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To : Director/NHSL, Colombo
Directors/MSS of Teaching/General Hospitals,
DMOs/Base Hospitals,
Provincial Regional Directors of Health Services,
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya,
Sri Jayewardenepura,

**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH – 2018**

1. The above examination will commence on **14th March, 2018**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the examination.
 - (a) Hold 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 three years of work experience after completion of internship
 - (d) Comply with PGIM general regulations relevant to selection of trainees

Note : The above criteria must have been satisfied by the applicant as at the date of closure of applications. Non-state sector graduates and foreign nationals seeking entry are governed by the relevant General Regulations and Guidelines of the PGIM. The decision of the Board of Management of the PGIM shall be final in all such applications.

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 of the Diploma in Reproductive Health (2017) and relevant examination documents which are available at the PGIM.

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4. **The selection examination shall** consist of two components: i.e. written examination and an interview.
 - I **The written examination – MCQ Paper 40 true/false type questions (Two hours)**
 - II **Interview - 100 marks – 20 minutes.**

A panel of two examiners shall assess each candidate. At the interview, the relevance of present and past involvement of the candidate in the field of reproductive health will be evaluated and marks shall be assigned for Service and Seniority / Present as well as past experience in maternal and child health work as follows.

 - Service and Seniority: Five marks shall be given for each year of service after the initial three (3) years required for selection up to a total of 40 marks.
 - Present and past experience in MCH work after internship: a total of up to 60 marks as follows:
 - Public health service - 4 for each year of service up to 20 marks
 - SHO / O&G - 5 per each year of service up to 30 marks
 - Other posts - 2 per each year of service up to 10 marks
5. **A candidate must obtain a minimum of 50% (150/300 marks) of the total aggregate AND a minimum of 50% for the MCQ paper AND a minimum of 40% for the interview** to pass the examination and be eligible for enrolment to the course.
6. The **permitted number of attempts** at the selection examination is unlimited.
7. **15 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 2018”. The 15th MOH candidate’s marks will be taken as a cut-off line and the candidates in sections 9,10, 11 & 12 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. 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.
10. All candidates from **State Universities** who are above the cut-off line will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit.
11. All candidates from the **Armed Forces (including Police)** who are above the cut-off line will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit.

