

My No. PGIM/EX/7/MSc/CM/CD/SE ('14)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Norris Canal Road,
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To : Director/NHSL, Colombo,
Directors/MSS of Teaching/General Hospitals,
Provincial Directors of Health Services,
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya,
Sri Jayewardenepura,

**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE MSc (COMMUNITY
MEDICINE / COMMUNITY DENTISTRY) TRAINING PROGRAMME - 2014**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **11 September, 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 admission to the full-time course leading to the degree of MSc in Community Medicine/Community Dentistry.

2.1 MSc (COMMUNITY MEDICINE)

- (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 applicant should satisfy the criteria prescribed in Paragraphs (a) to (c) as at the date of closure of applications. **i.e. by 01 August, 2014**
A short-fall due to any reason/s including sick, maternity or other leave, the doctor concerned should complete such shortfall in order to become eligible to apply.
- (e) Comply with all other PGIM regulations.

2.2 MSc (COMMUNITY DENTISTRY)

- (a) A dental degree registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council;
- (b) Satisfactory completion of **one** year of dental practice or teaching in a University/Public/Private Sector Institution in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM.
- (c) The applicants should satisfy the criteria prescribed in paragraphs (a) and (b) as at the date of closure of applications. **i.e. by 01 August, 2014**
A short-fall due to any reason/s including sick, maternity or other leave, the doctor concerned should complete such shortfall in order to become eligible to apply.
- (e) Comply with all other PGIM regulations.

4. The applicants should pass the selection examination to be eligible for enrolment to the training programme, The current format of the selection examination is described in the prospectus (2013). The latter and other relevant examination documents are available at the PGIM for perusal by applicants.
5. The selection examination for Community Medicine and Community Dentistry will consist of a written question paper with five (5) essay type and/or structured essay questions of three (3) hours duration.
6. The candidate who passes the selection examination by obtaining a pass mark of 50% only shall be considered for enrolment to the course.
7. Only a **maximum of 35 Community Medicine and 05 Community Dentistry candidates from the Ministry of Health** who pass the selection examination and who are **above the “cut-off line” in the merit list** will be enrolled to 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 07 Community Medicine candidates and 01 Community Dentistry candidate** from the **non-state sector** who pass the selection examination and who are **above the “cut-off line” in the merit list** will be enrolled to the training programme in the order of merit. The details are available at the examination branch office of the PGIM.
9. **All candidates of Community Medicine** and a **maximum of 01 Community Dentistry candidate** from the **State Universities** who pass the selection examination and who are **above the “cut-off line” in the merit list** 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. **All candidates of Community Medicine** and a **maximum of 01 Community Dentistry candidate** from the **Armed Forces (including Police)** who pass the selection examination and who are **above the “cut-off line” in the merit list** 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 or Armed Forces all such candidate/s shall be enrolled though this may exceed the allocated number as per section 7,8 and 09 above. The details are available at the examination branch of the PGIM.
12. If the allocated number from other three sectors as per section 7,8,9, 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 10 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. Following the examination and release of results the above numbers shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained.
15. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.

16. 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.

17. When a candidate is selected, he/she should register in the same year. If this is not done another eligible candidate will be selected. The candidate, who wished to defer, will not be permitted to register for the MSc programme in a subsequent year with the same results, unless a valid medical certificate from a consultant acceptable to the PGIM is submitted.

18. 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.

19. The relevant information of the training programme, MD Examination, requirements for Board Certification are described in the Prospectus 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.

20. The training programme and the MSc examination shall be conducted as stipulated in the new MSc prospectus (2013).

21. The candidates who have the intention to register for the MD training programme following completion of the MSc examination should follow the MD programme according to the new MD prospectus (2014). The training programme will also include clinical training. The MD examination shall include a knowledge based assessment in addition to the evaluation of the outcome of the research project.

22. The candidates who shall commence the pre MD (Registrar) training after 1st August, 2011 should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.

23. Those who are selected for the MD Community Medicine/ Dentistry program subsequent to completion of MSc Community Medicine/ Dentistry shall have to undergo the local component of Post MD training of one year duration in addition to one year training abroad as a Senior Registrar.

24. Following the completion of prescribed requirements for Board Certification including overseas training, the prospective trainee should apply for Board Certification with the relevant documents within one month following the completion of such requirements. If this is not followed, the date of Board Certification will be delayed.

25. 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)

26. Eligible candidates should obtain the prescribed application forms from the Examinations Branch, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine on payment of Rs. 1,000/- **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. 1,000/- drawn in favour of Postgraduate Institute of Medicine and payable at the Cinnamon Gardens Post Office, Colombo 7. The envelope should be marked “**Application for the Selection Examination in MSc (Community Medicine/Community Dentistry)**” at the top left hand corner.

27. 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 Assistant Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **01 August, 2014**. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

28. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.

29. 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.

30. The candidates will be issued an “**Examination Feedback Form**” with the admission document which 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.**

Professor H.Janaka de Silva
Director, PGIM

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