

Circular Letter No. 19/2015

My No. PGIM/EX/4/SE/PG/DLM/SE(15)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Norris Canal Road,
Colombo 7.
6th March 2015

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 FOR THE ONE YEAR STAND ALONE POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LEGAL MEDICINE – 2015/2016

1. The Selection examination for admission to the above course will be held on 30th April 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 Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Medicine. The course will commence in June 2015.
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 - (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. 30th March 2015
 - (d) Any other requirement/s stipulated by the Board of Study relevant to a particular field of study concerned that has/have been approved by the Board of Management.
- Note:** (i) 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 short-fall in order to become eligible to apply for the Selection Examination.
- (ii) should submit a medical certificate from a specialist physician to confirm general mental physical fitness
4. 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 and relevant examination documents which are available at the PGIM.

5. There will be 40 Multiple Choice Questions of true or false type in Basic Sciences, other clinical disciplines and Basic Forensic Medicine which consist of a stem and 5 choices/responses of two hours duration. One mark will be awarded for each correct answer. Minus marks will be given for wrong answers. Negative marks will operate within a question. Negative marks will not however be carried over to other question. The breakdown of the MCQs in each area are provided in the PGIM website.
6. The candidates who pass the selection examination by obtaining a pass mark of 50% only shall be considered for enrolment to the course. Please note that candidates will be permitted to sit unlimited attempts at the selection examination.
7. **20 candidates** from the **Ministry of Health (MOH)** who pass the Selection Examination will be enrolled in the training programme. Placements will be made purely in the order of merit. The details are available at the Examination Branch office of the PGIM and on the PGIM website under “General Regulations and Guidelines 2015”. **The 20th MOH candidate’s marks will be taken as a cut-off line and the candidates in sections 9, 10 and 11 will have to obtain a mark similar to this or above to be offered a place in the training programme.**
8. The final number of available training placements will be determined based on the total number of candidates above the cut-off line.
9. All candidates from **State Universities** who are above the cut- off line will be enrolled in the training programme in order of the merit.
10. All candidates from the **Armed Forces (including Police)** who are above the cut- off line will be enrolled in the training programme in order of the merit.
11. All **Non-State Sector** candidates who are above the cut- off line will be enrolled in the training programme. They will be placed below the order of merit for candidates from the MOH, State Universities and Armed Forces (including Police) based on the merit within the non-state sector category.
12. Following the examination and release of results the above numbers shall not be changed nor shall request for such changes be entertained.
13. Each year only the scheduled 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-sector trainees into PGIM training programme – 2011” and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons.
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 enrolment. When relevant it may be necessary to sign a bond before such enrolment if such a requirement has been decided by the Ministry of Health or University.

17. The relevant information of the training programme, details regarding the continuous assessments and Pg DLM examination 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.

18. The prescribed fees for the examination are as follows :

(a) Registration fee	- Rs. 4000.00 (Non Refundable)
(b) Examination fees	- Rs. 10500.00

(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. 1000/- or can be downloaded from our website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk>. 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 "**Selection Examination for Enrolment for the Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Medicine**" at the top left hand corner.

20. 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 at the PGIM. The applications should reach the Senior Asst. Registrar/ Examinations, PGIM, No. 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 **on or before 30th March 2015. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstance.**

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 the Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in PGIM website – www.cmb.ac.lk/pgim.

24. **Please note that there shall be no repeat examination for the year 2015.**

25. Please note that the successful completion of the one year Pg DLM examination does not make candidates eligible to enter the MD training programme in Forensic Medicine. The new three(03) year stand alone MD curriculum in Forensic Medicine is under construction. Once the prospectus is finalized a selection examination would be held to select candidates for this 03 year MD Forensic Medicine training programme. It is hoped to commence this MD training programme in 2016.

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

27. **The results will be valid and official only after they are approved by the Senate of the University of Colombo.**

28. The candidates will be issued an **“Examination Feedback Form”** with the admission documents. It 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 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.**

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2. Director General of Health Services
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7. PGIM Library
8. PGIM Branch Library, Peradeniya