

**By-Laws of the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)
Sabaragamuwa, Degree Programme**

**By-Laws made by the Council of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka under
section 135 of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978.**

1. These By-Laws may be cited as the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) Degree By-Laws No. 2 of 2021 and they must be read concurrently with the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) Degree Regulations No 2 of Faculty of Medicine Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka.
2. Subject to these By-Laws a student may be awarded the Degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery if he/she
 - a) has been admitted as an internal student of the University under section 15 (vii) of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978, and
 - b) has been registered as a student of a Faculty of Medicine in Sri Lanka for a period, not less than 4 years and 9 months, and
 - c) has completed the courses of study prescribed by the By-Laws Rules and Regulations, to the satisfaction of the Vice-Chancellor, and
 - d) has passed the Second MBBS Examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS), and
 - e) has passed the Third MBBS Examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS), and
 - f) has passed the Final Examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS), and,
 - g) has paid such fees or other dues as may be prescribed by the University, and
 - h) has fulfilled any other conditions or requirements as may be prescribed by the University
3. The medium of instructions and examinations in the MBBS degree program shall be English.
4. A student must complete the MBBS course within 10 years of registering for the course unless the Senate has permitted extension for valid reasons.

5. The Examinations leading to the Degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) shall be in sequence,
 - a) Second Examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (2nd MBBS),
 - b) Third Examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (3rd MBBS), and
 - c) Final Examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (Final MBBS).
6. The subjects within the courses of study and syllabi for the examinations leading to the Degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery and the examination criteria including the number of papers, oral examinations and other forms of assessments in each subject and the marks apportioned to each subject/component shall be prescribed by the regulations made by the Senate.
7. The Senate shall have power, on the recommendation of the Faculty Board, to change, amend, add or delete the number of subjects, modules, number of papers, courses of study or syllabi, and to change, amend, add or delete any rules and regulations relating to any of the examinations leading to the Degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery. Due notice decided by the Faculty Board shall be given to the students of any such changes, amendments, additions or deletions.
8. Each of the examinations prescribed by these By-Laws and the regulations thereunder shall be conducted by a Board of Examiners constituted for the conduct of that examination.
9. A candidate shall sit himself/herself for each examination leading to the Degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery on the first occasion at which he/she is required to do so provided that it shall be within the power of the Senate to declare that he/she is eligible to appear for that examination on a subsequent occasion.
10. Sitting for an examination denotes participating in all subjects/components of the examination needed for completion of the examination, at one and the same examination. Candidates who do not sit for all the subjects/components and complete the examination will not be able to pass that examination.
11. A candidate may be granted permission to postpone a scheduled attempt based on a valid excuse* submitted and accepted by the Senate and the attempt at which he/she sits the examination after the postponement shall be regarded as the attempt for which he/she has submitted a valid excuse.
12. In the absence of an acceptable excuse, failure to sit any due or scheduled examination shall be considered as an unsuccessful attempt at that examination.
13. The candidate must have been issued a valid admission pertaining to a particular examination before being eligible to sit all the components/subjects of an examination. The candidate will not be allowed to sit for a separate component/subject in a particular examination if he/she has not been referred in that component/subject.

14. The candidate must have a minimum of 80% attendance for tutorials, practical, lectures, small group discussions or any other activity defined by the Department and approved by the Faculty Board.

- a) Failure to achieve 80% attendance the student will not be allowed to sit the final examination (2nd MBBS, 3rd MBBS Part 1 and 3rd MBBS part 2)
- b) In the absence of a candidate with less than 80% attendance as mentioned in 14 will not be eligible to sit for the scheduled examination and shall be considered as an unsuccessful attempt at that examination. He or she will be permitted to sit at the subsequent examination and the attempt will be considered as the second attempt.

15. If the candidate fails to sit for a component of the main examination without a valid excuse acceptable to the Senate, the candidate will receive zero marks for that component/subject and will fail the whole examination. A candidate should sit for the entire examination next time as the second attempt. The candidate therefore would not be eligible for Honours and distinctions.

16. In the event a candidate fails to sit a component/subject of an examination due to a valid excuse, the results of the component/subject that the candidate sat for would be withheld until the results of all the components/subjects can be released. The maximum marks the candidate will be given for that particular component/subject at the next scheduled exam will be 50%.

Or

The candidate could request the whole examination to be considered null and void and take all the components/subjects at the next examination, which would be considered as his/her first attempt. The candidate would therefore be eligible for Honours and distinctions.

17. The marks obtained for the in-course assessments or continuous assessments/end semester assessments would be taken into consideration only for the students first attempt at the examination. When a student appears for an examination in the second or subsequent attempts the marks obtained for the in-course assessments or continuous assessments will not be taken into consideration when computing the final mark for that subject/ examination.

