

Circular Letter No. 116./2019

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Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mw.,
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/EUSL/Sabaragamuwa/Wayamba/KDU.

**SELECTION EXAMINATION IN POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN SPORTS
MEDICINE – FEBRUARY 2020**

1. The above examination will be held on **11th February 2020**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the Selection Examination for Postgraduate Diploma in Sports Medicine.
 - (i) Possession of a Medical Degree registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council ;
 - (ii) Completed one year of active medical practice following full registration ;
 - (iii) If the Board is not satisfied with the qualifications submitted by the applicant, the Board may, require the applicant to undergo such assessment or carry out work as the Board may prescribe, before enrolment ;
 - (iv) Pass an entrance or screening examination conducted by the PGIM.
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 and relevant examination documents which are available at the PGIM.
4. The selection examination shall consist of a MCQ Paper. The MCQ Paper shall consist of 40 questions with 2 hours duration. The content areas from which the questions are based on is described in the prospectus and documents available at the PGIM.
5. The candidates who pass the Selection Examination by scoring 50% or more of the total aggregate shall be enrolled for the Postgraduate Diploma in Sports Medicine training programme.

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6. **14 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 **14th 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 pass the selection examination and 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 pass the selection examination and 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 pass the selection examination and 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 pass the selection examination and 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 Other government Ministries, MOH, 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. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.
14. The allocation of training units will be done as described in "General Regulations & Guideline - 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.

17. The prescribed fees for the examination shall be as follows :-

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

18. The application form can be downloaded from the PGIM website www.cmb.ac.lk/pgim

19. Completed applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department, confirming that the applicants if selected would be released for postgraduate training in the PGIM. The envelope should be marked as “ Application for the Selection Examination in Postgraduate Diploma in Sports Medicine” at the top left hand corner. The applications should reach the Asst. Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo 7 on or before **09th January 2020**. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

20. 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.

21. 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

22. There shall be **no repeat or additional examinations** which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2020.

23. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.

24. 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.

25. 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.

26. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.

27. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk for further updates.

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Director, PGIM

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2. Director General of Health Services
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