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Vice Chancellors of Universities  
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**SCHEMES OF RECRUITMENT FOR THE POST OF LECTURER (PROBATIONARY)-  
(MEDICAL/DENTAL) AND (NON-MEDICAL/DENTAL)**

Your attention is invited to the Schemes of Recruitment of the post of Lecturer (Probationary)-(Medical/Dental) and (Non-Medical/Dental) specified in Commission Circular No. 721 of 21.11.1997 as amended, and also to Commission Circular No. 859 of 16.03.2005.

2. The Commission at its 980<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 01.02.2018, noted its observations made in keeping with the Sri Lanka Qualifications Framework (SLQF), at the 959<sup>th</sup> and 973<sup>rd</sup> meetings held on 16.02.2017 and 12.10.2017 respectively, that one credit is considered equivalent to 50 notional hours and the student workload of a study programme is defined as 1500 notional learning hours per academic year. Accordingly, 1500 notional learning hours cover 30 credits per year and within 03 years only 90 credits can be covered. Therefore, it was observed that a Special Degree (Bachelors Honours) which includes 120 credits as the minimum volume of learning, cannot be covered within 03 years duration.

3. **In view of the above, the Commission decided that a Special Degree of less than 04 years' duration, cannot be considered under category 1 or 2 of the Schemes of Recruitment of the post of Lecturer (Probationary)-(Medical/Dental) and Non-(Medical/Dental).**

4. The above decision will be effective from 02.03.2018.

5. Further, the Commission having noted that, at the inception of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, the 3 year degree offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages of such university was recognized as a Special Degree by issuing Commission Circular No. 859 of 16.03.2005, and that degree has now been elevated to a four year Special Degree, decided that the Commission Circular No. 859 of 16.03.2005 should be rescinded with effect from the date of implementation of this circular.

6. Please take action accordingly.

  
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Chairman

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