

My No. PGIM/EX/7/PDCH/SE ('16)
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, 2016**

1. The above examination will commence on 16th March, 2016.
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 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 for applications, **ie by 08 February, 2016.**

The criteria prescribed in paragraphs a, b and c should be satisfied by the applicant before the date of closure of applications.

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. The above examination consists of **TWO** papers (Paper I and II) containing a total of 50 questions. The candidate will have a total duration of 2 hours (120 minutes) to answer both papers.

Paper I

- Total of 20 True/False type questions.

Paper II

- Total of 30 questions of single best response (SBR) type.

4. All Candidates who pass the Selection Examination from University/State Sector and Non – State Sector Institutions in Sri Lanka will be enrolled to the training programme.

5. Candidates possessing the requirements stipulated in 2. (a) (b) and (c) above are eligible to sit for the Selection Examination. Successful candidates who do not fulfill one of the criteria mentioned below (a or b) will be required to undergo an additional 03 months of work experience with second on call duties in general paediatrics in the same unit being assigned for three months of supervised in-service training under the PDCH programme, in order to qualify to sit for the DCH Examination in October 2016.

a. Six months experience in General Paediatrics with “first on call” duties under a Consultant Paediatrician during internship or afterwards within 7 years immediately preceding the PDCH examination.

or

b. A minimum of one year experience in General Paediatrics/Neonatology under a Consultant Paediatrician within the 7 years immediately preceding the PDCH examination.

***** All trainers are required to submit a progress report at the completion of the General Paediatric appointment.**

6. **The results of this Selection Examination will be valid only to sit for the Postgraduate Diploma in Child Health Examination (PDCH) to be held in October 2016.**

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

8. 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)

9. Only the scheduled selection examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held each year. No repeat or additional examination will be held.

10. Eligible candidates should obtain the prescribed application forms from the Examinations Branch, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine on payment of Rs. 1000/-. The application form also could be downloaded from our website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk> on payment of Rs. 1000/-.

11. 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 **8th February, 2016. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstance.**

12. Past question papers, other than the MCQ Papers, are available for sale in the PGIM Library.

13. Please bring the contents of this Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
14. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
15. The Candidate will be issued an “**Examination Feedback Form**” with the appointment letter 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 of 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