should be passed by Medical Officers in Preliminary Grade before promotion to grade II during a period of two years & Dental Surgeons before confirmation in the service during a period of three years from the date of appointment to such post as per Section 08 of the Medical Service Minute of Sri Lanka in the Health Services published in the Gazette Extraordinary of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No. 1883/17 of 11.10.2014, will be held on **05/05/2024** in Sinhala, Tamil & English medium. The venue and the time of the examination will be notified along with the admission card.

02. Qualifications

Medical Officers in the Preliminary Grade who have not completed the relevant examination and Dental Surgeons who are not confirmed in the service can apply for this examination. Medical officer appointed to a post in the Administrative Grade or Specialist Grade previously without having completed this examination also can apply for the above Examination.

03. Applications

Applications prepared by the candidates as per specimen appended to this letter should be sent under registered cover to reach the Director (Examinations), Ministry of Health, No.385, Ven. Baddegama Wimalawansa Thero Mawatha, "Suwasiripaya" Colombo 10, on or before **01/04/2024** through their Heads of Institutions. Mention "**Departmental**

Examination for Preliminary Grade Medical Officers and Dental Surgeons - March 2024" on the top left corner of the envelope. The officer in charge of the personal files should have certified that the candidate have satisfied the qualifications required to sit for this departmental examination and the accuracy of the particulars furnished in each application should have been certified by the head of division. One self-addressed envelope (candidate can write their official or private address) in the size of 9" x 4" inches, affixed with stamps to the value of Rs.110.00 should be sent along with the application. **(Applications which are received late, incomplete or inaccurate will be rejected without any notice.)**

Note : The application should be prepared using an A4 paper based on the specimen form of the application so as to recommended from 01 to 04 (e) on the first front page and from 04 (f) to 09 on the second page. Applications which do not conform to above will be rejected any information.

04. Examination fees :-

- I. Candidates who sit the examination for the first time need not pay examination fees. However in every subsequent sitting they should affix stamps to the value of Rs. 25/= per subject in the stamps cage provided for in the application and cancel same by placing their signature and the date.
- II. The fees once paid will not be allowed to transfer for any other Examination or refunded under any circumstances.

05. Admission to the Examination :-

- I. Candidates whose applications have been accepted will be issued with Admission Cards. They should duly complete and submit same to the Supervisor at the Examination centre. Otherwise they will not be allowed to sit the examination.
- II. Candidates should prove their identity to the Supervisor at the examination hall. For this purpose one of the following documents will be accepted.
 - (a) National Identity Card ;
 - (b) A formal identity card issued by the Ministry of Health or a relevant institution ;
 - (c) Valid Driving License ;
 - (d) Valid Passport ;

- III. If you did not receive your admission card due to any unavoidable reason you can trace your examination centre and the index number through the website; If you were able to trace your examination centre and the index number as mentioned above you are permitted to be presented at the examination centre in the website together with a letter attesting your signature by your immediate superior officer and sit the examination by establishment of your identity. The applicants who have received the admission card should certify their signature and should be bought. The applicants who have obtained the certification on their signature will not be entitled to face the examination. (website- www.health.gov.lk)

06. Scheme of the Examination :-

The examination consists of four parts that is three written essay type question papers and a Sinhala/Tamil oral test. Each part carries 100 marks. A minimum of 50 marks should be obtained for each part to pass the examination and this examination could be completed in one sitting or appearing for the parts of the examination in several sittings. At the first attempt officer should appear for all relevant subjects.

07. Syllabus of the Examination :-

07.1 Written Examination

07.1.1 Establishments Code Questions Paper

Duration 02 hours. Should answer five (05) out of eight (08) questions.

Syllabus

- (i) General Regulations of the Department of Health Services in Health Ministry,
- (ii) Orders and Regulations of the Public Service Commission,
- (iii) Establishments Code

Part I - Chapters VI, VII, VIII, IX, XII, XIII, XIV, XV, XVI, XVII, XVIII, XXIII, XXIV, XXV, XXVI, XXVII, XXVIII, XXX, XXXI, XXXII

Part II - Chapters XLVII & XLVIII

07.1.2 Administration of Hospitals & Dispensaries Questions Paper

Duration 1½ hours. Total marks 100. Should answers four (04) questions out of seven (07) questions.

Syllabus

Health Manual

- I. Administration of Hospital and Public Health
- II. Management of Laboratory Services
- III. Management of Drugs

07.1.3 Accounts Questions Paper

Duration 02 hours. Should answers 04 questions out of 07 questions.

Syllabus

- (i) Regulations of Stores Accounts of the Department of Health Services
- (ii) Sections of Finance in the manual of the Department of Health Services
- (iii) Financial Regulations relating to the daily routine duties of a Medical Officer of Health
 - Chapter I - F.R 1, 2, 78
 - Chapter II - F.R 90, 91, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 113, 115, 118, 119
 - Chapter III - F.R 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 131, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 142, 143, 151, 152, 154, 155, 156, 189
 - Chapter V - F.R 200, 201, 215, 225, 238, 245, 255, 257, 260
 - Chapter VI - F.R 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394
 - Chapter VII - F.R 488, 493
 - Chapter XIII - F.R 715, 716, 756, 757, 758

Procurement Guideline

- Chapter 1 - All Sections
- Chapter 2 - Section number - 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8
- Chapter 3 - Section number - 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, 3.9

07.2 Viva Voce - Sinhala/Tamil

This oral test is conducted by the staff officers of the Departmental to measure the proficiency in Sinhala/Tamil. Ability of the Sinhala medium officers to communicate in Tamil medium and the ability of the Tamil medium officers to communicate in Sinhala medium regarding the matters that arise while discharging their normal duties is tested. Duration 10 minutes

08. To follow the Regulations Related to Examination Procedure

Candidates are warned against copying or attempting to copy from the script of another candidate or from any book or paper or notes whatsoever. No candidate should attempt to look at the script of another candidate and should not help any candidate either help another candidate or obtain help from another candidate or person. Further mobile phones & the similar electronic equipments should not be used. Any candidate who disregards this rule is liable to punishment.

09. Please bring the contents of this circular to the notice of all relevant officers in your Division / Specialized Campaign/ Institution. The information is also available in the website – www.health.gov.lk

n.b - In case of any inconsistency between the texts Sinhala, Tamil and English the text in Sinhala Language shall prevail.

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