

**Amendment made during 2024 (Up to July 2024)  
to the General Regulations and Guidelines for Trainees and these  
amendments will be included to the General Regulations and Guidelines  
for Trainees - 2025**

<b>Amendments</b>	<b>Date of Approval</b>			
	<b>Section</b>	<b>Board of Management</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Council</b>
Concept Note "Comprehensive Language Training Programme for MD Trainees of the PGIM'	8.1.	06.01.2024	-	31.01.2024
Delay in the effective date of Board Certification due to maternity leave	10.2.6	03.02.2024	-	28.02.2024
Issuing the Board Certification for the doctors who have served VOP or resigned	16.6.11.g, h,i	04.05.2024	-	29.05.2024
Guidance for evaluation of assessments with high similarity	21.1.11	01.06.2024	-	31.07.2024

## **8. Language Proficiency for the PGIM Trainees.**

### **8.1. Comprehensive Language Training Programme for MD Trainees of the PGIM**

The PGIM will support trainees to obtain the language proficiency in all three languages.

- All MD trainees, both local and foreign students, may be required to undergo a placement test to assess their current language proficiency levels. The cost of the placement test will be the responsibility of the candidate.
- For MD trainees who need further language training, individualized language courses will be offered.
- These courses will be customized to address the specific language needs of each trainee, ensuring efficient skill development.
- All MD trainees are expected to achieve a predetermined language proficiency level by the end of their post-MD local training period, regardless of their linguistic background.
- The trainees will be monitored as defined in the programme to ensure that they achieve the defined levels of proficiency.
- The progress of the participants can be viewed by the participants and the PGIM.

Foreign nationals will be expected to achieve the required language proficiency in Sinhala before commencing their postgraduate training.

#### **10.2.6. Delay in the effective date of Board Certification due to maternity leave.**

If a trainee obtains maternity leave during the overseas training period, the maternity leave period will not be counted within the 02 years of overseas training study leave period, and there will be no delay to the effective date of Board certification resulting from the maternity leave taken

#### **16.6.11 Issuing the Board Certification for the doctors who have served VOP or resigned.**

- g. The Board of Study will approve the Board Certification and confirm at the same meeting and forward it to the Board of Management for approval.
- h. The Board of Management shall not double confirm the Board Certifications of trainees as specialists. However, after approving Board Certification and prior to confirmation by the Board, the PGIM will issue a letter granting 'provisional approval of board certification subject to confirmation by the Board and Senate'. This letter will have a validity period of 6 months and will enable the trainee to take up specialist appointments in their local primary employment.
- i. The final letter of Board Certification and the certificate of board certification will be issued by the PGIM on receipt of the relevant confirmed Senate minute. A clearance certificate from the primary employer (Ministry of Health or University) will be obtained at the point of issuance of the certificate of Board Certification.

#### **21.1.11. Guidance for evaluation of assessments with high similarity.**

If the Board of Study determines that there is significant similarity between two or more submitted documents, the Board reserves the right to reject the documents. Such submissions will be deemed as non-submissions and will not be considered for review or evaluation.