

Circular Letter No.74/2014

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Postgraduate Institute of Medicine
160, Norris Canal Road
Colombo 7.
25th September 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/EUSL/KDU

SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR MD (OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY)
-JANUARY, 2015

1. The above examination will commence on **28th January 2015**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the examination.
 - (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 in a University/Public Sector/Private Sector Institution in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM as at the date of closure of applications, ie **10th December 2014**.
 - (d) Completed a six months clinical appointment in Obstetrics and Gynaecology after graduation under the supervision of a consultant.

Note:

A certificate from the Consultant, stating the completion of 06 months Clinical appointment in Obstetrics and Gynaecology must be submitted along with the application form.

The criteria prescribed in paragraph(c) have to be 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.

3. 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.

4. The selection examination shall consist of a EMQ/MCQ paper with 60 questions of three hours duration, theory paper with 5 questions of three hours duration and a structured Oral Assessment with 6 stations of one hour duration. Candidates will have to obtain 50% or more in the EMQ/MCQ Paper to proceed to the rest of the examination.

5. To pass the examination the candidate should obtain 50% or more of the total aggregate (225 out of 450)

6. Only a **maximum of 20 (Twenty) 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.

7. Only a **one (01) candidate** 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.

8. Only a **maximum of two (02) 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.

9. Only a **maximum of one (01) candidate** from the **Armed Forces** 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. Following the examination and release of results the above numbers shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained.

11. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. The candidates who shall commence the pre MD(Registrar) or Post MD(Senior 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.

17. 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

18. 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.

19. 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/- |
| (b) Examination fees | - Rs. 25,000/- |

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

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

21. 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 Garden Post Office, Colombo 7. The envelope should be marked "**Application for the MD (Obstetrics & Gynaecology) Part I Examination**" at the top left hand corner.

22. Past question papers, other than the MCQ papers, are available for sale in the PGIM Library.

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, PGIM. No. 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **10th December 2014**. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

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

26. 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.**

27. 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 of conclusion of the examination or following release of results nor will these be investigated by the PGIM.**

Professor H. Janaka de Silva
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- Copy:
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 Obstetrics & Gynaecology .
 5. Secretary, College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists of Sri Lanka.
 6. Hony. Secretary, GMOA.
 7. PGIM Branch Library, Peradeniya.

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