

Circular Letter No. 11/2020

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**SELECTION EXAMINATION IN MD (FORENSIC MEDICINE) –
MARCH, 2020**

1. The above examination will commence on 02nd 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 in MD (Forensic Medicine).
 - (a) Hold a medical degree and be registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council;
 - (b) Completion of internship recognized by the Sri Lanka Medical Council ;
 - (c) Completed one year work experience in Sri Lanka in the medical field after internship acceptable to the Board of Study ;
 - (d) The criteria prescribed in paragraphs (a) to (c) must have been fulfilled by the applicant as at the date of closure of applications for the selection examination ; i.e. 12th February 2020
 - (e) Produce a medical certificate from a specialist physician to confirm general mental and physical fitness ,
 - (f) Comply with any other PGIM regulations.

Foreign nationals who seek to apply to sit the selection examination should possess a medical degree registrable with the Sri Lankan Medical Council.

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 2017.

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4. The examination shall consist of 2 components, i.e. theory paper and objective structured practical examination.
 - (a) Theory Paper : MCQ Paper with 30 multiple choice questions of the true/false type, 15 Single Best Answer (SBA) questions and 15 extended matching questions (150 minutes) ;
 - and
 - (b) Objective Structured Practical Examination - 10 OSPE stations - (60 minutes)
5. In order to pass the selection examination a candidate should obtain a total overall mark of 50% or more, and a mark of 40% or more in each of the two components of the examination.
6. 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.
7. **08 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 2020". **The 08th MOH candidate's mark 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.**
8. The final number of available training placements will be determined based on the total number of candidates above the cut-off line.
9. No candidates from all 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.
10. **01 candidate** from **State Universities** who passes the selection examination and who are above the cut-off line will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit.
11. **01 candidate** from the **Armed Forces (including Police)** who passes the Selection Examination and who are above the cut-off line will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit.
12. No **Non-State Sector** candidates who passes the Selection Examination and who are above the cut-off line will be enrolled in the training programme.
13. In case there are no suitable applicants from category 9 and 10 they will be replaced with candidates from the Ministry of Health.
14. Following the examination and release of results the above numbers shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained.
15. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.

16. The Allocation of training units will be done as described in "General Regulations & Guidelines – 2020" and according to the approval procedure by the PGIM based on merit. The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons.
17. 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.
18. For all full time 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 enrolment if such a requirement has been decided by the Ministry of Health or University or other Government Ministries or Armed Forces.
19. The relevant information of the training programme, MD Examination, requirements for Board Certification are described in the prospectus 2017. 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.
20. 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 specialities and the information is available in the prospectors.
21. The candidates who shall commence the Pre MD(Registrar) or Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after 1st August 2011 should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.
22. Post-MD trainees should commence post-MD overseas training within two (02) years after the expected date of completing local post -MD training. Any delay will be added to the date of effective Board Certification. Post – MD trainees who delay commencing overseas Post-MD training by more than four (04) years after the date of completing local Post-MD training will have their trainee status terminated.
23. There should be no delay in submitting the dissertation or research report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. If there is a delay, the Board Certification will be delayed accordingly.
24. 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.
25. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows:-
 - (a) Application fee - Rs. 3,000.00(non-refundable)
 - (b) Registration fee - Rs. 6,000.00(non-refundable)
 - (c) Examination fee - Rs. 37,000.00(Private Candidates will be charged 50% more on each fee of the PGIM)
Only online payment through the PGIM online portal will be accepted by the PGIM.

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26. The application form can be downloaded from the PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk
27. The applications should reach the Snr. Asst. Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Professor Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha on or before 12th February 2020 **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
28. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in website – www.health.gov.lk
29. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
30. 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.
31. The results will be valid and official only after they are approved by the **Senate of the University Colombo.**
32. 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 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 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.
33. 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.
34. The Candidate who pass the Selection Examination and are selected for the MD programme should undergo the professionalism & Ethics in Medical Practice Strand organized by the PGIM. Please note that this is compulsory module for all MD trainees and should be completed within the first two years of pre-MD training. A certificate will be issued to trainees who complete this strand successfully.
35. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website for further updates.


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2. Director General of Health Services
3. Registrar, Sri Lanka Medical Council
4. Commanders of Armed Forces DDGHS/Medical Services
5. Secretary of Board of Study in Forensic Medicine
6. Hony. Secretary, GMOA
7. PGIM Branch Library, Peradeniya