

**Circular Letter No 35 /2019**

My No. PGIM/EX/07/SE/MD/CM (19)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
160, Prof Nandadasa Kodagda Mawatha,  
Colombo 7.  
5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

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,

**SELECTION EXAMINATION IN MD (COMMUNITY MEDICINE) – JUNE, 2019**

01. The above examination will held on **4<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 at the PGIM.**
02. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirement;
  - Successfully completed the MSc (Community Medicine) Examination.
03. 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 2015 and relevant examination documents are available at the PGIM.
04. The examination shall consist of **one** written paper with **two** structured essay questions of one hour in duration.
05. A candidate has to obtain a minimum of 45% marks for each question with an aggregate of 50% in order to qualify the Selection Examination.
06. All successful candidates of the MD Selection Examination will be eligible to register for the MD training programme in Community Medicine.
07. Only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held each year. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.
08. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “General regulations & Guidelines 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.
09. When a candidate is selected, he/she should register in the same year. If this is not done another eligible candidate will be selected. A candidate who does not register in the given year will not be permitted to register for the programme in a subsequent year with the same results unless a valid medical certificate from a consultant acceptable to the PGIM is submitted.
10. 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.

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11. The relevant information of the training programme, MD Examination requirements for Board Certification is described in the Prospectus 2015 and in 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.
12. The candidates who shall commence the Post MD (Senior Registrar) training should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.
13. 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.
14. The prescribed fees for the examination shall be as follows:-

(a) Registration fee	- Rs	6,000.00 (non refundable)
(b) Application Fee	- Rs.	3,000.00 (non refundable)
(c) Examination fees	- Rs.	23,000.00

(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**
15. The application form can be downloaded from our website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk).
16. Completed applications with every cage duly filled should be forwarded through the Head of Department, confirming that the applicant if selected would be released for postgraduate training in the PGIM. The envelope should be marked "**Application for selection in MD (Community Medicine) June 2019**" at the top left hand corner. The applications should reach the Assistant Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Prof Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo 7 on or before **6<sup>th</sup> May 2019**. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
17. 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.
18. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
19. 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](http://www.health.gov.lk)
20. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the **Senate of the University**.

21. 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.
22. The Candidate who pass the selection Examination and are selected for the MD programme should undergo the Professionalism Strand organized by the PGIM. Please note that this is compulsory 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.
23. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website for further updated details.

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Director, PGIM

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