

**The Ministry of Health and Wellness**  
**Guidelines for Medical Elective Placements in Public**  
**Hospitals in Mauritius**

1. The Ministry of Health and Wellness wishes to inform interested students who are pursuing their undergraduate medical studies abroad that requests for electives in public hospitals have to be made to the Senior Chief Executive of the Ministry of Health and Wellness either by;

post as follows:-

**The Senior Chief Executive**  
**Ministry of Health and Wellness**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Emmanuel Anquetil Building**  
**Port-Louis**  
**Republic of Mauritius**

or email on:

[moh-retrain@govmu.org](mailto:moh-retrain@govmu.org)

2. The following documents must be submitted for consideration:

- (a) A completed Application Form as per **Annex**;
- (b) Two recent passport-sized photographs;
- (c) A copy of the student's bio-data and particulars (CV);
- (d) Letter of Recommendation from the student's University, recommending the elective and certifying that the student is registered on a Medical Undergraduate Programme and that the elective is a requirement of the course.

3. Students have to make their own arrangements for boarding, lodging and transport and will be responsible for all their subsistence, accommodation and travel expenses.

Students will be accepted for a clinical observership only.

4. Students will be accepted for the elective only as from their Third Year of Study up to the Final Year.

Students will be accepted for electives for only one period during their medical studies. Additional applications for electives will not be considered.

The duration of an elective period is for a minimum of 4 weeks and a maximum of 8 weeks.

5. Students should send their applications well in advance, preferably, not less than three months before the requested date for start of the elective.

An administrative fee may be requested from Non-Mauritian students.

6. Students may indicate their preference for department and specialities, in order of priority. However, there is no guarantee that they will be granted their first choice **and any request for change of posting, after the approval of the Ministry has been granted, may not be entertained anew.**

Elective placements will be granted on a first come first served basis. However, receipt of an application does not guarantee an offer. The Ministry reserves the right to refuse an application.

7. At the end of the elective period, each student will be given a certification form signed by the Supervisor or Head of Unit, indicating whether he/she has completed the period satisfactorily or otherwise.

8. Students are expected to strictly comply with all rules and regulations of the hosting institution such as professional behaviour, compulsory attendance and punctuality. Particular focus is laid on respecting privacy and confidentiality of medical information.

Any misconduct may lead to termination of the elective.

All students will be required to wear appropriate clothing and an identification badge.

Personal protective equipment, if required, will be made accessible to the student.

9. If a student encounters any problem during his/her elective period, he/she should contact the Medical Superintendent of the hospital who will act as the Facilitator.

The Consultant-in-Charge of the unit will designate a Specialist to act as the student's Supervisor who will prepare a programme of work.

10. The Ministry of Health and Wellness reserves the right to review and amend the content(s) of the Guidelines whenever deemed fit, without advance notification.

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