

PROSPECTUS

FOR ADMISSION TO POST-GRADUATE SUPER SPECIALITY COURSES, KERALA - 2008

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA DIRECTORATE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION, THIRUVANANTHAPURM-695 011

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[Prospectus issued for earlier years are not valid]

I. Applications are invited for admission to the Post Graduate Super Speciality Courses 2008, in the Medical Colleges at Thiruvananthapuram, Kottayam and Kozhikode, in the following Specialities.

SI.	Name of Courses	MEDICAL COLLEGE			TOTAL
No.	Name of Courses	TVM	KTM	KKD	TOTAL
1	M. Ch. Paediatric Surgery	2	-	2	4
2	M .Ch. Plastic Surgery	2	1	2	5
3	M. Ch. Genito Urinary Surgery	2	1	2	5
4	M. Ch. Thoracic Surgery	2	-	2	4
5	M. Ch. Neuro Surgery	2	*2	*1	5
6	M. Ch. Gastroenterology Surgery	1	-	1	1
7	D.M. Cardiology	2	*2	2	6
8	D. M. Gastroenterology	2	-	2	4
9	D.M. Neurology	1	1	1	3
10	D.M. Nephrology	1	*1	2	4
Total		17	8	16	41

^{*}Seats are subject to Recognition of the Medical Council of India.

II. Duration of the Course: Duration of the Course shall be <u>three years</u> from the date of commencement of the course. All candidates should complete 3 years from their date of joining. The date of commencement of the course will be 01/08/2008.

III. Eligibility for admission:

- (a) Nativity: Applicants should have satisfied any of the following conditions.
 - i) Indian Citizens of Kerala origin.
 - ii) Have been residing in Kerala for a period of not less than 8 years.
 - iii) Have passed the MBBS Degree/PG Degree(MD/MS)/Dip.N.B from any of the Medical Colleges in Kerala.

(b) Basic Academic Qualifications:

- (i) M.B.B.S. Degree
- (ii) *Appropriate Post Graduate Degree (M.D/. M.S) of the Universities in Kerala or any other University recognized by any of the Universities in Kerala as equivalent thereto **OR** appropriate Diploma of National Board (Dip.N.B).

 $Note\ 1$: Candidates who have appeared or are appearing for the MD/MS examination can also apply and they should produce the PG Degree certificate at the time of counseling.

* For applying Surgical Super Speciality (M.Ch) Courses, the candidate should have PG Degree/Dip.NB in General Surgery and for Medical Super Speciality (DM) Courses, the candidate should have PG Degree/Dip.NB either in General Medicine or Paediatrics.

- (iii) Registration: Candidates should have got their MBBS and PG Degrees registered permanently with State Medical Council [T. C. Medical Council] and it should be submitted at the time of counseling.
- (c) <u>Age:</u> Upper age limit <u>for General merit candidates</u> will be 45 years and for <u>Service candidates</u> it will be 47 years, as on the last date of submission of application.
- (d) All General Merit quota candidates shall have to qualify the Entrance Examination conducted by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations, Kerala by securing minimum of 50% marks. For Service candidates the eligibility will be as per the decision of the Government, which will be issued form time to time.

IV. Fees:

i. Tuition fees Rs. 40,000/- per annum

ii. Miscellaneous fees Rs. 5,000/iii. Van fees Rs. 2,500/iv. Caution Deposit Rs. 5,000/-

V. Distribution of Seats

Distribution of available seats to different categories is as shown below.

SI. No	Name of Courses	Total Seats	General Merit	MES Quota	Health Service Quota
1	M. Ch. Paediatric Surgery	4	2	1	1
2	M. Ch. Plastic Surgery	5	4	1	
3	M. Ch. Genito Urinary Surgery	5	4	1	
4	M. Ch. Thoracic Surgery	4	3	1	
5	M. Ch. Neuro Surgery	5	3	1	1
6	M.Ch. Gastroenterology Surgery	1	-	1	
7	D. M. Cardiology	6	4	1	1
8	D. M. Gastroenterology	4	2	1	1
9	D. M. Neurology	3	2	1	
10	D. M. Nephrology	4	3	1	
Total		41	27	10	4

Out of **41** seats available under various Specialities, **10** seats will be set apart for the staff in the concerned Specialities under the Medical Education Service and **4** seats for those in the Health Services. The rest of the seats (**27**) will be for General Merit.

VI. Service Quota seats.

Seats for the Service candidates will be allotted under two quotas.

