

# Public Notice

## Clarification on the Equalization of Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) Qualification

The Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka, wishes to inform the public and all stakeholders about the criteria for equalizing the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) from Canada.

We only recognize and equalize the OSSD if it is obtained after a full four-year study program, completed from Grades 9 to 12. This comprehensive program meets the necessary standards for equivalency with the local General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCE A/L) Examination.

However, it has come to our attention that certain private educational institutions in Sri Lanka are offering **online** OSSD courses lasting **only 3 to 9 months** for those who have completed (GCE O/L) examination. These shortened programs do not meet the established criteria for equivalency and will **not** be considered equivalent to the local GCE A/L by the Department of Examinations.

We strongly advise students, parents, and educational institutions to be cautious and verify the legitimacy of OSSD programs before enrolment. The Department of Examinations will only process and equalize OSSD certificates that are obtained through the standard four-year curriculum.

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