18. A candidate who is absent for in-course assessments or continuous assessments/end semester assessments with a valid excuse acceptable to the department responsible for the subject should-comply with the regulations described under each department/subject.

19. A candidate who has not completed clinical /field appointments.

- a) Should a candidate be unable to sit for the examination at the first scheduled attempt due to being repeated in a clinical appointment on account of a valid excuse, he/she may be allowed to sit for the next examination after completion of the repeat clinical appointment. If the missed examination is the candidate's first attempt, he/she will be eligible for Honours and distinctions at the next scheduled examination.
- b) If the candidate is unable to sit for a scheduled examination due to his/her being repeated in a clinical /field appointment, not on account of a valid excuse, the candidate will not be eligible for Honours and distinctions.

20. Award of Honours at examinations.

- a) A candidate who has been successful at the Second MBBS examination for MBBS degree, Third MBBS examination for MBBS degree and Final Examination for MBBS degree may be awarded First Class Honours or Second-Class Honours (Upper division) or Second-Class Honours (Lower Division) or a pass, as the case may be.
- b) A candidate shall not be eligible for Honours unless he/she has sat the examination on the earliest occasion on which he/she is qualified to do so, provided that it shall be within the power of the Senate to declare, for some specified reason, that he/she is eligible for Honours at a subsequent attempt.
- c) A candidate shall not be eligible for Honours unless he/she has passed the examination at his/her first scheduled attempt.

Second MBBS Examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree

- 21. The Second MBBS examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree consists of examination in subjects of Anatomy, Biochemistry and Physiology, and any other subject approved by the Senate.
- 22. A candidate for the Second MBBS examination for MBBS degree should have
 - a) Followed the prescribed course of study in each of these subjects, to the satisfaction of the Vice-Chancellor
 - b) Completed the specified continuous assessments/End Semester Examinations, and
 - c) Should have the attendance at lectures, tutorials, practicals, SDG within each semester as stated in section 14.
- 23. The course shall be of three semesters duration and the Second MBBS examination for the MBBS degree will be held at the end of the third semester and a repeat examination will be held not less than six weeks after the release of the results of the previous examination.
- 24. The examination immediately following the completion of the course shall be deemed to be the first scheduled attempt.
- 25. A candidate shall be deemed to have sat the first scheduled examination irrespective of whether it has been attempted or not unless a valid excuse has been submitted and accepted by the Senate.
- 26. If the excuse has been accepted, the examination immediately following the expiry of the period of excuse, recommended by the Faculty of Medicine and approved by the Senate shall be the candidate's first attempt.
- 27. In the absence of an acceptable excuse, failure to sit any scheduled examination will be considered as an unsuccessful attempt at the examination.

28. A student should sit for the first attempt of the Second MBBS examination for MBBS degree within four years of his/her registration. No student is permitted to sit this examination for the first time after four years of registration unless special approval is granted by the Senate on the recommendations of the Faculty of Medicine.
29. A student must complete the Second MBBS examination for MBBS degree in not more than four scheduled attempts not counting attempts with a valid excuse. A student who is unable to complete this examination at the fourth attempt shall not be permitted to sit again for this examination.
30. Criteria for Pass/Fail/Referred for the Second MBBS examination for MBBS degree
- a) A candidate who obtains 45% or above in the written (MCQ/ SEQ/ SAQ or any other written component define by the department) component of the final Second MBBS examination and an overall average of 50% or above for each of the three subjects Anatomy, Biochemistry and Physiology shall be considered to have passed the Second MBBS examination for MBBS degree.
 - b) A candidate who has passed at least in one subject of the Second MBBS examination for MBBS degree and has received 25% or above but less than 50% for the other subject/s will be referred in the latter subject/s of the Second MBBS examination for MBBS degree.
 - c) If a candidate receives less than 25% for any subject in the Second MBBS examination for MBBS degree he/she will be considered as having failed the whole examination of the Second MBBS examination for MBBS degree.
31. Award of Honours for the Second MBBS examination for MBBS degree
- a) A candidate who passes the Second MBBS examination for MBBS degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains 70% or more of the cumulative average mark at that examination, shall be eligible for First Class Honours.
 - b) A candidate who passes the Second MBBS examination for MBBS degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains 65% to 69% or more of the cumulative average mark at that examination, shall be eligible for Second Class Upper Division Honours
 - c) A candidate who passes the Second MBBS examination for MBBS degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains 60% to 64% or more of the cumulative average mark at that examination shall be eligible for Second Class Lower Division Honours).
32. Award of Distinctions for the Second MBBS examination for MBBS degree

A candidate who obtains 70% or above in Anatomy, Biochemistry and Physiology with a cumulative minimum average of 60% for the end semester assessments will be awarded a distinction in the respective subject, provided that the candidate has passed the Second MBBS examination for MBBS degree in the first attempt.