- Medical Education Service Quota (MESQ).
- Health Service Quota (HSQ).

(a) Eligibility for service quota-

- 1. The eligibility criteria laid down in Clause III are applicable for service candidates also, subject to modifications, if any, decided by Government.
- 2. For applying under Service Quota, the applicants should be regular staff under DHS/DME and should have a minimum of <u>3(Three)</u> years of effective service as on 01.05.2008.
- 3. For candidates under Service quota, total service will be reckoned as on **01-05-2008**. Unauthorised absence or absence due to Leave without Allowance will not be counted for the purpose of calculating the seniority. Inter-se seniority of actual Physical service, excluding LWA will be the criterion for selection, if more than one candidate applies for the course and if, the difference in their length of service is equal to or more than 90 days. If it is below 90 days, the PSC seniority will be the criterion. Period of leave without allowance will be deducted for determining the seniority.

- 4. For applying under MES Quota, the applicants should be regular teachers of the Medical Education Service under the concerned Speciality in which they apply.
- 5. Health Service candidates can also apply to the specialities in addition to those which are specifically earmarked for HSQ and such candidates will be considered to the vacant seats if any under MES Quota in that speciality. (A candidate can apply for admission to a maximum of two courses only.)

Note: i.Lecturers who have undergone PG course under Tutor/Lecturer trainee scheme once will also be considered for selection to Superspeciality courses under Lecturer Quota.

- ii. Lecturer trainee/deputation benefit will not be allowed for a second time for candidates coming under service quota both from DHS and MES. But they will be permitted to avail of the benefit, for admission purpose only.
- iii. Service candidates who are selected for the Super Speciality Course under Service Quota and who relinquish the course or fail to join the course / discontinue the course after joining will not be eligible for applying to the course under Service quota for three consecutive years after the year of selection.

VII. Entrance Examination:

The Entrance Examination will be conducted by the Commissioner for Entrance Examination [CEE], during May-June 2008, in accordance with the All India Schedule fixed by the MCI. The date and time of the Entrance examination will be announced by the CEE in due course.

a. Application forms for appearing in the Entrance Examination –

All candidates seeking admission for the courses will have to appear for the Entrance Examination. The Application forms are common for all the candidates. The candidate seeking admission to the course can apply in the specified format after downloading it from the website at "cee-kerala.org", along with a Demand Draft of Rs.1500/- [as application fee] drawn from any Nationalized Bank, in favour of the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations and payable at Thiruvananthapuram. The application fee once remitted will not be refunded at any cost.

The Service candidates seeking admission in General Merit Quota in addition to Service Quota should pay extra Rs. 1500/-.

b. How and when to apply

The application form filled in together with the Demand Draft and required documents should be sent by Registered post to "The Commissioner for Entrance Examinations, V Floor, Housing Board Buildings, Santhi Nagar, Thiruvananthapuram – 695 001" with the superscription "Application for admission to P.G. Super Speciality Courses, 2008" before the time and date notified by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations. The application submitted by the candidates should be complete in all respects and the certificates produced after the last date of receipt will not be considered at any cost. Late and defective applications will not be considered by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations under any circumstances.

Note: A candidate can apply for admission to a maximum of two courses. The General Merit candidates should indicate the order of preference for the courses chosen by them in the application form. The choice once exercised will be final.

Service Candidates also should apply to the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations, as stipulated above. However they should also forward a copy of the application form along with copies of all required documents related to their service and service details from the Accountant General, to the Controlling Officer concerned. (DME/ DHS as the case may be).

The DHS will verify the applications and prepare a rank list according to the seniority of the candidates and forward the applications and rank list to the Director of Medical Education within one month from the last date of receipt of application.

c. Certificates / Documents to be attached along with the application form.

Attested xerox copies of the following documents:

- (i) M.B.B.S. Degree Certificate.
- (ii) Post Graduate Degree /Dip.N.B Certificate*.
- * Candidates who have appeared or are appearing for the MD/MS Examination should produce the PG Degree Certificates at the time of counseling
- (iii) Certificate to prove age.
- (iv) Any other certificate required along with the application.
- (v) Demand Draft of amount paid in original.

Certificates in the application form:

(vi) Nativity Certificate as per Clause III (a), should be obtained in the application form, from the Village Officer to show that (1) that he/she or his/her father/mother was born in Kerala or (2) that the applicant has been a resident of Kerala State for a period of at least 8 years.

