

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Health & Family Welfare Department – Medical Education Service – Academic- Post

Graduate Medical Degree/Diploma Courses-Entrance Examinations 2015-16 –

HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (S) DEPARTMENT

Negative marking for incorrect responses-Dispensed with- Orders issued.

GO(Rt) No. 529/2015/H&FWD. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 04.02.2015

Read:- 1. G.O(Rt) No. 3986/2014/H&FWD dated 15.12.2014.

- 2. Judgment dated 12.01.2015 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal Nos. 297-298 of 2015
- 3. Minutes of the Prospectus Committee Meeting held on 20.01.2015

4. G.O(Rt)No. 209/2015/H&FWD dated 21.01.2015.

- Letter No. B2/21885/2014/DME dated 27.01.2015 from the Director of Medical Education, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 6. G.O(Rt)No. 517/2015/H&FWD dated 03.02.2015

ORDER

As per the Government Order read above, the Prospectus for Admission to Post Graduate Medical Degree/Diploma Courses 2015-16 was approved by Government. As per Clause No. 9.2 (i) the Post Graduate Medical Entrance Examination 2015-16 shall be of the standard of MBBS Examinations and shall cover all the subjects of the MBBS course. All the questions will be of objective type. All entries in the OMR sheet including filling of the bubbles should be done by using ball point pen only (Blue or Black colored ink). Each correct response shall be awarded four marks. Negative marking will be adopted for incorrect responses. ONE mark will be deducted for each incorrect response and ZERO marks will be given for unanswered questions. Morethan one response to same question will be deemed as incorrect response and one mark will be deducted.

In this context, it has come to the notice of Government that negative marking adopted for incorrect responses is detrimental to all candidates expecially the inservice candidates and they lose substantially due to this system. Therefore, the Prospectus Committee met on 21.01.2015 discussed the impact of dispensing the Negative Marking System and constituted a Committee as per G.O read as 4th

paper above to study the matter in detail. The Committee studied the system followed in neighboring States and in the National level Entrance Examinations and recommended to dispense the negative marking system for all the candidates (both General and Service Quota) appearing for the PG Entrance Examination, 2015-16. Government have examined the matter in detail and in acceptance of the recommendation of the Committee are pleased to order that the negative marking system inducted in the prospects for the Post Graduate Medical Entrance Examinations vide clause 9.2 (i) is dispensed with and the above clause in the Prospectus is modified as below:

"The Post Graduate Medical Entrance Examination 2015-16 shall be of the standard of MBBS Examinations and shall cover all the subjects of the MBBS course. All the questions will be of objective type. All entries in the OMR sheet including filling of the bubbles should be done by using ball point pen only (Blue or Black colored ink). Each correct response shall be awarded four marks. More than one response to same question will be deemed as incorrect response"

The Commissioner for Entrance Examinations will make all arrangements to give wide publicity through print electronic media in this regard. He will also make necessary modifications in the online version of the prospectus. A notice to this effect should be exhibited in all the exam centers and will announce the same in all the examination halls before the commencement of examination.

(By Order of the Governor)

Dr. K.ELLANGOVAN SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Commissioner for Entrance Examination, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Director of Medical Education, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Director of Health Services, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Director of Insurance Medical Services, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Registrar, Kerala University of Health Sciences, Thrissur-680 596.

The Principals, All Government Medical Colleges, (through Director of Medical Education)

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