

My No. PGIM/EX/7/PDCH/SE ('15)
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,Rajarata,Eastern

**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CHILD
HEALTH- MARCH, 2015**

1. The above examination will commence on **15 March, 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;

and

 - (c) Satisfactory completion of one year of post internship in medical/clinical practice in a University/State Sector/Non-State Sector Institution in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM on or before the closing date of applications, **ie by 30 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. Selection Examination is in the form of a MCQ Paper which consists of **40 "True/False"** questions and **20 "Best of Five"** questions and the duration is 2½ hours. Only those candidates who obtain 45% for each section and total 50% or more for the entire MCQ Paper will pass the Selection Examination and they shall be enrolled for the training programme.
4. All Candidates who pass the Selection Examination from University/State Sector and Non –State Sector Institution in Sri Lanka will be enrolled to the training programme.
5. Candidates possessing the requirements stipulated in (a) (b) and (c) above are eligible to sit the Selection Examination. However, such candidates if successful at the Selection Examination will have to complete the requirements stated in (i) and (ii) below before they are allowed to sit the PDCH examination which is scheduled to commence on 05 October, 2015.

- (i) 6 months experience in General Paediatrics with first on call duties under a Consultant Paediatrician during internship or afterwards within **5 years immediately preceding the examination ;**

or

2 years experience in General Paediatrics under a Consultant Paediatrician; within **5 years immediately preceding the examination ;**

- (ii) Proof of having completed a minimum of 80% of 20 social Paediatric sessions approved by the Board of Study.

6. Candidates who have passed the selection examination but do not possess the requirements stated in (i); should do a minimum of 3months first on call duties in General Paediatrics under a Consultant Paediatrician before the closing date of applications for PDCH to be held immediately following the selection examination.

7. The result of this Selection Examination is valid only to sit for the Postgraduate Diploma in Child Health Examination (PDCH) to be held in October 2015

8. Please note that candidates will be allowed to sit the selection examination without limitation of number of attempts.

9. The prescribed fees for the Selection Examination, shall be as follows :-

(a) Registration fee	- Rs. 4,000.00 (Non refundable)
(b) Examination fees	- Rs. 11,500.00

(Private candidates will be charged 50% more on each fee of the PGIM)

10. Each year only the scheduled selection examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held .No repeat or additional examination will be held.

11. 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 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.cmb.ac.lk/pgim on payment of Rs. 1000/-. The envelope should be marked “Application for Selection Examination for Postgraduate Diploma in Child Health ” at the top left hand corner.

12. Completed applications with **every cage** duly filled should be forwarded through the Head of Department, confirming that the applicant if selected would be released for the 20 social Paediatric sessions. The applications should reach the Asst. Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **30 January, 2015. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
13. Past question papers, other than the MCQ Papers, are available for sale in the PGIM Library.
14. Please bring the contents of this Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
15. The unofficial results of the examination will be released only following approval by the Board of Management, However for the results to be valid and official the **Senate of the University should approve the result.**
16. 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 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

- cc. 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 Paediatrics
5. Secretary, Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians
6. Hony. Secretary, GMOA.
7. PGIM Library
8. PGIM Branch Library, Kandy