

Circular Letter No. 16/2016

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

**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR ENROLMENT TO THE IN-SERVICE
TRAINING PROGRAMME IN MD (EMERGENCY MEDICINE) - 2016**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **29th April 2016**.
 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 for enrolment to the in-service training programme in MD (Emergency Medicine) in the year 2016.
 - (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 of post internship in medical practice in a University/Public Sector Institution/Private Sector in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM as at the date of closure of applications **14th March 2016**.
- Note:**
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.
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 2013 and relevant examination documents which are available at the PGIM.
 4. The detail of the training programme are given in the Prospectus 2013. The portfolio and the details of training units will be made available to the selected candidates at the point of enrolment to the training programme.
 5. The selection examination shall consist of three components i.e.
 - (i) Single Best Answer Paper – 60 questions of 2 hrs
 - (ii) Essay Paper - 6 questions of 3 hrs
 - (iii) OSPE – 20 stations of 1 hrThe content areas from which the questions are based on is described in the prospectus 2013.

6. The Single Best Answer Paper will be held on **29th April, 2016**. Only those who obtain 50% or more in the Single Best Answer Paper will be allowed to proceed for the Essay Paper and OSPE. All candidates will be informed in writing of their performance at the SBA (Single Best Answer) Paper. The Essay Paper and OSPE will be held on a subsequent date to be decided by the Board of Examiners.
7. Candidates obtaining a final aggregate mark of 50% (150/300 marks) and a minimum mark of 50% (50/100 marks) for the Single Best Answer paper and a minimum mark of 40% (40/100 marks) for the Essay paper and a minimum mark of 40% (40/100 marks) for the OSPE examination in the Selection Examination shall pass the examination.
8. **25 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 2016”. **The 25th MOH candidate’s marks will be taken as a cut-off line and the candidates in sections 10, 11 and 12 will have to obtain a mark similar to this or above to be offered a place in the training programme.**
9. The final number of available training placements will be determined based on the total number of candidates above the cut-off line.
10. All candidates from **State Universities** who are above the cut- off line will be enrolled in the training programme in order of the 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 order of the merit.
12. All **Non-State Sector** candidates 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 MOH, State Universities and Armed Forces (including Police) based on the merit within the non-state sector category.
13. Following the examination and release of results the above numbers shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained.
14. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.
15. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “Guidelines Regulations & Guidelines - 2016” and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons.
16. 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.

17. 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.
18. The relevant information of the training programme, MD Examination, requirements for Board Certification are described in the Prospectus 2013 and other relevant documents. 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.
19. **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.**
20. There should be no delay in submitting the dissertation or research report within the stipulated period if required as prescribed in the prospectus. If there is a delay, the Board Certification will be delayed accordingly
21. 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.
22. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector are as follows:

(a) Registration fee	- Rs.	4,000.00 (non refundable)
(b) Examination fees	- Rs.	27,500.00

(candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)

Candidates are required to pay Rs. 4,000/- the registration fee and Rs. 17,000/- the entry fee for the SBA (Single Best Answer) component in the first instance. Those who qualify to proceed for the rest of the examination, ie. The Essay Paper and OSPE will have to pay the balance examination fee of Rs. 10,500/-
23. Eligible candidates should obtain the prescribed application forms from the Examinations Branch, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine on payment of Rs. 1000/-. The application form also could be downloaded from the website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/> on payment of Rs. 1000/-.
24. 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 **“Application for selection test for enrolment to the in-service training programme in MD (Emergency Medicine)”** at the top left hand corner. The applications should reach the Assistant Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **14th March 2016**. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

25. 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.
26. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
27. Please refer to 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
28. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the **Senate of the University**.
29. The candidates will be issued an **“Examination Feedback Form”** with the admission documents and this should be sent back to Director/PGIM under confidential cover **within 48 hours after conclusion of the examination**. If the form is not returned it will be assumed that you do not have any concerns regarding the examination and it was conducted according to the Prospectus/rules/regulations of the PGIM. **No complaints or 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.
30. The candidate who pass the Selection Examination and are selected for the MD programme should undergo a training module on professionalism organized by the PGIM. Please note that this is a compulsory module for all MD trainees and should be completed within first two years of pre MD training. A certificate will be issued to trainees who follow this module.

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1. Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition
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