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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/EUSL/KDA

SELECTION EXAMINATION IN MD (SURGERY) – JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2015

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **5th January 2015**.
2. Applications are invited from medical officers in the state and non-state sectors possessing the following requirements to sit the Selection Examination in MD (Surgery):-
 - (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. **5th December 2014**
 - (d) have six months of surgical experience (Surgery or Obstetrics & Gynaecology) at pre registration House Officer or Senior House Officer Level
 - (e) Produce a Medical Certificate from a Consultant physician, indicating general mental and physical fitness and to comply with any other PGIM regulations.
 - (f) If a trainee develops a health condition which would compromise his/ her ability to train and function as a surgeon, it is his/her responsibility to duly notify in writing of such conditions to the PGIM.

Note :-

The criteria prescribed in paragraph (c) must have been satisfied by the applicants as at the date of closure of applications provided that 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 2011 and relevant examination documents which are available at the PGIM.
4. The Selection Examination shall consist of Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) Papers, Written Papers and Oral examination. The content areas from which the questions are based on is described in the prospectus and relevant documents available at the PGIM.
5. Candidates should first obtain a mark of 12 or more in two components and 11.5 in the other component for the MCQ paper in order to proceed for the rest of the examination i.e Written Papers and Orals which will commence on **9th February 2015** at the Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri Jayawardenepura. All candidates will be informed in writing of their performance at the MCQ Paper.
6. The candidates who pass the selection examination by obtaining overall mark of 30 AND should not obtain a 7 in essay or oral components AND should not obtain 8 for both oral and essay components AND should not obtain 11.5 for the MCQ with a 8 for either Oral or Essay components only shall be considered for enrolment to the course.
7. Only a **maximum of 30 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 order of the merit. The details are available at the Examination Branch office of the PGIM.
8. Only a **maximum of 03 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 order of the merit. The details are available at the Examination Branch office of the PGIM.
9. Only a **maximum of 05 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 order of the 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 order of the 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 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.

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 number 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 the PGIM training programmes -2011” and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on the merit. The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons.

16. When a candidate is selected, he/she should register in the same year. If this is not done another 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 raining 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 minimum duration of Post MD training required to be eligible for Board Certification shall be one year local and one year overseas. However the duration may be more than two years in certain specialties and the information is available in the prospectus.

19. The relevant information of the training program, 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 examinations 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 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.

21. 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.

22. Following the complement 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.

23. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector as follows :-

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| (a) Registration fee | - Rs. 4 000/= (Non Refundable) |
| (b) Examination fees | - Rs. 25 000/= |

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

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

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

25. 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 Assistant Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **5th December 2014. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

26. 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.

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

28. 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

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 documents and this should be sent back to Director/PGIM under confidential cover **within 48 hours after conclusion of the examination.** If the form is not returned it will be assumed that you do not have any concerns regarding the examination and it was 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 the release of results nor will these be investigated by the PGIM.**

Professor H. Janaka de Silva
Director, PGIM

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