Note:-For applicants who have undergone M.B.B.S./PG Degree/Dip.N.B Course in the Medical Colleges of Kerala, a certificate to that effect obtained from the Principal of the Medical College, where he/she has studied, will be accepted in lieu of certificate from village officer.

- (d) Additional Certificate(s) to be submitted along with the application form by Service candidates:
- a) 'No Objection Certificate' from the employer (See Note (i) given below).
- b) * 'Service Certificate' from the Director of Medical Education/ Principal.
- c) Service details from the Accountant General.
- d) 'Declaration' regarding Lecturer Quota Trainee benefit availed previously.

Note: (i) In the case of Health Service candidates, a certificate from the DHS to the effect that they have no objection for the candidate applying to the course and that he/she will be relieved of the present duties provided he/she is selected for the course has to be submitted with the application.

* Applicants applying under Medical Education Service Quota shall attach service certificate from the Director of Medical Education, *indicating their date of commencement of regular service* and date and number of Kerala *Public Service Commission's Advice Memo*.

VIII. Scheme of examination and evaluation -

- [a] **Scheme of Examination**: The entrance examination will consist of Two Papers, each of one and half hours duration and containing 90 Objective Type [Multiple Choice] questions. Appearance in both Paper I and Paper II of the Entrance examination is compulsory for admission to the course.
 - [b] **The Syllabus** of Paper I will be different for the candidate appearing for Medical Superspeciality and for those appearing for Surgical Superspecialities.

Paper I for *Medical Super Specialties* will cover the questions on the following subjects at the Post Graduate level.

(i) Medicine (ii) Peadiatrics (iii) Pathology including Haematology

Paper I for *Surgical Super Specialities* will cover the questions on the following subjects at the Post Graduate level.

(i) Surgery (ii) Orthopaedics (iii) E.N.T. (iv) Pathology.

Paper II will cover the questions in the Super Speciality subjects of the course, which will also be at the Post Graduate level.

- [c] There will be a single version for the question paper, which will be in the form of a booklet. For each question, four suggested responses will be given as choices A, B, C and D, of which only one will be the **MOST APPROPRIATE ANSWER** and the candidate, has to select, and mark the bubble corresponding to the *most appropriate response* in the separate OMR Answer Sheets provided. *All entries in the OMR Sheet, including filling of bubbles should be done using ballpoint pen only.* (Blue or Black).
- [d] **Scoring Scheme**: Each answer with correct response will be awarded **4** (Four) marks. <u>Negative marking will be adopted for incorrect response</u>. One mark will be deducted for each incorrect response and zero mark will be given for the question not answered. More than one answer indicated against a question will be deemed as incorrect response and will be negatively marked.

A fully computerized system has been adopted for the evaluation of the Answer Scripts, using the Optical Mark Reading (OMR) System and for the preparation of the Rank List. **There is no provision for revaluation or rechecking of answer sheets.**

Important: (i) At the end of the examination, candidate should hand over the OMR Answer Sheet and Question Booklet to the invigilator, who will separate the Answer Sheet along the perforation in the presence of the candidate. Candidates will not be permitted to take the Question Booklet with them after the Examination.

- (ii) Any malpractice or attempt to commit any kind of malpractice in the examination will result in the disqualification of the candidate and withdrawal of candidature.
- [e] **Resolution of Tie**: If more than one candidate obtains equal marks in the Entrance Examination, tie will be resolved as follows:-
 - (i) Candidate with higher marks in Paper II will be ranked higher.
 - (ii) If the tie still remains, the candidate with higher mark in Paper I will be ranked higher.
 - (iii) If the tie still persists, the age of the candidate will be taken into account, the older being given preference.

IX. Selection:

- [a] The Commissioner for Entrance Examination will prepare and publish the Select and Wait list of General Merit Candidates based on merit and forward the same to the Director of Medical Education.
- (b) The selection of General Merit candidates to the course will be on the basis of the rank obtained in the Entrance Examination conducted by the Commissioner of Entrance Examinations (CEE), Kerala.
- [c] The provisional rank list of service Quota, which is prepared according to the service seniority of the Service Candidates, along with the objection if any will be considered by the **Post Graduate Selection Committee** consisting of the Secretary to Government, Health and Family Welfare Department as Chairman and the Director of Medical Education, Director of Health Services, Joint Director of Medical Education (M), and Joint Director of Medical Education (G). The Committee will finalise the **rank list**. The same will be published for the information of the candidates. The candidates will be called for personal appearance to exercise option of subjects.
- (d) The subject wise Select and Wait list of Service candidates will be prepared on the basis of the preference of subjects exercised by the applicants and on the basis of rank at the time of personal appearance
- [e] The select and Wait List published by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations and by the Director of Medical Education will be valid till **30**th **September 2008**. Commencement of academic year is **01-08-2008**.

