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Report on the Medical Council Malta Statutory Examination for Medical Practitioners Wednesday 8th April 2015

13th April 2015

To the President Medical Council

The Medical Council Malta entrusted and appointed Ms Gabriella Abela M.A., MSc., a former Member of the Medical Council whose term expired on 21st September 2014, to act as the Examination Coordinator during the Medical Council Malta Statutory Examinations (MCMSE) for Medical Practitioners scheduled during year 2015. This was unanimously approved during Council Meeting No. 01/2014 held on Wednesday 7th January 2015.

During Council Meeting No. 03/2015 held on Wednesday 4th March 2015, it was also unanimously decided that Mr Philip Borg Ph.Lic., S.Th.B., Dip.Soc.Sc., Member of the Council, is appointed as Substitute MCMSE Coordinator for the year 2015. The aim of the Council was to ensure continuity in its operation as imposed by EU Law, in case Ms Gabriella Abela, MCMSE Coordinator, is unable to perform her duties.

The examination was subsequently set up and schedules organised.

All candidates awaiting information about the April 2015 MCMSE session, who were requested to sit for and successfully pass the MCMSE in order to be granted registration in Malta, were provided with preliminary information about the MCMSE scheduled on 8th April 2015 through emails dated 5th, 6th, 18th and 24th March 2015. The said list included forty-five (45) candidates.

All applicants were asked to confirm their attendance and to submit a detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV) and a recent Certificate of Good Standing, provided that they had not submitted application within the past three (3) months, by Friday 13th March 2015. Applicants were further informed that the sum of € 1,218.20 (one thousand, two hundred, eighteen Euros and twenty Euro cents), as per the 'Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2015' was to reach the Medical Council by Monday 23rd March 2015, or otherwise one would not be eligible to sit for the examination.

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While eleven (11) applicants confirmed their intention to sit for the MCMSE April 2015, nine (9) applicants paid by the dates stipulated. However, one of the applicants was unable to sit for the examination since he was not granted Visa to leave his country of residence. Therefore eight (8) applicants sat for the MCMSE April 2015.

The candidates were all provided with the full information and their respective time-table by means of emails dated 1st April 2015. One set of the examinations started at 08.30, while the second set started at 09.45.

The MCMSE was held at the Medical School, Block A, Level 0, Mater Dei Hospital, Tal-Qroqq, Msida. Ms Gabriella Abela, Examination Coordinator, checked the candidates' Passports/ID Cards and the Medical Council's letter of confirmation.

The MCMSE was conducted in the form of an interview (Viva Voce) in English. The candidates were examined in the following subjects with two (2) Examiners during each session. Approximately, ten (10) minutes were allotted to each Examiner, and thus the whole examination took about one and a half hours (80 minutes) per candidate.

The Groupings were as follows:

Surgery & General Medicine
Paediatrics & Gynaecology
Family Medicine & Psychiatry
Public Health & Pathology

All subjects were failing, that is, each candidate had to obtain a passmark of fifty (50) in all subjects. Ms Gabriella Abela delivered the results to the Registrar immediately after the examinations.

Table 3: MCMSE April 2015 Results:

DATE	NUMBER OF APPLICANTS	RESULTS	
		PASS	FAIL
08.04.2015	8 candidates sat for whole examination	2	6

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Candidates were informed whether they had passed or failed the MCMSE through emails dated Wednesday 8th April 2015. A breakdown of the marks obtained and the way forward was communicated through letters dated Thursday 9th April 2015.

Candidates who were not successful in the MCMSE were also reminded that they were allowed to sit for the MCMSE only twice. The two (2) candidates who were successful in the MCMSE will be granted Full/Permanent Licence to Practice and Registration in Malta, in line with the provisions of the Health Care Professions Act 2003, Cap. 464 and EU Directive 2005/36/EC.

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