

My No. PGIM/EX/7/PDCH ('14)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
160, Norris Canal Road,  
Colombo 7.  
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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,

**POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CHILD HEALTH EXAMINATION –  
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER, 2014**

1. The above examination will commence on **01<sup>st</sup> October, 2014**. The examination will be held in Colombo.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.
  - (a) 6 months experience in General Paediatrics with “first on call” duties under a Consultant Paediatrician during internship or afterwards (**or** 2 years experience in General Paediatrics under a Consultant Paediatrician) within 5 years immediately preceding the examination.
  - (b) Candidates who have passed the selection examination but not possess (a) should complete a period of 3 months of first on call duties in General Paediatrics under a Consultant Paediatrician before the closing date of applications ; **ie by 12 September, 2014**.
  - (c) duly signed record book having followed 20 Social Paediatric Sessions approved by the Board of Study.
3. The examination consists of two components, **ie** Written and Clinicals.
4. Candidates are also informed that the Written Paper will consist of
  - a) MCQ Paper with 40 “True/False” questions (Paper I) and 20 “Best of Five” questions (Paper II) and the duration is 2½ hours. Each question in Papers I and II carries 5 marks. It is mandatory to have a minimum qualifying mark of 45% for each paper and a total aggregate of 50% to pass the MCQ Paper.
  - b) Structured Essay Paper consists of 06 questions which will carry 100 marks, to be answered in 03 hours

Only those who obtain a total aggregate of 50% in both MCQ and Structured Essay Papers are allowed to proceed for the Clinical Component, which is scheduled to commence on 03<sup>rd</sup> November 2014 and will be held in Colombo. All candidates will be informed in writing of their performance after the written component whether they are permitted or not, to proceed for the Clinical examination. To pass the examination a candidate should obtain 50% for the Clinical Component with a total aggregate of 50% for the Written and Clinical Components.

5. Please note that candidates are allowed a maximum of six (06) attempts only which must be made within a period of eight (08) years from their first attempt.
6. The prescribed fees for the examination, are as follows :-
  - (a) Registration fee - Rs. 4,000.00 (Non refundable)
  - (b) Examination fee - Rs. 23,500.00

Candidates are required to pay Rs. 4,000/- the registration fee and Rs. 15,000/- the entry fee for the written component in the first instance. Those who qualify to proceed for the Clinical component will have to pay the balance examination fee of Rs. 9,500/-.

7. Eligible candidates should obtain the prescribed application forms from the Examinations Branch, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine on payment of Rs. 1000/- or can be download from our website [www.cmb.ac.lk/pgim](http://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 favour of Postgraduate Institute of Medicine and payable at the Cinnamon Gardens Post Office. The envelope should be marked "**Application for Postgraduate Diploma in Child Health**" at the top left hand corner.
8. Applications **with every cage duly filled** should be forwarded to the Assistant Registrar/Examinations, PGIM, 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **12<sup>th</sup> September, 2014. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
9. Past question Papers, other than the MCQ Papers, are available for sale in the PGIM Library.
10. Please bring the contents of this Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
11. **There shall be no repeat or additional examinations which are scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2014.**
12. 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 result.**
13. The candidate 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.

Professor H.Janaka de Silva  
Director, PGIM

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1. Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition
  2. Director General of Health Services
  3. Registrar, Sri Lanka Medical Council
  4. Secretary of Board of Study in Paediatrics
  5. Secretary, Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians
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