

Circular Letter No. 77 /2017

My No. PGIM/EX/4/SE/MD/Sports Med(17)
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21st July 2017

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 (SPORTS MEDICINE) – NOVEMBER 2017

1. The above examination will be held on **14th November 2017**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the Selection Examination in MD(Sports Medicine).
 - (a) A medical degree registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council ;
 - (b) Satisfactory completion of internship acceptable to the Sri Lanka Medical Council ;
 - (c) Successful completion of Postgraduate Diploma in Sports and Exercise Medicine offered by the PGIM, University of Colombo.
 - (d) Passing the selection exam detailed below.
 - (e) Complying with any other PGIM general regulations relevant to selection of trainees.

Note :- The criteria prescribed in paragraph a) to d) must have been satisfied by the applicants as at the date of closure of applicants.

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 2017 and relevant examination documents which are available at the PGIM.
4. The MD selection examination shall consist of a MCQ Paper and Objective Structured Clinical Examination. The MCQ Paper shall consist of 30 questions with 80 minutes duration and OSCE consist of 10 stations duration six minutes per station. OSCE will be held on 28th November 2017. The content areas from which the questions are based on is described in the prospectus and documents available at the PGIM.
5. The candidate should obtain a minimum of 50% from MCQs to be eligible for the OSCE. Candidates should score more than 50% from the total mark of the OSCE to be qualified for selection. The combined marks for MCQ and OSCE examinations will be considered for the purpose of ranking.

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6. **Six 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 Six 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. 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 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. 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.
11. Following the examination and release of results the above numbers shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained.
12. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.
13. The allocation of training units will be done as described in "General Regulations & Guideline - 2017" which is available on PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. The relevant information of the training programme, MD Examination, requirements for Board certification are 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.
17. The prescribed fees for the examination shall be as follows :-
 - (a) Application fee - Rs. 2,000.00 (non-refundable)
 - (b) Registration fee - Rs. 5,000.00 (non-refundable)
 - (c) Examination fee - Rs 32,000.00

Candidates are required to pay Rs. 5,000/- as registration fee and Rs. 20,000/- as the entry fee for the MCQ Paper in the first instance. Those who qualify the MCQ Paper will have to pay the balance entry fee Rs. 12,000/- in order to proceed for the rest of the examination. (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 on payment of Rs. 2,000/-. **Only online payment through the PGIM online portal will be accepted by the 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 applications should reach the Asst. Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **04th October 2017. 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. There shall be **no repeat or additional examinations** which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2017.

22. The results will be valid and official the Senate of the University.

23. 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.**

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

25. 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

26. 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.

27. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website for further details.

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1. Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition.
 2. Director General of Health Services.
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