

NOTICE PUBLISHED BY THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR UNIVERSITY ADMISSION FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/2021 BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THE G.C.E. (A/L) EXAMINATION, 2020

It is hereby informed that the University Grants Commission (UGC) decided to consider the students who will be sitting for the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination to be held in the year 2020 under new syllabus and old syllabus as two distinct populations as directed by the Supreme Court in SC (FR) Application No. 29/2012 in relation to students who sat for the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination in the year 2011 under new and old syllabi. Therefore, the UGC has appointed a Committee of Experts to propose criteria as to how the selection of students to universities is made for the academic year 2020/2021 based on the Z-Scores that will be obtained by them at the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination in the year 2020.

Based on the recommendations made by the said Committee of Experts, the UGC in consultation with the Admissions Committee in accordance with the Section 15 (vii) of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 (as amended), made the following decisions.

- The percentage of students to be admitted to universities from those sitting for the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination under the <u>new syllabus</u> in the year 2020 for each degree programme (course of study) on district merit from each district and all island merit shall be the composite average percentage of students admitted to universities through their <u>first and second attempts</u> during the five year period from 2014 to 2018 for that particular degree programme (course of study) on district merit from each district and all island merit, respectively.
- The percentage of students to be admitted to universities from those sitting for the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination under the <u>old syllabus</u> in the year 2020 for each degree programme (course of study) on district merit from each district and all island merit shall be the composite average percentage of students admitted to universities through their <u>third</u> <u>attempt</u> during the five year period from 2014 to 2018 for that particular degree programme (course of study) on district merit from each district and all island merit, respectively.

Accordingly, the selection of students to universities for the academic year 2020/2021 based on the Z-Scores of the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination to be held in the year 2020 will be made in accordance with the above decisions subject to the rules and regulations to be issued with the Handbook on "Admission to Undergraduate Courses of the Universities in Sri Lanka" for the academic year 2020/2021.

The Chairman University Grants Commission No: 20, Ward Place, Colombo 07 07.10.2020