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All Secretaries to Provincial Public Service Commission,
All Provincial Secretaries of Health,
Deputy Director General of National Hospital of Sri Lanka,
All Provincial Directors of Health Services,
All Regional Directors of Health Services,
Directors of Teaching Hospitals and General Hospitals,
Medical Superintendents,
Heads of Relevant Institutions,

Granting of Permission to Medical Laboratory Technologists

to Engage in the Private Practice Outside Duty Hours

In terms of the decision taken by the Cabinet of Ministers No 40/16/2309/718/095 dated 30.11.2016 on the Cabinet Memorandum “Granting Permission to the officers in the Service of Professions Supplementary to Medicine for engaging in the private practice outside the duty hours” dated 21.10.2016 submitted by the Hon. Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine permission is granted to Medical Laboratory Technologists registered in the Sri Lanka Medical Council to engage in private practice outside the duty hours subject to the following conditions.

Conditions:

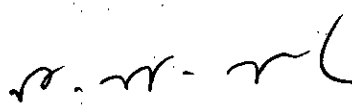
01. Officer shall engage in the private practice only in his / her substantive post and an officer is permitted to engage in the private practice only in one post for which he / she has registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council. Further, officers permitted to engage in private practice under this circular shall not have the permission to engage in the private practice in the provisions of other Circulars or Provisions.

02. Officers who engage in the private practice shall obtain the prior approval from the Secretary of the Ministry / Secretary of the relevant Provincial Ministry which is in charge of the subject of Health.
03. Officers shall provide their service only when their service is required by a Medical Officer registered in the Sri Lanka Medical Council for the purpose of treatment or diagnosis or when their service is required for physical fitness or prevention of diseases.
04. If an officer engages in the private practice he / she shall inform the Head of the Institution, all particulars of the institute where he / she practices (name, address and telephone number etc.) in writing. Officers are permitted to engage in private practice only in the province where the institute or hospital he / she works as a public officer is situated.
05. Trainees in the orientation program and co-ordination training are not permitted to engage in the private practice even though they have registered in the Sri Lanka Medical Council.
06. Officers shall be permitted to engage in the private practice outside the normal hours of work. On week days, normal hours of work is from 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. and officers shall not engage in the private practice when they are on duty on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays or during the period they are on stand-by duty in essential service or during overtime. Since the turn for duty for a shift is regarded as normal hours of work of an officer who is working on shift basis, he / she shall not be permitted to engage in the private practice during the shift.
07. Officers shall not engage in the private practice while they are on sick and maternity leave. Officers who are on casual / vacation leave may engage in the private practice outside the normal hours of work.
08. Officers shall not be permitted to obtain overtime allowance, 1/20 or any other allowance for the period they engage in the private practice.
09. Officers shall not engage in the private practice in public institutions including hospitals / work places, government quarters / quarters for which the payment is made by the Department.

10. Equipment, other facilities or physical resources of the hospital / work place shall not be used at all for the private practice.
11. Officers who engage in the private practice shall not use their official designations, official identity cards and official badges of the Government at places of private practice except the name of the profession (Medical Laboratory Technologist). However, officers shall keep with them the official identity cards issued to them by the public institute they serve and the registration certificate of Sri Lanka Medical Council at the time they engage in the private practice.
12. Officers shall always give priority to the patients who seek services from the government hospital or public institute they serve. In case the patients who get the service privately come to the government / public institute they serve, no favouration shall be shown or no priority shall be given to such patients and such patients shall be treated equally as the ordinary patients.
13. Patients who come to the public institutes shall not be referred to private institutes for whatever reason.
14. In case of urgent call to duty outside the duty hours, officers shall give priority to the government hospital / public institute where they serve and be ready to provide their service to the government hospital / public institute.

Disciplinary action shall be taken against the officers who engage in the private practice disregarding the conditions given above.

In the case of any inconsistency between the texts in Sinhala, Tamil and English in the Circular the text in Sinhala will prevail.


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