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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 Jayawardenepura, Rajarata, Eastern

Selection Examination for Enrolment to the In-Service Training Programme in Postgraduate Course in Basic Laboratory Sciences Examination Leading to Postgraduate Diploma in Histopathology, Clinical Haematology & Chemical Pathology – September 2016

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **Thursday, 15 September 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 above in-service training programme.
 - (a) A medical degree registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council;
 - (b) Satisfactory completion of internship acceptable the Sri Lanka Medical Council;
 - (c) Satisfactory completion of one year of post internship in medical practice in a University/ Public Sector Institution/ Non-state Sector (see item 7) in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM as at the date of closure of applications, ie. **15 August 2016**.

Notes:- 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.

In addition to qualifications at (a), (b) and (c) above, candidates who wish to enter the Clinical Haematology or Chemical Pathology training programme, will have to fulfill also the following requirements. **Therefore, the selection of the specialty will be done at the beginning of the course.**

Clinical Haematology

1. Candidate should have completed one year of post-intern appointment in a clinical discipline (ward setting, intensive care unit, anaesthesia).
2. At least 06 months of adult medicine or paediatric appointment under supervision is mandatory during the intern/ post intern period.

Chemical Pathology

Six months of training in adult medicine or paediatrics during the internship.

OR

During the post-intern period, working in a General Medical or paediatric ward under the supervision of a Consultant Physician or a Paediatrician for a six months period.

* foreign nationals who seek to apply to register for selection examination should possess a medical degree registrable with the Sri Lanka Medical Council. The decision of the Board of Management will be final in all such applications.

3. The applicants to be eligible for enrollment 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 2008 and examination documents which are available at the PGIM.
4. The selection examination shall consist of a MCQ Paper and Structured Essay Paper. The MCQ Paper consists of 45 questions which should be answered in 2 hours and 15 minutes. Those who obtain 45% or more for the MCQ Paper will be allowed to proceed for the Structured Essay which will be held on a subsequent date as decided by the Board of Examiners. The Structured Essay Paper comprises 4 questions. There shall be one question from each of the following four specialties/ areas (General Pathology, Haematology, Chemical Pathology and Systemic Pathology.)
5. To pass the selection examination the candidate should obtain 50% or above. The MCQ and the Essay Paper contribute equally to the final mark (50% from each component).
6. **50 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 50th 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.** (The number of trainees allocated for three specialties will be done according to the requirement of the Ministry of Health)
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 examination will be held.
13. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “**Guidelines for enrolment on non-state sector trainees in to PGIM training programmes – 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.
14. Those who are selected will be enrolled to follow the 06 month training programme of Postgraduate Course in Basic Laboratory Sciences. The relevant information of the training programme and examination for the Course in Basic Laboratory Sciences is in the prospectus for Pathology 2008.
15. To be eligible to sit for the Postgraduate Diploma examination, successful completion of the Postgraduate Course in Basic Laboratory Sciences examination is a prerequisite as CBLS is a bar examination.

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 and other relevant documents. However if amendments have been made following printing of the Prospectus, the circulars with such amendments may be collected from examinations branch, office of the PGIM. These circulars will also be handed over to the selected candidates at the commencement of the training programme.
19. There should be no delay in submitting the dissertation or research report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. If there is delay, the Board Certificate will be delayed accordingly.
20. 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.
21. 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.11,500.00

(candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)
22. 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://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/> on payment of Rs. 1000/-. The envelope should be marked “**Application for Selection Examination in Pathology**” at the top left hand corner.
23. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of the Department. The applications should reach the Assistant Registrar/ Examinations, PGIM. No. 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **15 August 2016. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
24. 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.
25. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
26. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in PGIM website – www.health.gov.lk/

27. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
28. 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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