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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.

