

**Amendment made during 2023 (up to August 2023)
to the General Regulations and Guidelines for Trainees and these
amendments will be included to the General Regulations and Guidelines
for Trainees 2024**

Amendments	Date of Approval			
	Section	Board of Management	Senate	Council
Special Interest Training programme	13.3	01.04.2023	-	14.06.2023
Revise the eligibility criteria and marking scheme of “the gold medal for the best student in the PGIM”	7.4	13.05.2023	-	19.07.2023
Pre Board Certification Assessment (PBCA)	16.3	10.06.2023	-	-
Appointment of Medical Boards to assess medical conditions of PG trainees during their training period at the PGIM	18.6	08.07.2023		
Presentation to the Board of Studies after Passing the PBCA	16.3	05.08.2023		
Request an annual conference leave quota of ten days to attend conferences during the training period	10	05.08.2023		
Language Training for Non-Sri Lankan Nationals enrolled into fellowship programmes	9	05.08.2023		

13.3 Amendment to revised guidelines on Special Training

The following will be applicable to **all Special Interest training programmes**:

- Special interest training should remain optional (Should not be mandatory)
- Trainees can obtain the training in an area of 'special interest' either locally and/or overseas and what is relevant is attainment of minimum benchmarks prescribed in the prospectus regarding 'special interest training' in the relevant discipline which should be assessed at the PBCA

7.4. Revise the eligibility criteria and marking scheme of “the gold medal for the best student in the PGIM”

- The courses in different disciplines could not be compared.
- The course durations are different from each other.
- Most disciplines have their own medals.
- According to the eligibility criteria and the marking scheme this gold medal would be awarded in effect to the person with the best **lifetime** research publication record.

16.3 Pre-Board Certification Assessment (PBCA)

The standard procedure should be followed in conducting PBCA Viva, and from 10 June 2023 onwards, all candidates should appear in person for the PBCA. Further, the trainees are required to comply with regulations and fulfill all educational requirements for board certification.

18.6. Appointment of Medical Boards to assess medical conditions of PG trainees during their training period at the PGIM

The Director PGIM will appoint a medical board based on the medical issue with the following composition to assess medical conditions of PG trainees during the period of training at the PGIM based on the medical issue when such requests received.

- (i) Subject Specialist -1
- (ii) Subject Specialist -2
- (iii) Medical Administrator
- (iv) An observer nominated by the relevant Board of Study (BOS)

16.3. Presentation to the Board of Studies after Passing the PBCA

The requirement for Board Certification is only to pass the PBCA which may include a presentation to the PBCA examiners. Conducting a presentation separately at the Board of Study can be allowed but it should not have an impact on the Board Certification process. The Boards of Study should not Pass/Fail a trainee based on the presentation since the PBCA viva is the ultimate assessment that the PGIM is conducting. Therefore, it was decided to incorporate presentations into the PBCA viva and the Boards of Study were requested to act accordingly.

10. Annual conference leave quota of ten days to attend conferences during the training period

With a view to giving more opportunities and exposure for the trainees to gain knowledge and experience, all trainees shall be granted **10 calendar days of conference leave annually** in order to attend conferences both locally and internationally in addition to the existing annual leave of 14 days, subject to the laid down conditions and the recommendation of the BOS or Specialty Board for specialty trainees and confirmed by the relevant BOS.

9. Language Training for Non-Sri Lankan Nationals enrolled into fellowship programmes

Revise the qualification requirement for fellowships mentioned in section 9.3 of the PGIM General Regulations and Guidelines for Trainees 2023 as,

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Non-Sri Lankan nationals may apply for fellowships in subspecialties for a duration equivalent to or less than the duration of post MD training in the relevant field. They will be required to have a qualification acceptable to the relevant BOS. They will not be granted board certification but will be awarded a certification of completion of the said fellowship. The process of obtaining such a fellowship is given below: *(The process of obtaining such fellowships is stated in PGIM General Regulations & Guidelines for Trainees - 2023 from section 9.3.1 to 9.3.8)*

It is desirable to follow a local language training programme by foreign nationals who have to interact with patients when following the fellowship programmes lasting a year or more.