

**Circular Letter No.03/2017**

My No. PGIM/EX/13/SE/PDTCD ('16)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine  
160, Norris Canal Road  
Colombo 7  
02<sup>nd</sup> January, 2017

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 TO THE IN-SERVICE TRAINING  
PROGRAMME IN POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN TUBERCULOSIS & CHEST DISEASES –  
FEBRUARY, 2017**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Postgraduate Diploma in Tuberculosis & Chest Diseases.
  - (a) A medical degree registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council;
  - (b) Satisfactory completion of internship acceptable the Sri Lanka Medical Council;
  - (c) Satisfactory completion of one year of post internship in medical practice in a University/ Public Sector Institution/ Non-state Sector in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM as at the date of closure of applications, **ie. 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017**.

**Note:**

The criteria prescribed in paragraph (c) must have been satisfied by the applicants by 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 applicants to be eligible for enrollment to the training programme should pass the selection examination. The selection examination shall consist of a MCQ Paper. The content areas would comprise respiratory anatomy and physiology, and undergraduate knowledge of general clinical medicine. Special emphasis is given to assessing knowledge on tuberculosis. For further clarifications please refer the new Prospectus available on the PGIM web site.
4. The selection examination would comprise of a one hour True/False-type MCQ paper, containing 20 stems with each question having 5 responses (a total of 100 questions/responses). Each correct response will earn 1 mark, each incorrect response -1 mark, and each non-response 0 mark. Within the 5 items of any given stem, negative marks will be taken into consideration in the marking, while there will be no carry-over of negative marks from one stem to the others; in other words, the possible mark range for any given 5-item stem will be from 0 to 5. This subcomponent carries a total of 100 marks.

5. The candidates who pass the selection examination by obtaining 50% or more from the MCQ paper only shall be considered for enrolment to the course.
6. Only a maximum of **75 candidates** 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 75<sup>th</sup> 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.**
7. The final number of available training placements will be determined based on the total number of candidates above the cut-off line.
8. All candidates from **State Universities** who are above the cut- off line will be enrolled in the training programme in order of the merit
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. Following the examination and release of results the above numbers shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained.
12. Each year only the scheduled selection examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. **No repeat or additional examination will be held.**
13. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “General Regulations & Guideline – 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.
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. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector are as follows:
  - (a) Application Fee - Rs. 2,000.00
  - (b) Registration fee - Rs. 5,000.00 (non refundable)
  - (c) Examination fees- Rs.13,500.00(candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)

16. 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 our website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/> on payment of Rs. 2000/-.
17. Completed applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department (if applicable) confirming that the applicant if selected would be released for postgraduate training at the PGIM. The applications should reach the Senior Assistant Registrar/ Examinations, PGIM, No. 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 07 on or before **27<sup>th</sup> January 2017**. The envelope should be marked **“Application for the selection test for enrolment to the in-service training programme in Tuberculosis & Chest Diseases”** at the top left hand corner. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
18. 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.
19. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
20. 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](http://www.health.gov.lk).
21. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
22. 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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