

Circular Letter No. 81/2014

My No. PGIM/EX/2/SE/MD/OP (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/Dental Sciences/Medical Sciences,
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya,
Sri Jayewardenepura,
Director, Dental Institute, Colombo.

SELECTION EXAMINATION OF THE MD IN ORAL PATHOLOGY

1. The Selection examination will commence on **12th March, 2015**.
2. Applications are invited from dental officers possessing the following minimum requirements to sit the above examination.
 - (a) a dental degree registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council ;
 - (b) minimum period of twelve months experience either in the State Sector, University, Armed Forces or Private Sector after passing the final examination for Bachelor in Dental Surgery. **A copy of the certificate should be attached with the application.**
 - (c) The requirement stated in (b) above must be fulfilled on or before the closing date of applications ie. before **6th February, 2015**.
 - (d) The criteria prescribed in paragraphs (b) and (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. To be eligible for enrolment to the training programme the applicants should pass the selection examination. The current format of the selection examination is described in the Prospectus.
4. The selection examination will consist of a MCQ paper and a Viva Voce. Candidates should obtain 50% or more for both components (the MCQ and the Viva) at the same sitting in order to pass the Selection Examination and be eligible to be admitted to the MD training programme.

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5. Only a **maximum of 2 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.
6. Only a **maximum of 1 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 the order of merit.
7. Only a **maximum of 1 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.
8. Only a **maximum of 1 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 the order of merit.
9. **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 6,7 and 8 above.**
10. **If the allocated number from other three sectors as per section 6,7,8 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.**
11. **In the event of extra number of candidates exceeding the allocated number from the other three sectors are selected as per section 9 above, a similar extra number from the State Sector below the “cut off line” based on merit shall be enrolled.**
12. Following the examination and release of results the above numbers shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained.
13. Each year only the schedule Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. **No repeat or additional examinations will be held.**
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.

17. 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.

18. The candidates who shall commence the pre MD (Registrar) or Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after 1st August 2012 should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows :-

(a) Application fee	- Rs. 1,000.00
(b) Registration fee	- Rs. 4,000.00 (non refundable)
(c) Examination fee	- Rs. 10,500.00

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

22. Eligible candidates should obtain the prescribed application forms from the Examinations Branch, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine on payment of Rs. 1000/-. It also can be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk for which Rs. 1000/- should be paid together with other payments to the Bank. 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 envelope should be marked "**Application for Selection Examination in Oral Pathology**" at the top left hand corner.

23. 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 postgraduate training in the PGIM. The applications should reach the Senior Asst. Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **6th February, 2015**. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

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

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

27. 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** by the Board of Management. However for the results to be valid and official the **Senate of the University should approve the results.**

28. The candidates will be issued an **“Examination Feedback Form”** with the admission documents. It should be sent back 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
Director, PGIM

- c.c. 1. Secretary of Board of Study in Dental Surgery.
2. Director General of Dental Services
3. Hony. Secretary, College of General Dental Practitioners.