



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

COMMISSION CIRCULAR NO. 07/2015

No. 20, Ward Place,
Colombo 07.

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Vice Chancellors of Universities
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LEAVE FOR TEACHERS (MEDICAL/DENTAL) TO COMPLETE MD TRAINING AND BOARD CERTIFICATION BY THE POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE.

1. Your attention is invited to Commission Circulars No. 88 of 10.07.1980 and No. 906 of 06.02.2009 on granting of study leave to university teachers.
2. The Commission at its 918th and 919th meetings held on June 4 & 23, 2015 respectively, considered the fact that it is mandatory for Lecturers (Probationary) in all clinical departments and some para-clinical departments in the Faculties of Medicine and Dental Sciences to be board certified in a relevant specialty by the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine (PGIM) in order to be promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer, Grade II and that such Lecturers (Probationary) have been granted leave with pay to complete the MD Programme, as per Commission Circular No. 906 of 06.02.2009 which was in force only upto February 14, 2014.
3. The Commission, having noted that the minimum duration of the PGIM Training programmes may sometimes take more than six (06) years which is longer than the 03 years and 03 months leave granted with pay for a Ph.D., approved the following provisions with retrospective effect from 15.02.2014 ;
 - I. University Teachers (Medical/Dental) who are selected to PGIM training programmes after competitive examinations will be granted leave with pay without entering into a bond, for the period of training in Sri Lanka. They shall contribute to the academic activities in their respective departments of study as specified by the Head of Department whenever the training programme allows time to do so.
 - II. The period of leave with pay that is granted shall not exceed the minimum period of training required in Sri Lanka for the purpose of PGIM Board Certification in his/her chosen specialty.
 - III. The period of training outside Sri Lanka is considered as part of the study leave entitlement and the University Teacher (Medical /Dental) shall be bonded as per the existing rules and regulations.

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4. With the implementation of above provisions, Commission Circular No. 906 of 06.02.2009 is annulled.

5. Please take action accordingly and also bring this to the notice of Academic Staff concerned.



Prof. Mohan de Silva
Chairman

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