

MSc MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION**PROPOSED CHANGES TO SELECTION EXAMINATION & COURSE CONTENT****SELECTION EXAMINATION**

The Board of Study is of opinion that the present selection examination is not discriminatory enough to enable selection of the best candidates.

In addition to theory papers a structured interview is recommended to select persons who are interested in management and who could be trained to be good managers.

COURSE CONTENT

The Board of Study is of opinion that some persons who have qualified MSc Medical Administration are not skilled enough to manage a large hospital or a regional division of health services

Practical training in the field in real-life situations is considered necessary. This training will be given in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, before the MSc course.

**SELECTION EXAMINATION
PROSPECTUS 2011**

The qualifying examination consists of a theory paper with sections A & B.

The Section A shall have three 3 SAQ questions on Basic Sciences in Medical Administration and Management.

The Section B shall have three 2 SAQ questions on application of Management Sciences in Health.

The duration of the paper shall be three hours. Each question will be marked out of 20 by two examiners independently and the average mark will be taken.

The pass mark shall be 50%. The number of trainees to the training programme each year will be decided by the BOS and indicated in the advertisement calling for applications. The selection will be based on merit.

With proposed amendment

The qualifying examination will be in two stages.

Stage 1

Two theory papers on general management and management of health services.

Paper 1. Five essay questions to be answered in three hours. Each question will be marked out of 20 by two examiners independently and the average mark will be taken. (100 marks). The minimum mark for a pass is 50.

Paper 2 – Twenty short answer questions to be answered in two hours. Each question will be marked out of 05 by two examiners independently and the average mark will be taken. (100 marks). The minimum mark for a pass is 50.

Stage 2 – Oral Examination

Persons who have passed paper 1 and paper 2 will be called for the oral examination.

The oral examination will be structured to assess personality and attitude.

There will be a board of two examiners, who will mark independently.

The maximum mark will be 100.

The pass mark will be a total of 150 from both stages.

The number of trainees to the training programme each year will be decided by the Board of Study and indicated in the advertisement calling for applications. The selection will be based on merit.

The merit list will be formulated by adding the marks from both stages.

COURSE CONTENT

No change in course content.

Practical training in management of health services before the trainees start the MSc course.

The trainees will be sent immediately after selection for 3 months supervised training to training centers selected by the Board of Study– two months in multi-specialty teaching hospital or provincial hospital and one month under a Provincial or Regional Director of Health Services.