Third MBBS Examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree

33. A student shall not be eligible to enter the course for the Third MBBS examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree **unless and until** he/she has passed the Second MBBS examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree.
34. A candidate for the Third MBBS examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree shall have
- a) passed the Second MBBS examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree,
 - b) Thereafter completed, the prescribed courses of study in each of the subjects specified for the Third MBBS examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree to the satisfaction of the Vice Chancellor and **completed** the continuous assessments,
 - c) The candidate must have a minimum of 80% attendance for tutorials, practical, lectures, small group discussions or any other activity defined by the Department and approved by the Faculty Board.
 - d) Failure to achieve 80% attendance the student will not be allowed to sit the final examination (3rd MBBS Part 1 and 3rd MBBS part 2)
 - e) In the absence of a candidate with less than 80% attendance as mentioned in 34 (c) will not be eligible to sit for the scheduled examination and shall be considered as an unsuccessful attempt at that examination. He or she will be permitted to sit at the subsequent examination and the attempt will be considered as the second attempt.
35. The Third MBBS examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) consists of the following components.
- a) **Third MBBS Part I** examination will assess the subjects Microbiology and Parasitology
 - b) **Third MBBS Part II** examination will assess the subjects Pathology, Pharmacology, Forensic Medicine and Community Medicine.
36. The course for the Third MBBS Part I shall be of two semesters (4th & 5th) duration. The Third MBBS Part I examination for MBBS degree will be held at the end of the Vth semester, and a repeat examination held not less than six weeks after the release of the results of the previous examination.
37. The course for the Third MBBS Part II shall be of four-semester duration from 4th to 7th, semester. The Third MBBS Part II examination will be held at the end of 7th semester and a repeat examination held not less than six weeks after the release of the results of the previous examination.

38. The examination immediately following the completion of the course for each part of the Third MBBS examination shall be deemed to be the first scheduled attempt.
39. A candidate shall be deemed to have sat the first scheduled examination irrespective of whether it has been attempted or not unless a valid excuse has been submitted and accepted by the Senate.
40. If the excuse has been accepted, the examination immediately following the expiry of the period of postponement recommended by the Faculty of Medicine and approved by the Senate shall be the candidate's first attempt.
41. In the absence of an acceptable excuse, failure to sit any due or scheduled examination will be considered as an unsuccessful attempt at the examination.
42. A candidate shall be deemed to have passed the Third MBBS examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree when he/she has passed both the Third MBBS Part I and Third MBBS Part II examinations
43. Criteria for Pass/Fail/Referred for the Third MBBS examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree
 - a. Third MBBS Part I Examination
 - i. A candidate who obtains 45% or above in the written (MCQ/ SEQ/ SAQ or any other written component define by the department) component and an overall average of 50% or above in each of the subjects of the Third MBBS Part I, shall be considered to have passed the Third MBBS Part 1 examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree.
 - ii. A candidate who has passed one subject of the Third MBBS Part I, and has received 25% or above but less than 50% for the other subject will be referred in the latter subject of the Third MBBS Part 1 examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree.
 - iii. If a candidate receives less than 25% for any of the above subjects of the Third MBBS Part I, he/she will be considered as having failed the Third MBBS Part 1 examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)
 - b. Third MBBS Part II Examination
 - i. A candidate who obtains 45% or above in the written (MCQ/ SEQ/ SAQ or any other written component define by the department) component and an overall average of 50% or above in each of the subjects of the Third MBBS Part II shall be considered to have passed the Third MBBS Part II examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree.
 - ii. A candidate who has passed at least one subject of the Third MBBS Part II examination for MBBS degree and has received 25% or above but less than 50% for each of the other subjects, will be referred in the latter subjects of the Third MBBS Part II examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree.

- iii. If a candidate receives less than 25% for any of the subjects of the Third MBBS Part II examination for MBBS degree he/she will be considered as having failed the Third MBBS Part II examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree.

44. Award of Honours for the Third MBBS Examination for MBBS degree

- a. A candidate who passes the third MBBS examination for MBBS degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains 70% or more of the cumulative average mark at that examination, shall be eligible for First Class Honours.
- b. A candidate who passes the third MBBS examination for MBBS degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains 65% to 69% or more of the cumulative average mark at that examination, shall be eligible for Second Class Upper Division Honours
- c. A candidate who passes the third MBBS examination for MBBS degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains 60% to 64% or more of the cumulative average mark at that examination shall be eligible for Second Class Lower Division Honours).

