

Circular Letter No. 75/2015

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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,

**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR MD (FAMILY MEDICINE-BY
CLINICAL TRAINING) – OCTOBER, 2015**

1. The above examination will commence on **8th October 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 in MD (Family Medicine).
 - (a) A medical degree registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council;
 - (b) Satisfactorily completion of internship acceptable by the Sri Lanka Medical Council ;
 - (c) Satisfactorily completion of one year work experience in Sri Lanka, after internship ;
 - (d) Has passed the Diploma in Family Medicine examination ;
 - (e) Produce a medical certificate from a specialist physician, to confirm general mental and physical fitness ; and
 - (f) Comply with PGIM rules and regulations.
3. 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 2013 and relevant examination documents which are available at the PGIM.
4. The examination shall consist of 2 components :-
 - (a) a MCQ Paper (40 true/false type MCQs and 20 Single Best Answer (SBA) questions) ;
and
 - (b) a Written Paper (there shall be one essay type question and three structured type questions - all questions will be on topics related to Family Medicine)
5. The MCQ Paper will be held on **08th October, 2015**. Only those who obtain a mark of 130 (50%) or more in the MCQ Paper will be allowed to proceed to the Written Paper. The Written Paper will be held on a subsequent date as decided by the Board of Examiners. All candidates will be informed in writing, their performance at the MCQ Paper.

6. Candidates should obtain an aggregate of 60% or more of the total (276 or more out of 460) and 50% or more for the MCQ Paper(130 out of 260) and 50% or more for the Written Paper (100 out of 200) to pass the Selection Examination.
7. **05 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 05th MOH candidate’s marks will be taken as a cut-off line and the candidates in sections 8,9 and 10 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 the order of 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 the order of 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 merit within the non-sector category.
12. Following the examination and release of results the above numbers shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained.
13. 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.
14. The relevant information of the training programme, MD Examination, requirements for Board Certification are described in the prospectus 2013 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.
15. **The candidates who shall commence the Pre MD(Registrar) or Post MD(Senior Registrar) training after 1st August 2011 should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.**
16. There should be no delay in submitting the dissertation or research report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. If there is a delay, the Board Certification will be delayed accordingly.
17. 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 requirement. If this is not followed, the date of Board Certification will be delayed by the corresponding period of time.

18. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows:-
(a) Registration fee - Rs. 4,000/-
(b) Examination fees - Rs. 11,500/-
(Candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)
Candidates are required to pay Rs. 4,000/= as registration fee and Rs.5,000/= as the entry fee for the MCQ Paper in the first instance. Those who qualify the MCQ Paper will have to pay the balance entry fee Rs.6,500/= in order to proceed for the rest of the examination.
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/> .
20. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department, to the Asst. Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **15th September 2015**. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
21. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in website – www.health.gov.lk
22. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
23. 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.
24. Past question papers, other than the MCQ papers, are available for sale in the PGIM Library.
25. The results will be valid and official only after they are approved by the **Senate of the University Colombo.**
26. 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 of following the release of results nor will these be investigated by the PGIM.**

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2. Director General of Health Services.
3. Registrar, Sri Lanka Medical Council.
4. Secretary of Board of Study in Family Medicine
5. Secretary, College of General Practitioners of Sri Lanka.
6. Hony. Secretary, GMOA.
7. PGIM Branch Library, Peradeniya.