

Circular Letter No. 85 / 2019

My No. PGIM/EX/16/PDCH ('19)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Prof Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha,
Colombo 7.
29th July 2019

To : Director/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 Jayewardenepura

**POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CHILD HEALTH EXAMINATION –
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2019**

01. The above examination will commence on **28th November 2019**. The examination will be held in Colombo.
02. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.
 - Satisfactory completion of the training requirements,
 - Compulsory training in General Paediatrics
 - 17 Workshops and Day Release Programmes

Private sector candidates should follow “Guidelines for commencing the formal training of private sector candidates by the PGIM – 2007” when applying for PDCH examination.
03. The examination consists of two components, **ie** Written and Clinicals.
 - **Written Component**
 - Short Answer questions (SAQ) paper - 10 questions (2 1/2 hours)
 - Structured Essay Questions (SEQ) paper - 05 Structured essay questions (2 1/2 hours)
 - **Clinical Component**
 - One long case
 - SACS component - four SACS stations
04. A candidate should obtain overall mark of 50% or more in written component to qualify & proceed for the Clinical Component, which is scheduled to commence on **18th December 2019** in Colombo. All candidates will be informed in writing of their performance after the written component whether they are permitted or not, to proceed for the Clinical examination.

To pass the Postgraduate Diploma in Child Health Examination a candidate should obtain a total aggregate of 50% or more and 50% or more in the written component and 50% or more in the clinical component.

Candidates shall refer to the relevant prospectors for details of the examination.

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05. Please note that candidates are allowed a maximum of only six (06) attempts which must be completed within a period of eight (08) years from their first attempt.
06. Past question papers are available for sale in the PGIM Library.
07. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector are as follows:
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| i. (a) Registration fee | - Rs. 6,000.00 (Non refundable) |
| ii. (b) Examination fees | - Rs. 34,500.00 |
| iii. (c) Application Fee | -Rs. 2,500.00 (Non refundable) |
- (Candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)

❖ *Only online payments through the PGIM online portal will be accepted.*

Note - Candidates are required to pay Rs. 6,000/- the registration fee, Rs. 2500/= application fee and Rs. 22,500/- the entry fee for the written component in the first instance. Those who qualify to proceed for the Clinical component will have to pay the balance examination fee of Rs. 12,000/-.

08. The Application form could be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk.
09. Completed applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department, confirming that the applicants if selected would be released for postgraduate training in the PGIM. The applications should reach the Senior Assistant Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Prof Nandadasa Kodagoda Mw, Colombo 7 on or before **13th November 2019. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
10. Please bring the contents of the Circular to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
11. Please refer to the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health website – www.health.gov.lk
12. There shall be no repeat or additional examinations which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2019.
13. The results will be valid and official only after they are approved by the **Senate of the University of Colombo.**
14. 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 behavior, 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.

15. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website (www.pgim.ac.lk) for further updates.



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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 Paediatrics
 5. Secretary, Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians
 6. Hony. Secretary, GMOA.
 7. PGIM Library
 8. PGIM Branch Library, Kandy