

# THE MEDICAL COUNCIL

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### **Report on the Medical Council Malta Statutory Examination for Medical Practitioners Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

17<sup>th</sup> September 2015

The Medical Council Malta entrusted and appointed Ms Gabriella Abela M.A., MSc., a former Member of the Medical Council whose term expired on 21<sup>st</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

During Council Meeting No. 03/2015 held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

All candidates awaiting information about the September 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 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015, including the Guidelines of the MCMSE, through emails dated 3<sup>rd</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July and 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015. This list of candidates included thirty (30) applicants.

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 31<sup>st</sup> July 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 17<sup>th</sup> August 2015, or otherwise one would not be eligible to sit for the examination.

Eight (8) applicants confirmed their intention to sit for the MCMSE September 2015. Six (6) applicants paid by the dates stipulated and sat for this examination session. These were provided with the examination venue and their respective time-table by means of emails dated 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015. All examinations started at 08:30.

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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, prior to the start of the examination. Mr Philip Borg, Substitute Examination Coordinator was also present.

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 hereunder provides the outcome of this examination session.

Table 3: MCMSE September 2015 Results

DATE	NUMBER OF APPLICANTS	RESULTS	
		PASS	FAIL
16.09.2015	6 candidates sat for whole examination	1	5

Candidates were informed whether they had passed or failed the MCMSE through emails dated Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015. A breakdown of the marks obtained and the way forward was communicated through letters dated Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

Candidates who were not successful in the MCMSE were also reminded that they were allowed to sit for the MCMSE only twice. Dr Eytayo Awofeko MB BS was successful in the MCMSE and 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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### Costs:

The position of MCMSE Examination Coordinator entails a remuneration of € 233 (two hundred and thirty-three Euros) for each Examination Session conducted, that is, in April and September each year.

The position of MCMSE Examiners entails a remuneration of € 120 (one hundred and twenty Euros) for every candidate tested.

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