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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/SUSL/KDA

**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR ENROLMENT TO THE IN-SERVICE TRAINING  
PROGRAMME IN MD PAEDIATRICS – MARCH 2015**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **Friday, 27 March 2015**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers in the state sector and non-state sector possessing the following requirements to sit the Selection Examination for enrolment to the in-service training programme in MD (Paediatrics).
  - (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/private sector institution in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM as at the date of closure of applications, i.e. **06 February 2015**.
  - (d) Completion of
    - i. six months of continuous service experience in General Paediatric Medical Unit as “first on call” medical officer, either during internship or afterwards, which should be within 07 years of the closing date of applications.

**or**
    - ii. six months of continuous service experience in General Paediatric Surgical Unit as “first on call” medical officer **AND** three months of continuous service experience as first on-call medical officer in a Paediatric Medical Unit, either during internship or afterwards, which should be within 07 years of the closing date of application.

**or**
    - iii. Completion of six months of continuous service experience in neonatology or any other paediatric sub speciality as “first on-call” medical officer **AND** three months of first on-call experience in a Paediatric Medical Unit which should be within 07 years of the closing date of application.

\*foreign nationals who seek registration in respect of selection test should possess a medical degree registrable with the Sri Lanka Medical Council

**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. Please note that candidates will be allowed to attempt the selection examination without limitation of number of attempts.
4. The examination consists of two components, **two MCQ papers** (Component 1) and the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) (Component 2). The MCQ Paper I consists of **30 “True/False” questions** and the MCQ Paper II consists of **30 Single Best Response (SBR) type questions** and the total duration for both MCQ papers is **03 hours**.
5. The MCQ paper will be held on **Friday, 27 March 2015**. Only those who obtain a minimum mark of 50% for **each** MCQ paper will be allowed to proceed for the OSCE which will be held on a subsequent date to be decided by the Board of Study in Paediatrics.
  - a. OSCE consists of **15 stations** and the duration is 01 hour and 15 minutes. Candidate should obtain  $\geq 50\%$  for any eight (8) stations and an overall mark of  $\geq 50\%$  to pass the OSCE component.
6. Candidates should obtain 50% or more for both MCQ papers and the OSCE at the same sitting in order to pass the Selection Examination and to be eligible to be admitted to the MD training programme.
7. Only a **maximum of 24 candidates** from the **Ministry of Health** who pass the selection examination and who are **above the “cut-off line”** will be enrolled in to the training programme in the order of merit.
8. Only a **maximum of 01 candidate** from the **non-state sector** who passes the selection examination and **who is above the “cut-off line” in the merit list** will be enrolled in to the training programme.
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 to the training programme in the order of merit.
10. Only a **maximum of 01 candidates** from the **Armed Forces (Including Police)** who passes the selection examination and who is **above the “cut-off line”** will be enrolled in to 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 of line” from the Non State Sector, Universities or Armed forces all such candidates/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 office of the PGIM.
12. If the allocated number from other three sectors as per section 8,9,and 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. The details are available at the examination branch office of the PGIM.
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 of line based on merit shall be enrolled. The details are available at the examination branch office of the PGIM.
14. Following the examination and release of results the above numbers shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained.

15. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.
16. There shall be no repeat or additional MD examinations from year 2015. Only the schedule MD exam will be held.
17. Allocation of training units will be done according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. The prescribed fees for the examination shall be as follows for state candidates.
  - (a) Registration fee - Rs. 4,000.00 (non refundable)
  - (b) Examination fees - Rs.27,500.00(candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)

Candidates are required to pay Rs.4,000.00 as registration fee and Rs.17,000.00 as the entry fee for the MCQ Paper in the first instance. Those who qualify the MCQ Papers (Component 1) by obtaining 50% or more for each paper will have to pay the balance entry fee of Rs.10,500.00 in order to proceed for the rest of the examination (Component 2).

21. The relevant information of the training programme, MD Examination requirements for Board Certification is described in the Prospectus 2013 and in 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.
22. The candidate who shall commence the pre MD (Registrar) or Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011 should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.
23. There should be no delay in submitting the research report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. If there is delay, the Board Certification will be delayed accordingly.
24. 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.
25. Eligible candidates should obtain the prescribed application forms from the Examinations Branch, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine on payment of Rs. 1000/-. Requests for application form 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 the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine and payable at the Cinnamon Gardens Post Office, Colombo 7. The application form also could be downloaded from the website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) on payment of Rs. 1000/-. The envelope should be marked “**Application for Selection Examination in Paediatrics** )” at the top left hand corner.

26. 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 **06 February 2015**. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
27. 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.
28. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
29. 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/](http://www.health.gov.lk/)
30. 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.**
31. 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 48 hours after conclusion of the examination or following the release of results** nor will these be investigated by the PGIM.

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1. Secretary, Ministry of Health Nutrition & Welfare
  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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