

**Circular Letter No04./2016**

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Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
160, Norris Canal Road,  
Colombo 7.  
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To : Director/NHSL, Colombo,  
Directors/MSS of Teaching/General Hospitals,  
Director/Eye Hospital, Colombo,  
Heads of Eye Units, General/Teaching Hospitals,  
Kandy/Peradeniya/Jaffna/Colombo,  
Regional Directors of Health Services,  
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,  
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya,  
Sri Jayewardenepura

**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR ENROLMENT TO THE TRAINING  
PROGRAMME FOR MD OPHTHALMOLOGY – MARCH 2016**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **08<sup>th</sup> March 2016**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers in the state and non-state sectors possessing the following requirements to sit the MD Ophthalmology Selection examination.
  - (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, ie. **15<sup>th</sup> February 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 in MD Ophthalmology. The format of the examination for the perusal of the applicant is described in Prospectus 2014 and examination documents which are available at the PGIM.
4. The examination will be conducted in Two (02) steps.

Step 1 :- MCQ I –Anatomy and Physiology

## MCQ II –Pathology, Microbiology and Pharmacology

Step 2 :- Structured Essay Questions in Three Subjects i.e (I) Anatomy  
(II) Physiology (III) Pathology, Microbiology and Pharmacology

Oral Exam in Three Subjects i.e (I)Anatomy  
(II)Physiology (III) Pathology, Microbiology and Pharmacology

5. A candidate must obtain a minimum closed mark of 15 in the MCQ Papers in each of the three subjects in order to be eligible to proceed to Step 2 i.e. Essay Paper and Viva of the examinations.
6. Requirements to Pass the MD (Ophthalmology) Selection Examination
  - In order to pass **a subject**, a candidate must:
    - Obtain a minimum closed mark of 20 for that subject (a grade of **PASS - P** or an **EXCELLENT PASS – EP**
    - And**
    - Not obtain more than one closed mark of less than 20 in the 3 components (MCQ, Essay and Viva.)
    - And**
    - Not obtain a closed mark of less than 15 in the essay component.
  - To pass **the examination**, a candidate must obtain passes in all 3 subjects in one and the same examination.
7. **14 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 **14 MOH candidate’s marks will be taken as a cut-off line and the candidates in sections 9, 10 and 11 will have to obtain a mark similar to this or above to be offered a place in the training programme.**
8. The final number of available training placements will be determined based on the total number of candidates above the cut-off line.
9. All candidates from **State Universities** who are above the cut- off line will be enrolled in the training programme in order of the merit
10. 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.

11. 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.
12. Following the examination and release of results the above numbers shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained.
13. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.
14. The allocation of training units will be done as described in "General Regulations & Guideline - 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.	26,500.00	

(Private candidates will be charged 50% more on each fee of the PGIM)

Candidates are required to pay Rs. 4,000/= the registration and Rs. 16,000/= the examination fee for the MCQ Papers, at the first instance. Those who qualify the MCQ Papers will have to pay the balance examination fee of Rs. 10,500 in order to proceed for the rest of the examination.
18. 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/-..

19. 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 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016**. The envelope should be marked “Application for Selection Examination for enrolment to the training programme for MD Ophthalmology” at the top left hand corner **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances**.
20. The selected candidates shall 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. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers / dental surgeons concerned in your department/division/faculty.
22. 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](http://www.health.gov.lk)
23. The results will be valid and official only after they are approved by the **Senate of the University of Colombo**.
24. 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.
25. 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.

Professor H Janaka de Silva  
Director, PGIM

- c.c. 1. Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition  
2. Director General of Health Services.  
3. Registrar, Sri Lanka Medical Council.  
4. Secretary of Board of Study in Ophthalmology.  
5. Secretary, College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka.  
6. Hony. Secretary, GMOA.  
7. PGIM Library  
8. PGIM Branch Library, Peradeniya.