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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/SUSL/KDA

**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR ENROLMENT TO THE IN-SERVICE TRAINING
PROGRAMME IN MD PAEDIATRICS – MARCH 2017**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **Tuesday, 28 March 2017**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers in the state sector and non-state sector possessing the following requirements to sit the Selection Examination for enrolment to the in-service training programme in MD (Paediatrics)
 - (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. **10 February 2017**.
 - (d) Completion of
 - i. six months of continuous service experience in General Paediatric Medical Unit as “first on call” medical officer, either during internship or afterwards, which should be within 07 years of the closing date of applications.
or
 - ii. six months of continuous service experience in General Paediatric Surgical Unit as “first on call” medical officer either during internship or afterwards, **AND** three months of continuous service experience as first on-call medical officer in a Paediatric Medical Unit, which should be within 07 years of the closing date of application.
or
 - iii. Completion of six months of continuous service experience in neonatology or any other paediatric sub speciality as “first on-call” medical officer **AND** three months of first on-call experience in a Paediatric Medical Unit which should be within 07 years of the closing date of application.

*foreign nationals who seek registration in respect of selection test should possess a medical degree registrable with the Sri Lanka Medical Council

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.

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3. Please note that candidates will be allowed to attempt the selection examination without limitation of number of attempts.
4. The examination consists of two components.
 - I) MCQ Papers
 - Paper I (consists of 30 “True/False” questions)
 - Paper II (consists of 30 Single Best Response **SBR type** questions)
 - II) Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)
5. The MCQ papers will be held on **Tuesday, 28 March 2017**. Only those who obtain a minimum mark of 45% for **each** paper and, overall mark of 50% or more for the MCQ component will be allowed to proceed for the OSCE which will be held on a subsequent date decided by the Board of Study in Paediatrics.
 - a. OSCE consists of **15 stations**. Candidate should obtain $\geq 50\%$ for any eight (8) stations and an overall mark of $\geq 50\%$ to pass the OSCE component.
6. In order to pass the exam a candidate should obtain 45% or more for MCQ Paper I AND 45% or more for MCQ Paper II AND overall mark of 50% for the MCQ component AND 50% or more for OSCE with 50% or more for any 08 OSCE stations.
7. **24 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 **24th 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 requests for such changes be entertained.
13. The allocation training units will be done as described in “General Regulation and Guidelines – 2016 and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. The allocated training units shall not be changed for personal reasons.

14. 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.
15. 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.
16. The prescribed fees for the examination shall be as follows for state candidates.
 - (a) Registration fee - Rs. 5,000.00 (non refundable)
 - (b) Examination fees - Rs.32,000.00
(candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)

Candidates are required to pay Rs.5,000.00 as registration fee and Rs.20,000.00 as the entry fee for the MCQ Paper in the first instance. Those who qualify the MCQ Papers (Component 1) by obtaining 50% or more for each paper will have to pay the balance entry fee of Rs. 12,000.00 in order to proceed for the rest of the examination (Component 2).

17. The relevant information of the training programme, MD Examination requirements for Board Certification is described in the Prospectus 2013 and in 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 candidate 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.
19. There should be no delay in submitting the 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. Eligible candidates should obtain the prescribed application forms from the Examinations Branch, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine on payment of Rs. 2000/-. The application form also could be downloaded from the website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk on payment of Rs. 2000/-.
22. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of the Department. The applications should reach the Assistant Registrar/ Examinations, PGIM. No. 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **10 February 2017**. The envelope should be marked “**Application for Selection Examination in MD Paediatrics**” at the top left hand corner. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
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. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
25. Please refer 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/
26. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
27. 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

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