

**Amendment made during 2021 (Up to August 2021)  
to the General Regulations and Guidelines for Trainees and these amendments will be  
included to the General Regulations and Guidelines for Trainees 2022**

Amendments	Date of Approval			
	Section	Board of Management	Senate	Council
1. Involvement of PGIM trainees in private practice	Notified later	03.04.2021	31.05.2021	14.07.2021
2. Candidates who do not join the training programme after passing the selection examination	Notified later	03.04.2021	31.05.2021	14.07.2021
3. Availing of Leave for Overseas Training Prior to Completion of Local Post MD Training	15.1	03.04.2021	Awaiting	-
4. Change of post MD Specialty	13.2	08.05.2021	31.05.2021	14.07.2021
5. Orientation Programme on PGIM Library Resources and Services	Notified later	05.06.2021	Awaiting	
6. Determination of the effective date of the results of examinations	Notified later	07.08.2021	Awaiting	
7. Guidelines about Special interest training programmes	13.3	07.08.2021	Awaiting	

**1. Involvement of PGIM trainees in private practice**

Postgraduate trainees should not engage in private practice in the capacity of specialists, until they are eligible for board certification.

**2. Candidates who do not join the training programme after passing the selection examination**

If a trainee does not attend the allocation meeting to accept the training appointment on successful completion of a selection examination, he/she can be allowed to sit another selection examination without waiting for two years.

**3. Availing of Leave for Overseas Training Prior to Completion of Local Post MD Training**

Section 15.1 is amended as follows,

Availing of Leave for Overseas Training Prior to Completion of Local Post MD Training Satisfactory completion of the local component of training after passing the MD examination is a requirement to apply for overseas training and study leave. However, at the discretion of the BOS such overseas leave may be approved before completion of post MD local training, provided that at least six (06) months of post MD local training have been completed. In such an event, the balance local training period as determined by the Board of Study, has to be completed in a training unit allocated by the BOS for the trainee to be eligible to apply for Board Certification.

**4. Change of post MD Specialty**

According to the section 13.2 of the PGIM General regulations and Guidelines for trainees, post MD trainees are allowed to change their specialty within the first three months of their Senior Registrar training, provided that training positions are available in the requested specialty.

It is approved to substitute section 13.2.1 to 13.2.5 of the PGIM General regulations and Guidelines for trainees 2021, with the following.

13.2.1 Post-MD trainees will not be permitted to change to the base or a new subspecialty after commencement of training in that training cycle.

13.2.2 If they wish to change, this will be only permitted after the next scheduled MD examination at 6 months or one year, depending on the program.

13.2.3 In those circumstances, they will be placed at the end of the merit list and be eligible to select from the specialties available at that point.

## **05. Orientation Programme on PGIM Library Resources and Services**

The orientation programme on 'PGIM library resources and services' is a mandatory programme for all postgraduate trainees who enter training programmes, especially for trainees who undertake research as part of their training.

The following programme structure for all training programmes and a certificate of participation to be awarded on successful completion of this orientation programme.

1. Introduction to PGIM library resources and services (30 min)
2. Navigating the PGIM library website (30 min. demo)
3. ClinicalKey and other subscribed resources (30minutes/demo)
4. Article and Plagiarism check requests (30 min)
5. Managing References using Mendeley Reference Management Software (30 min)

This training programme is compulsory to all trainees who sit selection examinations after this decision is approved by the Senate of the University of Colombo.

## **06. Determination of the effective date of the results of examinations**

The policy of the University of Colombo will be adapted when determining the effective date of the results of PGIM examinations, which is detailed as follows.

The effective date of the degree will be calculated as the 1st day of the month following

- date of completion of the examination (for multi-component examinations)
- or
- date of submission of the accepted dissertation/thesis (in the case of dissertation/thesis-based examinations)

## **07. Special Interest Training**

### **Guidelines for Special interest training programmes**

1. Board certification will only be awarded in the specialty concerned
2. This will be awarded upon satisfactory completion of the mandatory period of postMD training of 2-3 years specified in the prospectus of the specialty
3. Special interest training in a specialty will be optional for post-MD trainees
4. This optional training in the special interest will be for an additional period of one year, in an overseas center recognized for such training and subject to approval by the Board of Study
5. The PGIM will recommend leave but not funding for the additional year of special

interest training to the primary employer provided that the total duration of overseas leave does not exceed two (02) years

6. The date of board certification will be based on the mandatory post-MD training period required for specialty training, including for those who opt for the additional year of special interest training

7. Completion of special interest training will be certified in an academic transcript provided by the PGIM, but not indicated in the board certification