

Circular Letter No 10/2020

My No. PGIM/EX/7/PDCH/SE ('20)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
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Colombo 7.
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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/ Rajarata/ Eastern

**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CHILD HEALTH –
MARCH, 2020**

1. The above examination will commence on **23rd March, 2020**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the examination.
 - (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 post internship in medical/clinical practice in a University/State Sector/Non-State Sector Institution in Sri Lanka, acceptable to the PGIM, on or before the closing date for applications, **i.e. by 13th February 2020**.

Note 01: 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.

Note 02: Foreign nationals who seek to apply for training programme should possess a medical degree registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council. Such applications are scrutinized by the BOS for suitability and recommendations. The decision of the Board of Management will be final in all such applications.

3. The above examination consists of **TWO** papers (Paper I and II) containing a total of 50 questions. The candidate will have a total duration of 2 hours (120 minutes) to answer both papers.

Paper I

- Total of 20 True/False type questions.

Paper II

- Total of 30 questions of single best response (SBR) type.

To be successful in the selection examination , a candidate must obtain a aggregate of 50% or more for entire MCQ paper with a minimum mark of 45% for each paper (i.e., paper I and paper II)

4. All Candidates who pass the Selection Examination from University/State Sector and Non –State Sector Institutions in Sri Lanka will be enrolled to the training programme.

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5. Candidates possessing the requirements stipulated in 2. (a) (b) and (c) above are eligible to sit for the Selection Examination. Successful candidates who do not fulfill one of the criteria mentioned below (a or b) will be required to undergo an additional 03 months of work experience with second on call duties in general paediatrics in the same unit being assigned for three months of supervised in-service training under the PDCH programme, in order to qualify to sit for the PDCH Examination in October 2020.
- a. Six months experience in General Paediatrics with “first on call” duties under a Consultant Paediatrician during internship or afterwards within 7 years immediately preceding the PDCH examination.
- or
- b. A minimum of one year experience in General Paediatrics/Neonatology under a Consultant Paediatrician within the 7 years immediately preceding the PDCH examination.
- *** All trainers are required to submit a progress report at the completion of the General Paediatric appointment.
6. **The results of this Selection Examination will be valid only to sit for the Postgraduate Diploma in Child Health Examination (PDCH) to be held in October 2020.**
7. The prescribed fees for the Selection Examination shall be as follows :-
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| (a) Registration fee | - Rs | 6,000.00 (non refundable) |
| (b) Application Fee | - Rs. | 2,500.00 (non refundable) |
| (c) Examination fees | - Rs. | 16,000.00 |
- (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
8. The application form can be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk.
9. Only the scheduled selection examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held each year. No repeat or additional examination will be held.
10. The Completed applications with **every cage** duly filled should be forwarded through the Head of Department, confirming that the applicant, if selected, would be released for the 20 social Paediatric sessions. The applications should reach the Asst. Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Prof Nanndadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo7 on or before **13th February 2020**. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstance.**
11. Past question papers, other than the MCQ Papers, are available for sale in the PGIM Library.

12. Please bring the contents of this Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
13. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
14. 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 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website for further updated details.



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- cc. 1. Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition
2. Director General of Health Services
3. Registrar, Sri Lanka Medical Council
4. Secretary of Board of Study in Paediatrics
5. Secretary, Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians
6. Hony. Secretary, GMOA.
7. PGIM Library
8. PGIM Branch Library, Kandy