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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,  
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**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR ENROLMENT TO THE IN-SERVICE  
TRAINING PROGRAMME IN MD CLINICAL NUTRITION – NOVEMBER 2018**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on 01<sup>st</sup> November 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 for enrolment to the in-service training programme in MD Clinical Nutrition.
  - (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 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018.
  - (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 (e) 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.

3. 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.

4. The Selection Examination shall consist of a MCQ Paper which is a 90 minutes paper, and consist of 2 parts
  - 20 MCQs of the True /False type
  - 15 MCQs of the Single Best Answer type
5. Candidates who pass the examination by obtaining a minimum aggregate of 50% or more shall be considered for enrollment to the course.
6. Only a maximum of **20 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 **20 MOH candidate's marks will be taken as a cut-off line and the candidates in sections 8, 9, 10 and 11 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 attached to **Other Government Ministries 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.
9. All candidates from the **Non-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.
10. All candidates from the **State Universities** 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.
11. All candidates from the **Armed Forces** 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.
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 - 2018" 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 01<sup>st</sup> 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	5,000.00 (non-refundable)
(b) Examination fees	- Rs.	32,000.00
(c) Application Fee	- Rs.	2,000.00 (non-refundable)

(candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)

**Only online payments through the PGIM online portal will be accepted**
23. The application form could be downloaded from our website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk)
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 MD Clinical Nutrition**" at the top left-hand corner. The applications should reach the Assistant Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Professor Nandadasa Kodagoda Mw., Colombo 07 on or before 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018. **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](http://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. Feedback in Part II should be limited to concerns, if any, regarding the conduct of the examination (e.g. perceived biases, discriminatory behavior, harassment, intimidation) and **NOT** regarding the format or content of the examination. The form should be sent back to Director/PGIM under confidential cover **within 48 hours after conclusion of the examination**. **No 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.
31. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website for further updated details.

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