X. Allotment

Candidates will be allowed to exercise their option for the course and college of study as per their ranks in the order of priority given below.

First - Medical Education Service Quota candidates.

Second - General Merit candidates.

Third - Health Service Quota candidates.

(A) General

(i) The allotment to the courses will be made through counseling for which the candidates will be called for personal appearance. The date, time and venue of counseling will be published in all leading dailies and in other Medias. No individual communication will be served for the candidates for appearing the counseling.

- (ii) Candidates who do not turn up for the allotment as per schedule, at the place and time notified, will forfeit their chance for admission, and will not be considered for admission in future or arising vacancies, irrespective of the rank. However, if a candidate is not able to attend the allotment process on genuine grounds, the parent/guardian, or any authorised person can act as a proxy at the risk of the candidate on production of authorisation letter.
- (iii) Memo will be issued to the candidates who take allotment. The candidate has to report to the college in which he/she is allotted on the date fixed by the Director of Medical Education at the time of counseling. No extension of time for reporting to the college will be granted under any circumstances. The candidates who got selection will have to remit the fees applicable to the course to which they are allotted, at the time of admission in the concerned Medical College.

(b) Documents to be produced at the time of Counseling

- (a) Admit card of the Entrance Examination issued by the CEE.
- (b) Originals of documents mentioned in clause VII (c) (i) to (iv)
- (c) Permanent Registration Certificate from T.C. Medical Council.
- (d) Certificate of Eligibility / Equivalency of the qualifying examination by any of the Universities in Kerala in the case of candidates who have passed their Post Graduate Degree courses from Universities outside Kerala.
- **(c) Unfilled Seats**: Any seat falling vacant in the Health Service Quota will be filled up by the Medical Education Service Quota and any vacant seat in MES Quota will be filled by eligible Health Service candidates. The seats again left vacant will be added to General Merit quota. Any seat vacant in the General Merit Quota will be filled by MESQ and Health Service quota respectively.

XI. Liquidated damages & execution of Bond:

The applicants selected for the Super Speciality Courses have to execute two bonds as in clause (a) and (b) or (c) below in stamped paper (all pages of the bond should be in stamped paper) of the total value of Rs.200 of Kerala stamp paper each at the time of joining the course to the effect that:

- (a) He/she shall not discontinue the Super Speciality Courses he/she has been allotted to after the validity period of the Rank List (i.e., September 30, 2008). If a student discontinues the Super Speciality Courses after the validity period of the rank list, he/she shall pay Rs. 15/- lakhs (Rs. Fifteen lakhs only) as Liquidated damages and also the stipend /salary already received.
- (b) In the case of Service candidates, he/she will serve the Government for a period not less than 5 (Five) years after the completion of the course. If any service candidate violates this clause, it will be construed as professional misconduct and the fact reported to the T.C. Medical Council for suitable action including cancellation of registration by the council. His/Her service will be terminated and a penalty of Rs. 25/- lakhs (Rs.Twenty five lakhs only) will also be levied in addition to termination of service.

- (c) All other candidates will serve the Government of Kerala in Health Service/ Medical Education Service for a period not less than two years after the completion of the course if the Government desires so. If any one violates this condition, it will be construed as professional misconduct and the fact reported to the T. C. medical Council for suitable action including cancellation of registration by the Council. A penalty of Rs. 25/- lakhs (Rs. Twenty five lakhs only) will also be levied.
- (d) A candidate leaving one course to join another of his /her higher option, during the validity period of the Rank List shall not be liable to pay the Liquidated damages.
- (e) The candidates have the option either to execute bond or to pledge a bank guarantee of amount, as specified in the clauses above, in favour of the Government. In the bank guarantee it should be clearly specified that if the candidate violates the bonded obligation the whole amount fixed by government on the basis of above clauses will be remitted to Government by the Bank. The guarantees from the nationalized banks only are accepted..
- (f) No admission shall be made without getting the bonds as detailed above executed at the time of joining. Format of bond will be available in the office of Principal of the Medical College concerned. Any lapse in this regard will be treated as the personal liability of the principal concerned.

XII. General

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Prospectus, the Government may at any time of their own accord or otherwise, revise or amend any order passed by the subordinate authority.

Dated: 16/05/2008.
Thiruvananthapuram

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