

6.ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicable for all Screening Examinations/Selection Examinations being conducted by the PGIM to select trainees for PGIM training programmes/courses of study.

- 6.1 Prospective applicants for Screening Examinations/Selection Examinations must satisfy the following requirements.
- 6.1.1 A medical/dental degree registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC).
 - 6.1.2 Satisfactory completion of internship acceptable to the SLMC.
 - 6.1.3 Satisfactory completion of one year of post internship in Medical/Clinical practice in a university/public/private sector institution in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM.
 - 6.1.4 The criteria prescribed in paragraphs 6.1.1 to 6.1.3 must have been satisfied by the applicants as at the date of closure of applications. Where a short-fall has occurred due to any reason, including sick, maternity or other leave, the doctor concerned should complete the shortfall in order to become eligible to apply for the Selection Examination.
 - 6.1.5 Any other requirements stipulated by the Board of Study, relevant to a particular field of study, which have been approved by the Board of Management.

Notes:

Foreign nationals applying to register for selection examinations should possess a medical degree registrable with the SLMC. The decision of the Board of Management will be final in all such applications.

Dental surgeons should possess one year of dental practice acceptable to the Board of Study in Dental Surgery after graduation.

A quota for the private sector is available for most courses.

6.2 Limitation of the number of attempts at Selection Examination

6.2.1. Number of attempts allowed for a particular MD Selection Examination is six (06). Those who have already exhausted four (04) or more attempts would be allowed only two (02) more attempts. Those who have sat less than 4 attempts would be allowed up to a maximum total 6 attempts.

6.2.2. Unlimited attempts will be allowed at Selection Examinations for PG Certificate, PG Diploma and Masters programmes conducted by the PGIM.

6.2.3. Number of attempts allowed at Selection Examinations for Masters/Postgraduate Diploma which lead to MD

When the entry point of an MD training programme is the Selection Examination for Masters/Postgraduate Diploma, in order to proceed for the MD after being successful at the

Masters/Postgraduate Diploma examination, the candidate should have passed the respective Selection Examination for Masters/Postgraduate Diploma within 6 attempts.

6.3 Counting the number of attempts and withdrawal of the examination application

6.3.1 Prospective applicants may withdraw their examination applications or be absent from the examination due to unavoidable circumstances.

6.3.2 The following stipulations will apply in such situations.

Application for a selection examination will not be counted as an attempt provided that:

- a. If a candidate withdraws his/her application from the Selection Examination in writing prior to commencement of the examination.
- b. The candidate absents himself/herself **from the whole or component/s of the selection test/screening examination** without a prior intimation but submits a medical certificate from a Specialist acceptable to the Board of Study, in support of his/her illness.
- c. **The candidate absents himself/herself from the whole or component/s of the selection test/screening examination** due to sudden unavoidable circumstances which are acceptable to the Board of Study and Board of Management.