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To : Director/NHSL, Colombo,
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Heads of Eye Units, General/Teaching Hospitals,
Kandy/Peradeniya/Jaffna/Colombo,
Regional Directors of Health Services,
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Sri Jayewardenepura

**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR ENROLMENT TO THE TRAINING
PROGRAMME FOR MD OPHTHALMOLOGY – JANUARY 2019**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **09th January 2019**.
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. **10th December 2018**.

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.

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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

Viva voce examination 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. **13 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 2018”. The **13th 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.

