

**Circular Letter No. 15/2017**

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Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
160, Norris Canal Road,  
Colombo 7.  
02<sup>nd</sup> February 2017

To : Director/NHSL, Colombo  
Directors/MSS of Teaching/General Hospitals,  
DMOs/Base Hospitals,  
Provincial Regional Directors of Health Services,  
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,  
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya,  
Sri Jayewardenepura,

**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR ENTRY TO THE COURSE OF STUDY LEADING  
TO THE POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH – 2017**

1. The above examination will commence on **14<sup>th</sup> March, 2017**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the examination.
  - (a) Hold 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 three years of work experience after completion of internship
  - (d) Comply with PGIM general regulations relevant to selection of trainees

The above criteria must have been satisfied by the applicant as at the date of closure of applications. Non-state sector graduates and foreign nationals seeking entry are governed by the relevant General Regulations and Guidelines of the PGIM. The decision of the Board of Management of the PGIM shall be final in all such applications.

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 of the Diploma in Reproductive Health (2017) and relevant examination documents which are available at the PGIM.

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4. **The selection examination shall** consist of two components: i.e. written examination and an interview.
  - I **The written examination – MCQ Paper 40 true/false type questions (Two hours)**
  - II **Interview - 100 marks – 20 minutes.**

A panel of two examiners shall assess each candidate. At the interview, the relevance of present and past involvement of the candidate in the field of reproductive health will be evaluated and marks shall be assigned for Service and Seniority / Present as well as past experience in maternal and child health work as follows.

    - Service and Seniority: Five marks shall be given for each year of service after the initial three (3) years required for selection up to a total of 40 marks.
    - Present and past experience in MCH work after internship: a total of up to 60 marks as follows:

Public health service - 4 for each year of service up to 20 marks  
SHO / O&G - 5 per each year of service up to 30 marks  
Other posts - 2 per each year of service up to 10 marks
5. **A candidate must obtain a minimum of 50% (150/300 marks) of the total aggregate AND a minimum of 50% for the MCQ paper AND a minimum of 40% for the interview** to pass the examination and be eligible for enrolment to the course.
6. **The permitted number of attempts** at the selection examination is unlimited.
7. Only a **maximum of 15 (Fifteen) candidates** from the **State Sector** who pass the Selection Examination and “who are above the cut-off line” will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit. The details are available at the examination branch, office of the PGIM.
8. No candidates will be selected from non state sector, state universities and Armed Forces.
9. Please note that a minimum number of eight (08) candidates are needed to commence the course.
10. Following the examination and release of results the above numbers shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained.
11. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.

12. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “General regulations & Guide lines 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.
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. 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.
15. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector are as follows:-

(a) Registration fee	- Rs. 5,000/-
(b) Examination fees	- Rs. 13,500/-
(c) Application fees	- Rs. 2,000/-

(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/-or can be downloaded from our website [www.cmb.ac.lk/pgim](http://www.cmb.ac.lk/pgim).
17. 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 applications should reach the Senior Asst. Registrar/ Examinations, PGIM. No. 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **28<sup>th</sup> February 2017**. The envelope should be marked “**Application for the Selection Examination in Postgraduate Diploma in Reproductive Health**” 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 refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in PGIM website – [www.health.gov.lk](http://www.health.gov.lk)
20. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.

21. 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.
22. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.

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Director, PGIM

- Copy:
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 Obstetrics & Gynaecology .
  5. Secretary, College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists of Sri Lanka.
  6. Hony. Secretary, GMOA.
  7. PGIM Branch Library, Peradeniya.

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