45. Award of Distinctions for the Third MBBS examination for MBBS degree

A candidate who obtains 70% or above in Microbiology, Parasitology Pathology, Pharmacology, Forensic Medicine and Community Medicine with a cumulative average minimum of 60% for the end semester assessments will be awarded a distinction in the respective subject, provided that the candidate has passed the Third MBBS examination for MBBS degree in the first attempt.

46. English Proficiency Examination

- a. The Faculty shall conduct an annual English Proficiency Examination that would be open for all students.
- b. A candidate must pass the all components, in order to pass the Examination.
- c. There is no limit to the number of attempts at the Examination.

47. Personal and Professional Development Programme

- a. The course for the Personal and Professional Development (PPD) Programme shall be of ten semesters. The course will include a teaching/learning program organized by the PPD committee of the faculty, a period of Electives and integrated into the clinical training by the Clinical Departments during Semesters 9 and 10.
- b. The first part of the programme in PPD shall be of six semesters (1 to 6th) duration. The second part shall be two semesters (7th and 8th).
- c. The outcome of the PPD will be assessed through two written examinations and by integrating them to relevant summative or formative or continuous assessments of the Pre- Clinical, Para-Clinical and Clinical disciplines.

- d. PPD Part 1 will be assessed before the end of Semester 6, and Part 2 will be assessed before the end of Semester 8. A repeat examination will be held not less than six weeks after the release of the results of the previous examination.

48. Primary Care and Family Medicine programme

The Primary Care and Family Medicine programme will be from semesters 4 to 8 and the clinical appointment will be during semesters 5 to 7. The final assessment of Primary Care and Family Medicine will be during semester 8. Students must to complete their clinical appointment in Primary Care and Family Medicine satisfactorily to sit for the exam in Primary Care and Family Medicine. Students must get 50 % and above the aggregate with a minimum of 40 % or above for each component of the exam to pass the subject. No distinctions will be awarded.

49. Elective programme

All students are expected to carry out an elective project over a period of four weeks, on a subject area or discipline of the student's choice with the concurrence of the Elective Committee of the Faculty. During the project, the students are expected to maintain a logbook and submit a project report at the end of the programme which would be assessed. Submission of satisfactory completed log book and a project report would be considered as a successful completion of the Elective Programme.

The elective programme would commence after the second MBBS examination (proper) and should be completed before the 9th semester.

Final Examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) Degree

50. The course for the Final Examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) Degree shall be of ten semesters.
51. A student shall not be eligible to enter the clinical training unless and until he/she has passed the Second MBBS Examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree.
52. The Final Examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree assesses the contents of Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics, and Psychiatry.
53. A candidate for the Final Examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) shall have
 - a. been registered as a medical student for a period not less than 4 years and 9 months, and
 - b. passed the Third MBBS examination for MBBS degree, and
 - c. satisfactorily completed the PPD program and elective program and

- d. completed to the satisfaction of the Vice Chancellor the prescribed course of study in each of the subjects: Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics, Psychiatry and
 - e. completed all the clinical appointments to the satisfaction of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine with regard to the knowledge, skills and attitudes of the student and
 - f. passed the English proficiency examination conducted by the Faculty of Medicine, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka .
54. The Final Examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree immediately following the completion of the above shall be deemed to be the first scheduled attempt.
 55. A candidate shall be deemed to have sat the first scheduled examination irrespective of whether it has been attempted or not unless a valid excuse has been submitted and accepted by the Senate.
 56. If an excuse has been accepted, the Final Examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree immediately following the expiry of the period of postponement accepted and recommended by the Senate shall be considered the candidate's first attempt.
 57. In the absence of an acceptable excuse, failure to sit any one subject of the scheduled examination will be considered as an unsuccessful attempt at the examination.
 58. A candidate shall be deemed to have passed the Final Examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree if he/ has, sat at one and the same examination, satisfied the board of the examiners in each of the subjects prescribed.
 59. A candidate who has been referred in one or more subjects at the Final Examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree should pass at least one other subject within the next three scheduled attempts. Failing this, he/she will have to re-sit the whole examination.
 60. A student may be granted permission to postpone a scheduled attempt on the basis of a valid excuse* submitted to and accepted by the Senate. Each period of exemption granted will be considered by the Senate based on individual merit.
 61. The registration of candidates expires when 10 academic years elapsed after the first registration as a medical student. Notwithstanding the fact that a candidate may be otherwise eligible, such a candidate would not be permitted to appear for the Final MBBS examination if a period of ten academic years has elapsed since this candidate registered as a medical student. All periods of exemption granted by the Senate will be taken into consideration when computing these ten years. The periods of exemption will be added to the period of ten years when computing the maximum period of stay that will be allowed to such candidates.

