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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,

SELECTION EXAMINATION IN MD (PSYCHIATRY) MAY/JUNE, 2018

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **23rd May 2018**.
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 in MD (Psychiatry).
 - (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/ Practice (see item 6) in a University/Public Sector Institution /Private Sector Institution in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM as at the date of closure of applications, ie **11th May 2018**.

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 Examinations.

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 applications is described in the prospectus and relevant examination documents which are available at the PGIM.
4. The selection examination shall consist of two components. The MCQ paper will consist of 60 questions of two hours duration and the Structured Essay paper will consist of 10 questions of three hours duration.
5. The MCQ Paper will be held on **23rd May 2018**. Only those who obtain 50% or more marks in MCQ paper will be allowed to proceed for the Structured Essay paper. The Structured Essay paper will be held on **26th June 2018**.

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6. Candidates who pass the selection examination by obtaining 50% or more marks in each component ie. MCQ Paper and SEQ Paper only, shall be considered for enrolment to the course.
7. **22 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 2018”. **The 22nd MOH candidate’s marks will be taken as a cut-off line and the candidates in sections 9, 10 , 11 and 12 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 attached to **Other Government Ministries** who are above the cut- off line will be enrolled in the training programme in order of the merit.
10. All candidates from **State Universities** who are above the cut- off line will be enrolled in the training programme in order of the merit.
11. 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.
12. 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, Other Government Ministries, State Universities and Armed Forces (including Police) based on the merit within the non-state sector category.
13. Following the examination and release of results the above numbers shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained.
14. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.
15. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “ General Regulation & Guidelines 2018” which is available on PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons.
16. 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.
17. 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, Other Government Ministries or University.

