SMLE Registration & Exam Guide 2026

A free, plain-language guide to the Saudi Medical Licensure Examination: who can sit it, how to apply, what the exam looks like, how it is scored and how to prepare. Written by the SMLEREVISE team and checked against SCFHS sources on 30 September 2026.

At a glance

Item	What to know
Who it is for	Holders of a recognised MBBS or equivalent, interns, and students within one year of graduation. SCFHS assesses each applicant's category.
Format	200 multiple-choice questions (up to 10% are unscored pilot questions), in two sections of 100 questions. 120 minutes per section, with a scheduled 30-minute break.
Score scale	200 to 800. Passing score: 560.
Results	Released two to six weeks after the testing window ends, per the applicant guide.
Windows	SCFHS publishes several testing windows through the year, not only January and July.
Where	Prometric centres. An open window does not guarantee a seat in your preferred city.

Step by step: from documents to exam day

Step	What to do
1. Identify your SCFHS service category	Exam eligibility, professional classification and later registration are different services. Pick the one that matches your goal.
2. Create or update your Mumaris Plus account	Use the same legal name as on your ID and academic records. Keep access to the account email.
3. Submit your evidence	Upload clear scans, with translations if requested. If primary-source verification is required, follow the package and process specified for your application.
4. Check the dashboard	Resolve missing documents or name discrepancies with the issuing institution.
5. Receive approval and your eligibility permit	Read its validity dates, attempt allowance, ID requirements and booking instructions.
6. Book Prometric	Schedule within the SCFHS testing windows. Keep the appointment confirmation.

Document checklist

Requirements vary by category. Keep originals and readable digital copies of:

- Valid passport or other accepted identification
- Degree certificate and academic transcript, or student or internship evidence
- Internship completion or training documentation, when requested
- Professional registration, good standing or experience evidence, when requested
- Primary-source verification (PSV) report and certified translations, where applicable

- Evidence resolving any name differences across documents

DataFlow (primary-source verification)

- DataFlow checks your documents directly with the issuing organisations.
- It is separate from SCFHS approval and from booking an exam seat.
- Requirements, package prices and processing times vary. No universal completion period is guaranteed.
- A positive verification report does not guarantee approval.

Costs to budget for

There is no single verified fee for every candidate. Check each item against your own route and the official source at the time you pay:

- SCFHS application or classification fee (depends on service and category)
- Primary-source verification (package price plus any issuing-institution charges)
- SMLE exam fee (price, currency, tax and booking terms shown at checkout)
- Translations and document copies (local provider quote)
- Travel and preparation, plus a contingency allowance

Free tool: the SMLEREVISE cost calculator offers PKR and INR conversions for budgeting only: https://smlerevise.com/smle-cost-calculator

What the exam covers

The SCFHS blueprint weights the four main areas as follows:

Area	Weight
Medicine	30%
Obstetrics & Gynaecology	25%
Pediatrics	25%
Surgery	20%

Official blueprint (PDF): scfhs.org.sa, SMLE Blueprint 2026.

Scoring, results and retakes

- Scores run from 200 to 800 and the passing score is 560. Convert a score with the free calculator: https://smlerevise.com/smle-score-calculator
- Follow SCFHS notifications for results rather than counting from your appointment date.
- The 2026 applicant guide describes four annual attempts to pass, while the SCFHS examination page describes two additional attempts after an initial failure. These statements differ, so check the allowance and validity on your own eligibility record before paying for a retake.
- Passing satisfies only the examination requirement. It is not automatic classification, employment, a residency match or a practising licence.

Common application problems

- Names or dates that do not match across documents
- The wrong SCFHS service or verification package selected
- Travel booked before an approved permit and a confirmed seat
- Fee estimates treated as official prices
- Permit validity or attempt allowance not checked before a retake

Which topics candidates find hardest

From the SMLEREVISE Topic Difficulty Report 2026: 31,828 first-attempt answers from 49 candidates on SMLEREVISE practice questions, April to October 2026. Overall first-attempt accuracy was 65%.

Hardest (lowest accuracy)	Correct	Easiest (highest accuracy)	Correct
Critical Care	55.4%	Neurology	77.0%
Dermatology	56.1%	Rheumatology	76.6%
Urology	58.9%	Basic Sciences	73.5%

These are practice-question results, not official SCFHS exam statistics, and do not predict an official SMLE score. Full report with all 27 topics: https://smlerevise.com/blog/smle-topic-difficulty-report-2026

A simple preparation plan

- Start from the blueprint weights: give Medicine the most time, then Obstetrics & Gynaecology and Pediatrics, then Surgery.
- Practise with timed blocks of 100 questions to build stamina for two 120-minute sections.

- Review every explanation, including the questions you got right by guessing.
- Revisit your weakest topics in the final weeks, not only your favourites.
- Book your seat only after your permit is approved and you have checked its validity dates.

Official sources

- SCFHS practitioner services: scfhs.org.sa/en/practitioner
- SCFHS examination dates and attempt policy: scfhs.org.sa/en/Mumares/SPLE/DATES
- SCFHS 2026 SMLE applicant guide and blueprint (PDF)

Free tools and the web version of this guide

Score calculator: smlerevise.com/smle-score-calculator
Eligibility checker: smlerevise.com/smle-eligibility-checker
Exam dates: smlerevise.com/smle-exam-dates-2026
Registration walkthrough: smlerevise.com/blog/smle-registration-2026-guide
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