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Postgraduate Institute of Medicine
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To : Deputy Director General/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 Jayawardanapura/Eastern/Rarata/Sabaragamuwa/Wayamba/KDU

SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MEDICAL TOXICOLOGY
MAY 2025

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **08th May 2025**.
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 in-service training programme in MSc Medical Toxicology.

Category 1

- a) Applicant with a basic medical degree registrable with the Sri Lanka Medical Council or equivalent statutory body in their country of qualification.
- b) One year of clinical experience after internship.
- c) In the case of applicants from overseas, the certificate of registration to practice as a medical practitioner and evidence of one year of clinical experience after internship should be submitted with the application.

Note:

The criteria prescribed in paragraph (c) have to be satisfied by the applicant by the date of closure of applications. Where a short-fall has occurred due to any reasons including sick, maternity or other leave, the doctor concerned should complete such short-fall in order to become eligible to apply for the Selection Examination.

- d) Satisfactory completion of one year of post internship at the time of application in medical/clinical practice in a University/Public/Private sector institution in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM/Senate of University of Colombo as at the date of closure of applications, **17th April 2025**.
- e) Any other requirement/s stipulated by the Board of Study (BoS) relevant to a particular field of study concerned, that has/have been approved by the Board of Management (BOM)/Senate.

Category 2

Trainee enrolled in a recognized medical specialist training program in their country (which may be Sri Lanka, or any other country) who have completed the primary exams for that specialty. Specializations such as medicine, paediatrics, anesthesiology, critical care or emergency medicine will be considered. Such applicants, in addition to providing evidence of success in postgraduate specialty training, would have to provide curriculum vitae, a covering letter showing relevance of this course to the applicant's current position and/or career path and a letter of support from the applicant's current employer or academic supervisor. These documents would be reviewed by the selection committee appointed by the PGIM. The selection committee's decision will be final.

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All candidates are expected to be competent in basic computer skills and should be able to organize facilities to participate in the online course. The PGIM will not undertake training of candidates in relation to basic computer skills. A workshop will be held in order to give training necessary to interact with the online learning platform (Moodle).

3. The applicants should pass the selection examination to be eligible for enrolment to the training programme. The current format of the Selection Examination is described in the Toxicology Prospectus, 2016.
4. The Selection Examination shall consist of a MCQ paper with 40 questions (true/ false type) derived from Basic Pharmacology, Basic Physiology, Basic Toxicology and General Medicine. The content areas from which the questions are based on is described in the prospectus and in the relevant documents available at the PGIM.
5. Applicants from category 2 will be accepted as eligible for admission without being required to sit for the selection Examination, if they are enrolled into a recognized medical specialist training program in their country, and have completed the primary exams for that specialty. Specializations such as medicine, paediatrics, anesthesiology, critical care or emergency medicine will be considered. Applicants/candidates, in addition to providing evidence of success in postgraduate specialty training, would have to provide curriculum vitae, a covering letter showing relevance of this course to the applicant's current position and/or career path and a letter of support from the applicant's current employer or academic supervisor. These documents would be reviewed by the selection committee appointed by the PGIM. The selection committee's decision will be final.
6. Each trainee should determine at enrolment whether they intend to enroll in the masters (2 years) or diploma (1 year) programme. It is possible to withdraw from the Masters programme after successful completion of the first year and be awarded the Diploma. In the case of trainees who wish to upgrade from a Diploma to a Masters qualification, an appeal for a change in enrolment must be made to the PGIM.
7. **20 candidates** from the **Ministry of Health (MOH)** who pass the Selection Examination will be enrolled in the training programme. Placements will be made purely on the order of merit. The details are available on the PGIM website under "General Regulations and Guidelines 2025". The **20th MOH candidate's marks will be taken as a cut-off line and the candidates in sections 9,10, 11, and 12 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 attached to **Other Government Ministries** who pass the selection examination and are above the cut-off line will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit.

10. All candidates attached to the **State Universities** who pass the selection examination and are above the cut-off line will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit.
11. All candidates from the **Armed Forces (including Police)** who pass the selection examination and are above the cut-off line will be enrolled in the training programme in order of the merit.
12. **All Non – State Sector** candidates who pass the selection examination and 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, Other Government Ministries, State Universities and Armed Forces (Including Police) based on the merit within the non – state sector category.
13. The above numbers shall not be changed, nor shall requests for such changes be entertained.
14. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar will be held. **No repeat or additional examinations will be held.**
15. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “General Regulation and Guidelines 2025” and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons.
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, Other Government Ministries or University.
18. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates from the state sector are as follows:

(a) Registration fee	- Rs	15,500.00 (non-refundable)
(b) Application Fee	- Rs.	7,000.00 (non-refundable)
(c) Examination fees	- Rs.	34,500.00

Candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above specified fees

Foreign Candidates

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| (a) Examination Fee | |
| Non – SAARC | (2000.00US\$) |
| SAARC | (1000.00US\$) |
| Bhutan & Maldives | (700US\$) |

Note that the only payments made through the PGIM online portal will be accepted

19. The application form can be downloaded from the website <https://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/>.
20. All examination applications and other documents will be collected through a Google form <https://forms.gle/orW2VZGFakirdcAG9> or before **17th April 2025**. All applicants should have a Gmail account to access the Google form. The exam application with all relevant documents must be attached as a single pdf document since the portal does not allow uploading of multiple documents. Please note that incomplete, handwritten, late submission and applications sent via email will not be accepted.

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 behaviour, 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 results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University of Colombo.
23. A trainee following a PG Certificate or PG Diploma or MSc or MD programme shall not be permitted to sit another selection examination for a PG Certificate or PG Diploma or MSc or MD. If the trainee leaves the course before completion of a programme/course of study, he/she shall not be permitted to sit for another selection examination for a minimum period of two years from the date of leaving the programme/course of study. This rule shall not apply for online and part time courses.
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. The orientation programme on ‘PGIM library resources and services’ is mandatory for all postgraduate trainees who enter PGIM training programmes. Please refer library.pgim.cmb.ac.lk for more information.
26. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website for further updates. <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk>.
27. Please refer the new regulations laid down by the Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health web site – www.health.gov.lk
28. Please bring the contents of this Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.



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