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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,
Provincial Director / Health Services,
Regional Directors of Health Services,
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya/
Sri Jayewardenepura/Rajarata/EUSL/KDU

**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR ENROLMENT TO THE IN-SERVICE
TRAINING PROGRAMME IN MD CLINICAL NUTRITION**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on 27th February 2017.
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 enrolment to the in-service training programme in Clinical Nutrition
3.
 - (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 full time post internship in medical practice in a University/Public Sector Institution/Private Sector in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM as at the date of closure of applications i.e. on 28th December 2016.
 - (d) Successful completion of MSc in Human Nutrition of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine ,University of Colombo within last six years.
 - (e) One Year of experience working in a clinical Nutrition unit after obtaining the MSc in Human Nutrition.
 - (f) Complying with any other PGIM general regulations relevant to selection of trainees.

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.

4. The applicants to be eligible for enrolment to the training programme should pass the selection examination. The current format of the selection examination is described in the prospectus 2016 and relevant examination documents which are available at the PGIM.

5. The Selection Examination shall consist of a MCQ Paper which is a 90 minutes paper, and consist of 2 parts
 - 20 MCQ of the True /False type
 - 15 MCQ of the Single Best Answer type
6. To be successful in the selection examination, a candidate must obtain a minimum aggregate of 50%
7. **15 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 2016”. The **15 MOH candidate’s marks will be taken as a cut-off line and the candidates in sections 09,10 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 requests 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 “General Regulations & Guidelines - 2016” 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 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 2016 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 minimum duration of post MD training required to be eligible for Board certification shall be one year local and one year overseas. However the duration may be more than two years in certain specialties and the information is available in the prospectus.
19. **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.**
20. There should be no delay in submitting the dissertation or research report within the stipulated period if required as prescribed in the prospectus. If there is a delay, the Board Certification will be delayed accordingly.
21. 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.
22. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector are as follows:

(a) Registration fee	- Rs	4,000.00 (non refundable)
(b) Examination fees	- Rs.	27,500.00

(candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)
23. 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 the website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/> on payment of Rs. 1000/-.
24. 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 in the PGIM. The envelope should be marked “**Application for selection Examination for enrollment to the in-service training programme in Clinical Nutrition**” at the top left hand corner. The applications should reach the Assistant Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before 28th December 2016. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
25. 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.
26. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.

27. Please refer to the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in MOH website – www.health.gov.lk
28. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the **Senate of the University**.
29. 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 of conclusion of the examination or following the release of results** nor will these be investigated by the PGIM.
30. **Candidates who pass the Selection Examination and are selected for the MD programme should undergo a training module on professionalism organized by the PGIM. Please note that this is a compulsory module for all MD trainees and should be completed within first two years of pre MD training. A certificate will be issued to trainees who follow this module.**

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1. Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition
 2. Director General of Health Services
 3. DDGHS/Medical Services
 4. Commanders of Armed Forces
 5. Registrar, Sri Lanka Medical Council.
 6. Interim Specialty Board in Clinical Nutrition.
 7. Hony. Secretary, GMOA