62. Criteria for Pass/Fail/Referred for the Final Examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree

- a. In clinical subjects in the Final Examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree in addition to 45% or above in the written (MCQ/ SEQ/ SAQ or any other written component define by the department) component, a candidate should obtain a minimum of 50% or above in clinical component and an overall aggregate of 50% or above in a subject to be considered to have passed in that subject.
- b. A candidate who has passed at least in one clinical subject of the Final Examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree and has received between 25% to 49% for each of the other subjects, will be referred in the latter subject/subjects.
- c. If a candidate receives less than 25% for any subject, he/she will be considered as having failed the Final Examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree.

63. Award of distinctions for the Final Examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree

A candidate who obtains an overall aggregate of 70% or above in relevant subjects in the Final Examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) shall be considered to have obtained a distinction in that subject provided that he/she is sitting that examination for the first time and that he/she passes the whole Final Examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree.

64. Award of Honours for the Final Examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree. A candidate;

- a. who passes the Final Examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains an overall average of 70% shall be eligible for First Class (Honours)
- b. who passes the Final Examination for MBBS degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains an overall average of 65% to 69% at that examination, shall be eligible for Second Class Upper Division (Honours).
- c. who passes the Final Examination for MBBS degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains an overall average of 60% to 64% at that examination shall be eligible for Second Class Lower Division (Honours).
- d. who has passed the Final Examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains an average of 64% at that examination shall be eligible for Second Class Upper Division (Honours) provided that he/she has;

- i. First-Class Honours or Second Class Upper Division Honours, in both the Second MBBS examination for MBBS degree and Third MBBS examination for MBBS degree and,
 - ii. a cumulative average mark of 65% or above at the Second and Third MBBS examinations and Final Examination for MBBS degree.
 - e. A candidate who has passed the Final Examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains an average mark of 59% or above at the Final Examination for MBBS degree shall be eligible for Second Class Lower Division (Honours) provided that he/she
 - i. has obtained Honours in both the Second MBBS examination for MBBS degree and the Third Examination for MBBS degree and
 - ii. has a cumulative average of 60% or above at the Second MBBS examination for MBBS degree, Third MBBS Examination for MBBS degree and the Final Examination for MBBS degree.
65. Fall-back Options are available to the candidates who have been registered for MBBS degree program, but do not desire to complete the program or unable to complete the MBBS degree program within the specified time.
- a. A candidate who has been registered for MBBS degree program but has been unable to complete the full study programme within the specified time, may be awarded a Diploma or a higher diploma in Human Biology or a Bachelor of Health Sciences, on the candidate's request provided the candidate has fulfilled the criteria laid down by the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka and conform to the SLQF requirements appropriate to the level of qualification. (Fallback Option)
 - b. A candidate who has not obtained the grades required for the award of the Diploma in Human Biology or Bachelor of Health Sciences, may re-sit the examinations of the relevant course units at the next available attempt in order to improve the grades up to a maximum total of four attempts.
 - c. The candidates who are expelled from the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka on disciplinary grounds are not eligible to apply for the award of qualifications under sections 65.a and 65.b above.
 - d. Once any of the named qualifications are awarded under sections 65.a and 65.b, to a candidate, it cannot be changed nor can the candidate revert to the MBBS degree program, under any circumstances.
 - e. None of the qualifications awarded under section 65 **shall not** make the candidate eligible for registration with the Sri Lanka Medical Council as a medical practitioner.

***Valid Excuses are listed below:**

- a) Medical certificate acceptable to the Senate.
- b) In the event of absence at an examination and any activity for which your attendance and participation is made compulsory by the respective department (lectures, practical, SGD, tutorials etc.) the medical certificate or the valid reason must be submitted to the Senior Assistant Registrar's Office within two week of absence.
- c) The Medical certificate must be accepted by the Medical Board appointed by the Faculty.
- d) Death of immediate family member (parents/siblings/if married spouse or children) within one week prior to the exam or during the exam. The death certificate should be submitted for approval of the Senate.
- e) Candidates' participation in an International or National level activity for which prior permission has been obtained from the Senate.
- f) Any other cause such as a natural disaster, clearly precluding a candidate from sitting the examination.

In the event of any discrepancy between the provisions laid down in these By-Laws, and the curricula, or Regulations, or rules, or guidelines the provisions contained in these By-Laws shall prevail.