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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 FOR ENROLMENT TO THE IN-SERVICE TRAINING
PROGRAMME IN POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN TUBERCULOSIS & CHEST DISEASES –
FEBRUARY 2015**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **Tuesday, 24 February 2015**.
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 enrolment to the in-service training programme in Postgraduate Diploma in Tuberculosis & Chest Diseases.
 - (a) A medical degree registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council;
 - (b) Satisfactory completion of internship acceptable the Sri Lanka Medical Council;
 - (c) Satisfactory completion of one year of post internship in medical practice in a University/ Public Sector Institution/ Non-state Sector in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM as at the date of closure of applications, **ie. 16th January 2015**.

Note:

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 enrollment 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 examination documents which are available at the PGIM.
4. The selection examination shall consist of a MCQ Paper. The content areas from which the questions are based on is described in the prospectus and relevant documents available at the PGIM.
5. The candidates who pass the selection examination by obtaining 50% or more for the MCQ paper only shall be considered for enrolment to the course
6. Only a **maximum of 59 candidates** from the **Ministry of Health** who pass the selection examination 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 examinations branch, office of the PGIM

7. Only a **maximum of 01 candidate** from the **non-state sector** who pass the selection examination 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 examinations branch, office of the PGIM.
8. Only a **maximum of 01 candidate** from the **State Universities** who pass the selection examination 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 examinations branch, office of the PGIM.
9. Only a **maximum of 01 candidate** from the **Armed Forces** who passes the selection examination who is **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 examinations branch, office of the PGIM.
10. However if extra candidate/s than the allocated number/s is/are available above the “cut off line” from the Non State Sector, Universities and Armed Forces all such candidate’s shall be enrolled though this may exceed the allocated number as per section 09,10 and 11 above.
11. If the allocated number from other three sectors as per section 09, 10 and 11 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.
12. In the event of extra number of candidates exceeding the allocated number from the other three sectors are selected as per section 12 above, a similar extra number from the State Sector below the “cut off line” based on merit shall be enrolled.
13. Following the examination and release of results the above numbers shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained.
14. Each year only the scheduled selection examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. **No repeat or additional examination will be held.**
15. The allocation of training units will be done as described in **“Guidelines for enrolment on 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 reason.
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. The relevant information of the training programme, Postgraduate Diploma Examination, requirements for Board Certification are described in the prospectus and other documents. **The scheme of marking for the PG Diploma exit Examination is presently under revision. The amended marking scheme will be notified to the trainees when it has been approved by the Board of Study and Board of Management.** 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.

18. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector are as follows:

(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)

19. Eligible candidates should obtain the prescribed application forms from the Examinations Branch, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine on payment of Rs.1,000/- . 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 application form also could be downloaded from our website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk> on payment of Rs. 1000/-. The envelope should be marked “**Application for the selection test for enrolment to the in-service training programme in Tuberculosis & Chest Diseases**” at the top left hand corner.

20. Completed applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department (if applicable) confirming that the applicant if selected would be released for postgraduate training at the PGIM. The applications should reach the Senior Assistant Registrar/ Examinations, PGIM, No. 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 07 on or before **16th January 2015**. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

21. 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.

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

23. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in MOH website – www.health.gov.lk.

24. 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.**

25. The candidates will be issued an “**Examination Feedback Form**” with the admission documents and this should be sent 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 that 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 release of results** nor will these be investigated by the PGIM.

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