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To : Director/NHSL, Colombo,
Directors of Teaching Provincial & General Hospitals,
Medical Superintends / Base Hospitals,
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya/
Sri Jayewardenepura/Rajarata, Eastern

**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR ENROLMENT TO THE TRAINING
PROGRAMME FOR MSc IN BIOMEDICAL INFORMATICS - AUGUST 2016**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **8th August 2016**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers dental 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 for Biomedical Informatics.

- (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 the government university, armed forces or private sector in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM as at the date of closure of applications, **22nd July 2016**.

OR

- (a) Hold a Dental Degree and registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC), to practice as a Dental Surgeon and
- (b) Completed at least 1 year general dental practice in the government, university armed forces or private sector at time of closure of applications for the selection examination

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 and relevant examination documents which are available at the PGIM.
4. The selection examination shall consist of a MCQ paper consisting of 60 true/false type questions to be answered in 2 hours the content areas from which the questions are based on are described in the prospectus 2013 and relevant documents available at the PGIM.
5. The candidates who pass the selection examination by obtaining 50% or more of the total aggregate shall be considered for enrolment to the course.

6. **30 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 30th MOH candidate's marks will be taken as a cut-off line and the candidates in sections 8, 9 and 10 will have to obtain a mark similar to this or above to be offered a place in the training programme.**
7. 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.
8. All candidates from **State Universities** who are above the cut- off line will be enrolled in the training programme in order of the merit.
9. 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.
10. Following the examination and release of results the above numbers shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained.
11. The allocation of training units will be done as described in "Guidelines for enrolment of non-state sector trainees in to PGIM training programmes-2016" and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. The relevant information of the training program for Pg Diploma is described in the Prospectus 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 examinations branch office of the PGIM. These circulars will also be handed over to the selected candidates at the commencement of the training programme.
15. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector as follows:-

(a) Registration fee	-	Rs.	4,000/=	(Non Refundable)
(b) Examination fees	-	Rs.	11,500/=	

(Candidates from non state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)
16. 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/-

17. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department. The applications should reach the Assistant Registrar/ Examinations, PGIM. No. 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 **on or before 22nd July 2016**. The envelope should be marked **“Application for Selection examination for enrolment to the training programme for MSc in Biomedical Informatics”** at the top left hand corner **incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
18. 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.
19. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers /dental surgeon concerned in your department/division/faculty.
20. **There shall be no repeat or additional examinations which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2016.**
21. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University
22. 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.**


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 5. Registrar, Sri Lanka Medical Council.
 6. Secretary of Specialty Board in Biomedical Informatics
 8. Hony. Secretary, GMOA.