

Introduction:

The Parliamentary Committee on Subordinate Legislation of the Lok Sabha have made recommendations for the renewal of registration of all doctors every five years along with its recommendations on compulsory Continuing Medical Education. The Medical Council of India had endorsed the above recommendations. Further, regulation No. 1.2.3 of the Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002, provides that “a physician should participate in professional meetings as part of Continuing Medical Education Programmes, for at least 30 hours every five years, organized by reputed professional academic bodies or any other authorized organizations. The compliance of this requirement shall be informed regularly to Medical Council of India or the State Medical Councils, as the case may be”. Considering the above, the Travancore-Cochin Council of Modern Medicine in its meeting held on 28-5-2004, resolved to introduce renewal of registration of Modern Medicine doctors, registered in Part A of the Register, every five years, subject to the condition that the respective doctors shall produce certificates to the effect that he has completed 30 hours of CME programme.

The Council of Modern Medicine held on 5-2-2009 considered the issue of renewal of registration and it was resolved that all Modern Medicine doctors registered on or before 31-12-2004 should renew their registration before 31-12-2009, and thereafter, every five years. Those who registered after 31-12-2004 should renew their registration on completion of five years.

Instead of the existing Registration Certificate “Holographic High Security Certificate” with scanned photograph of the doctor, will be issued to all registered (Part – A) Modern Medicine Practitioners. Registration of additional qualifications need not be renewed at present.

Attendance in CME programmes:

For renewal of registration, all registered (Part-A) Modern Medicine doctors should attend 30 hours of CME programme. The doctors who have registered up to 31-12-2008 can produce copies of certificates of attendance of 30 hours in any CME programme attended by them till date, after their registration, for their first time renewal. The doctors who have registered from 1-1-2009 would have to produce copies of certificates showing attendance in 30 hours of accredited CME, when they apply for renewal.

In order to regulate and standardise, and to avoid exploitation by non-accredited agencies, the Travancore-Cochin Medical Councils have decided to grant accreditation to CME programmes. Detailed guidelines for approving and accrediting CME Programmes have been issued by the Council in January 2009.

How to apply for renewal:

Duly filled up application (form can be down loaded from the site) along with the documents mentioned in the instructions should reach the 'Registrar, Travancore-Cochin Medical Councils, Red Cross Road, Thiruvananthapuram – 35 in the following Schedule:-

Registration Number

Date of receipt of Applications

33248 to 33969
15-10-2009 to 31-10-2009

01 to 15000
01-11-2009 to 15-11-2009

15001 to 25000

16-11-2009 to 30-11-2009

25001 to 30000
01-12-2009 to 15-12-2009

30001 to 33247
16-12-2009 to 25-12-2009

From 33970 onwards
On completion of five years.

Documents to be attached along with the application:

1. Original MBBS Registration Certificate (Initial Registration) should be surrendered along with the application.
2. Two passport size colour photograph (attested by a Gazetted Officer on the reverse)
3. Self attested copy of CME certificates showing 30 hours of attendance in CME. (Maximum of ten certificates can be submitted for non-accredited CMEs.)
4. Fee for renewal is Rs.500/-(rupees five hundred only). A fine of Rs.100/- should be remitted for each year of delay after the due date. Fee can be remitted by the special chalan issued by the Council, at the SBT Main Branch, Thiruvananthapuram or by D.D. from any Scheduled Bank, payable at the State Bank of Travancore, Thiruvananthapuram, drawn in favour of the “Registrar, Travancore-Cochin Medical Councils, Thiruvananthapuram”
5. Self addressed, stamped, cloth-lined envelop (30 cms x 26 cms) for sending the Certificate by Registered Post.