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Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
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To : Director/NHSL, Colombo,  
Directors/MSS of Teaching/General Hospitals,  
Provincial Directors of Health Services,  
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,  
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya,  
Sri Jayewardenepura/Rajarata/EUSL/KDU

**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR ENROLMENT TO THE IN-SERVICE  
TRAINING PROGRAMME IN POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN GERIATRIC  
MEDICINE – MARCH 2020**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **20<sup>th</sup> March 2020**.
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 Postgraduate Diploma in Elderly Medicine.
  - (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 service in a University/Public Sector/Private Sector Institution in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM as at the date of closure of applications **7<sup>th</sup> February 2020**;

**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 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 for the perusal of applicants is described in the prospectus 2019 and relevant examination documents which are available at the PGIM.
4. The selection examination shall consist of MCQ paper with 40 questions (multiple true / false type) of (02) two hours duration. Negative marks will apply only within the question and will not be carried over. The content areas from which the questions are based on is described in the prospectus 2019.
5. The candidates who pass the selection examination by obtaining a pass mark of 50% or more only shall be considered for enrolment to the course.

6. **16 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 2019". **The 16<sup>th</sup> 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 are above the cut – off line will be enrolled in the training programme in order of the merit.
9. All candidates from **State Universities** who are above the cut- off line will be enrolled in the training programme in order of the merit
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. Following the examination and release of results the above numbers shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained.
13. The permitted number of attempts of an eligible candidate at a particular Selection Examination is limited to four (04). However, candidates who have already attempted a particular Selection Examination on more than four (04) occasions will be allowed one (01) more attempt within a period of one year from the date the new regulation comes into effect which is with effect from 05.09.2019.
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 Regulations and Guidelines 2019". and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. 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 or University or Other Government Ministries or Armed Forces.

18. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector are as follows:

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| (a) Registration fee | - Rs. | 6,000.00 (non refundable) |
| (b) Examination fees | - Rs. | 16,000.00                 |
| (c) Application fee  | - Rs. | 2,500.00 (non refundable) |

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

**Only online payment through the PGIM online portal will be accepted by the PGIM.**

19. The application form can be download from our website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk).
20. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department, confirming that the applicants if selected would be released for the Postgraduate training in the PGIM. The applications should reach the Assistant Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo 7 on or before **7<sup>th</sup> February 2020**. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
21. The selected candidates shall 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.
22. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
23. Please refer 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).
24. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the **Senate of the University**.
25. 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 (eg. perceived biases, discriminatory behaviour, 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.
26. A trainee following a PG Certificate or PG Diploma or MSc or MD programme shall not be permitted to sit another selection examination for a PG Certificate or PG Diploma or MSc or MD. If the trainee leaves the course before completion of a programme/course of study, he/she shall not be permitted to sit for another selection examination for a minimum period of two years from the date of leaving the programme/course of study. This rule shall not apply for online and part time courses.
27. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) for further updates.



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  6. Hon. Secretary, GMOA