

Circular Letter No. 59 /2014

My No. PGIM/EX/2/SE/MD/Med (14/2)
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,

SELECTION EXAMINATION IN MD MEDICINE – OCTOBER, 2014

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **03rd October, 2014**.
2. Applications are invited from medical officers in the state, non state sectors , Universities and Armed Forces possessing the following requirements to sit the Selection Examination in MD 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 practice in a University / Public Sector Institution / Private Sector Institution in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM as at the date of closure of applications ie. **22nd August, 2014**.
 - (d) Six months experience in General Medicine or in specialties allied to Medicine, (Cardiology, Neurology, Chest Medicine, Rheumatology, Dermatology & Nephrology) provided they are done with first-on-call duties and under consultant cover. This six month period need not be continuous.
(To prove this a letter certified by the relevant Consultant should be sent along with the application.)

Notes:

- (i) the criteria prescribed in paragraphs (c) have to been satisfied by the applicants by the date of closure of applications. Where a short-fall 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 for the Selection Examination.
- (ii) foreign nationals who seek registration in respect of selection examinations should possess a medical degree registrable with the Sri Lanka Medical Council.

3. To be eligible for enrolment to the training programme the applicants should pass the selection examination. The current format of the selection examination is described in the Prospectus.

4. The examination consists of two components, the MCQ Paper and the Objective Structured Clinical Evaluation (OSCE).

MCQ Paper consists of two parts, Part A and Part B

- * Part A - 60 MCQs (True/False) to be answered within 2 ½ hours.
- * Part B - 20 (Single Best Response) to be answered within ½ hour.

OSCE consists of 20 stations. (Details given in the Prospectus)

5. The MCQ Paper will be held on **3rd October, 2014**. Only those who obtain 50% or more marks in the MCQ Paper will be allowed to proceed to the OSCE Paper. The OSCE will be held on a subsequent date as decided by the Board of Examiners.

6. Candidates should obtain 50% or more for both components (the MCQ and the OSCE) at the same sitting in order to pass the Selection Examination and be eligible to be admitted to the MD training programme.

7. A **maximum of 53 candidates** from the **State Sector** who pass the selection examination will be enrolled in the training programme. This number will be decided by the Board of Study in Medicine for each intake depending on the vacancies available and candidates notified before the closing date for the respective exam. Placements will be made purely in the order of merit. The details are available at the examination branch office of the PGIM. **53 candidate's marks will be taken as a cut-off line and the candidates in sections 8,9 and 10 will have to obtain a mark similar to this or above to be offered a place in the training programme.**

8. A **maximum of 4 candidates** from the **non-state sector** who pass the selection examination will be enrolled in the training programme. Their placements will also be on merit.

9. All **candidates** from the **State Universities** who pass the selection examination *will be included in the 53 state sector candidates* enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit.

10. All **candidates** from the **Armed Forces (including police)** who pass the selection examination will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit.

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 8,9 and 10 above.***

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.**

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.***

14. Following the examination and release of results the above numbers shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. The candidates who shall commence the pre MD (Registrar) or Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after 1st August 2012 should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.

20. There should be no delay in submitting the dissertation or research report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. If there is delay, the Board Certification will be delayed accordingly

21. Following the completion of prescribed requirements for Board Certification including overseas training, the prospective trainee applies 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.

22. The prescribed fees for the examination shall be as follows for state candidates.

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| (a) Registration fee | - Rs. 4,000.00 (non refundable) |
| (b) Examination fees | - Rs. 25,000.00 |

(candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)

Candidates are required to pay Rs. 4,000/= as registration fee and Rs. 15,500/= as the entry fee for the MCQ paper in the first instance. Those who qualify the MCQ paper will have to pay the balance entry fee Rs. 9,500/= in order to proceed for the rest of the examination.

23. Eligible candidates should obtain the prescribed application forms from the Examinations Branch, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine on payment of Rs. 1000/- or can be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk. 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, Colombo 7. The envelope should be marked “**Application for the Selection Examination in MD Medicine**” at the top left hand corner.

24. Applications with **every case 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 on or before, **22nd August, 2014. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

25. The selected candidate should report to the training unit allocated to him/her within one month on receipt of the letter of the selection to the training programme and allocation to the training unit.

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

27. Please refer to the new regulations laid down by the Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in PGIM website – www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk

28. 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.**

29. 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.**

30. The candidates who pass the Selection Examination and are selected for the MD programme should undergo a training module on Professionalism organized by the PGIM. Please note that this is a compulsory module for all MD trainees. A certificate will be issued to trainees who follow this module.

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- c.c. 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 Medicine.
5. Secretary, College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka.
6. Hony. Secretary, GMOA.
7. PGIM Library
8. PGIM Branch Library, Peradeniya.