

## 2. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION OF STUDENTS WITH FOREIGN QUALIFICATIONS

- 2.1 Candidates with impressive results at a foreign examination **held outside Sri Lanka**, deemed equivalent to G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination of Sri Lanka are eligible to apply for admission to universities in Sri Lanka.
- a) Applicants are advised to attach to their applications the **original letter** obtained from the Examinations Board concerned, to prove that their educational qualifications are equivalent to the G.C.E.(A/L) Examination of the University of London or qualifications required for admission to a university in their own country to follow an undergraduate course of study leading to a Bachelor's Degree.
  - b) Applicants should ensure that all required passes should be obtained in **one and the same sitting under a recognized Board of Examinations.**
- 2.2 In order to become eligible for admission under this special provision,
- a) Sri Lankan candidates should have studied abroad for a period of not less than **five years** immediately prior to sitting the qualifying examination.  
**N.B. - Applicants must provide documentary proof.**
  - b) In the case of children of Sri Lankans attached to Sri Lanka diplomatic missions abroad or on foreign assignments sponsored by the Government of Sri Lanka, candidates should have studied abroad at least for a period of 03 years continuously, immediately prior to sitting the qualifying examination.  
**Note :** However, the candidates who have satisfied the requirements for admission at a foreign examination equivalent to GCE (A/L) Examination held locally too will be considered, if;
    - a. they have sat the said examination locally within a period of 06 months from the date of their returning to Sri Lanka after completion of a continuous period of 2 1/2 years of studies abroad immediately prior to sitting the qualifying examination.  
  
provided that
    - b. their parents have returned to Sri Lanka on completion of the assignment having served at least a period of 03 years immediately prior to their child sitting the said examination locally.  
**N.B. - Applicants must provide documentary proof.**
- 2.3 Candidates with High School Diploma should have passed the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and Test of English as a foreign Language (TOEFL) in addition to the High School Diploma.
- 2.4 Applicants must submit the documentary evidence in proof of the availability of sufficient funds.

## 3. ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

English is the medium of instruction. Accordingly, an applicant whose primary language is not English or whose previous education has been conducted in another language, must demonstrate a command of English sufficient to meet the demands of classroom instructions, written assignments and participation in tutorials and discussions. Therefore applicants whose primary language is not English or whose previous education has not been in English must provide evidence of proficiency in English i.e. achieve a minimum score of 550 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or achieve minimum score of 6.5 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) etc.

#### 4. SUBJECT PRE-REQUISITES AND PARTICULARS OF COURSE OF STUDY

In addition to the minimum admission requirements specified above, candidates have to fulfill certain subject pre-requisites in order to qualify for admission to a particular course of study. Subject pre-requisites which have to be satisfied by the applicants with local qualifications for each course of study are given in the Part Two. **Applicants with foreign qualifications too are required to have passed/offered (as the case may be) the subjects equivalent to those given in the Part Two.**

#### 5. ACADEMIC YEAR

The academic year of the Universities which follow the old system consists of three terms. The Universities which follow the semester system has two semesters per year. The date of commencement of the first term/semester of a particular academic year may vary from one institution to another or from one Faculty of an institution to another. No students will however be admitted except as from the commencement of the first term of the academic year. It is planned to have a common academic year for all the universities commencing from September/ October 2012, in which case the academic year will be from October of a particular year to September of the following year.

#### 6. HOW TO APPLY

Every application of the admission should be made in the prescribed form obtainable from the University Grants Commission.

- a) Children of Sri Lankan diplomats seeking admission to universities in Sri Lanka should forward their applications to the Additional Secretary (Academic Affairs & University Admissions), University Grants Commission, No 20, Ward Place, Colombo 07, through the Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic Building, Colombo 01, Sri Lanka.
- b) Foreign students seeking admission to universities in Sri Lanka should forward their applications to the Additional Secretary (Academic Affairs & University Admissions), University Grants Commission, No 20, Ward Place, Colombo 07, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of applicant's country and the Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic Building, Colombo 01, Sri Lanka.

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- c) Sri Lankan students with foreign qualifications should send their applications direct to the Additional Secretary (Academic Affairs & University Admissions), University Grants Commission, No 20, Ward Place, Colombo 07.
- d) Every application should be accompanied by a Bank Draft of US \$ 10/- payable to the University Grants Commission, being the application processing fee. Applications which do not accompany the application processing fee will not be considered for admission.
- e) All Pakistani Nationals seeking admission to Universities in Sri Lanka should obtain the concurrence of the Ministry of Education, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad and attach the original of the 'No objection Certificate' to their applications.
- f) It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that his/her application is accompanied by all relevant supporting documents. All documents must be certified by the relevant authorities.
- g) Each application for admission should reach the Additional Secretary/Academic Affairs & University Admissions of the University Grants Commission at least 03 months prior to the proposed date of admission.
- h) Failure to submit the relevant documents and certificates along with the application may result in rejection of the application for university admission under the foreign quota.
- i) Closing date for applications for the academic year 2011/2012 will be on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2012.