

Circular Letter No.37/2014

My No. PGIM/EX/11/SE/MM(14)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Norris Canal Road,
Colombo 7.
08th May, 2014

To : Director/NHSL, Colombo,
Directors/MSS of Teaching/General Hospitals,
Regional Directors of Health Services,
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya,
Sri Jayewardenepura/Rajarata/Eastern,

**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR ENROLMENT TO THE TRAINING
PROGRAMME IN POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MOLECULAR
MEDICINE - JUNE 2014**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **Monday 30th June 2014**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers in the state and non-state sectors possessing the following requirements to sit the Selection Examination for enrolment to the in-service training programme in Postgraduate Diploma in Molecular Medicine.
 3. a) A medical degree registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council.
 - b) Satisfactory completion of internship acceptable to the Sri Lanka Medical Council
 - c) Satisfactory completion of one year of post internship in Medical/Clinical practice or teaching in a university/public/private sector institution in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM.
 - d) The criteria prescribe in paragraphs (a) to (c) must have been satisfied by the applicants as at the date of closure of applications, provided that where a shortfall has occurred due to any reasons including sick, maternity or other leave, the doctor concerned should complete such shortfall in order to become eligible to apply.
OR
Dental or Veterinary Science degree and three years work experience.
OR
B.Sc. Special or General Degree in Biological Sciences or Allied Health Sciences with Chemistry or Biochemistry as a subject from a State University or Degree Awarding Institute recognized by the University Grants Commission or a B.Sc. Degree from a foreign University recognized by the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka and at least three years work experience.

4. The applicants to be eligible for enrolment to the training programme should pass the selection examination. The current format of the selection examination for the perusal of applicants is described in the prospectus and relevant examination documents which are available at the PGIM.
5. The selection examination shall consist of 2 Parts,
 - MCQ Paper of 1 hour duration
 - Viva voice ExaminationThe content areas from which the questions are based on is described in the prospectus and relevant documents available at the PGIM.
6. The candidates who pass the selection examination by obtaining an overall mark Of 50% or more only shall be considered for enrolment to the course.
7. Only a **maximum of 15 candidates** from the **state sector** who pass the selection examination and **who are above the “cut-off line”** will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit. The details are available at the examination branch office of the PGIM.
8. Only a **maximum of 04 candidates** from the **non state sector** who pass the selection examination and **who are above the “cut-off line”** will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit. The details are available at the examination branch office of the PGIM.
9. Only a **maximum of 04 candidates** from the **State Universities** who pass the selection examination and who are **above the “cut-off line”** will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit. The details are available at the examination branch office of the PGIM.
10. Only a **maximum of 02 candidates** from the **Armed Forces (including Police)** who pass the selection examination and who are **above the “cut-off line”** will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit. The details are available at the examination branch office of the PGIM.
11. However if extra candidate/s than the allocated number/s is/are available above the “cut off line” from the Non State Sector, Universities ar Armed Forces all such candidate/s shall be enrolled though this may exceed the allocated number as per section 8,9 and 10 above. The details are available at the examination branch of the PGIM.
12. If the allocated number from other three sectors as per section 8,9,10 above are not enrolled due to non availability of qualified candidates the allocated number for the state sector shall be increased accordingly and candidates below the “cut off line” shall be enrolled based on merit to the vacant positions. The details are available at the examination branch of the PGIM.

13. In the event of extra number of candidates exceeding the allocated number from the other three sectors are selected as per section 11 above, a similar extra number from the State Sector below the “cut off line” based on merit shall be enrolled. The details are available at the examination branch of the PGIM.
14. ***Please note that the training programme will commenced only if a minimum of 20 qualified candidate are available.***
15. Following the examination and release of results the above numbers shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained.
16. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.
17. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “Guidelines for enrolment of non-state sector trainees in to PGIM training programmes-2011” and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons.
18. When a candidate is selected, he/she should register in the same year. If this is not done another eligible candidate will be selected. And the candidate, who refused, will not be permitted to register in the programme in a subsequent year with the same results unless a valid medical certificate from a consultant acceptable to the PGIM is submitted.
19. For all fulltime training programmes fulltime release from Ministry of Health is a prerequisite for enrollment. When relevant it may be necessary to sign a bond before such enrollment if such a requirement has been decided by the Ministry of Health or University.
20. The relevant information of the training programme, are described in the Prospectus 2014 and other relevant documents. However if amendments have been made following printing of the Prospectus, the circulars with such amendments may be collected from the examination branch office of the PGIM. These circulars will also be handed over to the selected candidates at the commencement of the training programme.

21. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector are as follows:
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| (a) Registration fee | - Rs. | 4,000.00 (non refundable) |
| (b) Examination fees | - Rs. | 10,500.00 |
- (candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)
22. Eligible candidates should obtain the prescribed application forms from the Examinations Branch, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine on payment of Rs. 550/- or have it downloaded from the PGIM website www.cmb.ac.lk/pgim. Requests for application and other details by post should accompany a SASE 9" x 4" in size and a money order for Rs. 1000/- drawn in favor of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine and payable at the Cinnamon Gardens Post Office, Colombo 7. The envelope should be marked "**Application for selection test for enrolment to the in-service training programme in PG Diploma in Molecular Medicine**" at the top left hand corner.
23. Completed applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department, confirming that the applicants if selected would be released for postgraduate training in the PGIM. The applications should reach the Senior Asst. Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before 30th May **2014. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
24. The selected candidates should report to the training unit allocated to him/her within one month on receipt of the letter of selection to the training programme and allocation to the training unit.
25. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
26. Please refer to the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in PGIM website – www.cmb.ac.lk/pgim
27. The unofficial results of the examination will be only released following approval by the Board of Management. However for the results to be valid and official the **Senate of the University should approve the results.**

28. The candidates will be issued an **“Examination Feedback Form”** with the admission documents. It should be sent to Director/PGIM under confidential cover **within 48 hours after conclusion of the examination.** If the form is not received it will be confirmed that you do not have any concerns regarding the examination and it had been conducted according to the Prospectus/rules/regulations of the PGIM. **No complaints or concerns regarding the examination will be entertained after 48 hours or following release of results nor will these be investigated by the PGIM.**

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 2. Director General of Health Services.
 3. DDGHS/Medical Services.
 4. Commanders of Armed Forces
 5. Registrar, Sri Lanka Medical Council.
 6. Secretary of Board of Study in MDSC.
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