

Circular Letter No 126 / 2019

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Postgraduate Institute of Medicine  
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To: Director, NHSL, Colombo,  
Directors/MSS of Hospitals (GH/ TH),  
Regional Directors of Health Services,  
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,  
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/ Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya,  
Sri Jayewardenepura/Rajarata/EUSL/ KDU

**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR**  
**MD IN OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY - FEBRUARY/ APRIL 2020**

01. The above examination is scheduled to be commence on **27<sup>th</sup> February 2020**.
02. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the examination.
  - (a) Hold a medical degree registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC)
  - (b) Complete an internship recognized by the SLMC
  - (c) Complete one-year work experience in Sri Lanka, after internship
  - (d) Produce a medical certificate from a specialist physician to confirm general mental and physical fitness
  - (e) Comply with any other PGIM regulations

**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.

03. To be eligible for enrolment to the training programme the applicant should pass the selection examination. The current format of the selection examination for the perusal of applicants is described in the prospectus 2017.
04. The selection examination shall consist of a MCQ paper and Written Paper. MCQ paper with 50 questions (20 true/false and 30 single best answers of 02 ½ hours duration). Written paper shall consist of four (04) structured essay questions (SEQ) and two (02) short answer questions (SAQ). The total duration of this paper shall be three hours. **Candidates who obtain a mark of 50% or more for the MCQ Paper will be allowed to proceed the other component (Written paper) of the examination which is scheduled to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020.**

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05. The candidate should obtain an **aggregate of 50%** or more of the total (300 or more out of (600) **and**

**50%** or more for the MCQ paper (150 out 300) **and**

**50%** or more for the Written Paper (150 out of 300) to be admitted to the training programme.

06. **Up to a maximum of 30 candidates** from the **Ministry of Health (MOH)** who pass the Selection Examination will be enrolled in the training programme. **The 30th MOH candidate's marks will be taken as a cut-off line and the candidates in sections 08, 09, 10 and 11 will have to obtain a mark similar to this or above to be offered a place in the training programme.**

07. The final number of available training placements will be determined based on the total number of candidates above the cut-off line.

08. All candidates attached to **Other Government Ministries who pass the selection examination and "who are above the cut-off line"** will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit.

09. All candidates from the **State Universities** who pass the selection examination and **"who are above the cut-off line"** will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit.

10. All candidates from the **Armed Forces (including Police)** who pass the selection examination and **"who are above the cut-off line"** will be enrolled in the training programme.

11. All **Non-State Sector** candidates **"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.

12. The candidates who pass the selection examination according to the criteria prescribed in 05 shall only be considered to enrolment to the course.

13. The permitted number of attempts of an eligible candidate at a particular Selection Examination is limited to four (04). However, candidates who have already attempted a particular Selection examination on more than four (04) occasions will be allowed one (01) more attempt within a period of one year from the date the new regulation comes into effect which is with effect from 05.09.2019.

14. The allocation of training units will be done as described in "General Regulations & Guidelines 2019" which is available on PGIM website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk). The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons.

15. When a candidate is selected, he/she should register in the same year. If this is not done another 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.

16. 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, Universities or Armed Forces.

17. The relevant information of the training program, MD Examination, requirements for Board Certification are described in the Prospectus and other relevant documents. However, if amendments have been made following printing of the Prospectus the circulars with such amendments may be collected from the examinations branch office of the PGIM. These circulars will also be handed over to the selected candidates at the commencement of the training programme.

18. Post-MD trainees should commence post-MD overseas training within two (02) years after the expected date of completing local post-MD training. Any delay will be added to the date of effective Board Certification.

19. Pre-MD trainees who delay commencing overseas post-MD training by more than four (04) years after the expected date of completing local post-MD training will have their trainee status terminated.

20. The minimum duration of Post MD training required to be eligible for Board Certification shall be one year local and one year overseas. However, the duration may be more than two years in certain specialties and the information is available in the prospectus.

21. The candidates who shall commence the Pre MD (Registrar) or Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after 01<sup>st</sup> August 2011 should pass the Pre- Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.

22. There should be no delay in submitting the dissertation or research report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. If there is delay, the Board Certification will be delayed accordingly.

23. Following the complement of prescribed requirements for Board Certification including overseas training the prospective trainee applies for Board Certification with the relevant documents within one month following the completion of such requirements. If this is not followed, the date of Board Certification will be delayed.

24. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector as follows: -

(a) Registration fee	- Rs	6,000.00 (non refundable)
(b) Application Fee	- Rs.	3,000.00 (non refundable)
(c) Examination fees	- Rs.	37,000.00

**Candidates are required to pay Rs. 6,000/- for the registration, Rs. 3,000/- for Application and Rs. 23,000/- the examination fee for the MCQ paper, at the first instance. Those who qualify the MCQ Examination will have to pay the balance examination fee of Rs. 14,000/- in order to proceed for the rest of the examination.**

(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**

25. The application form can be downloaded from our website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk).

26. 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 Assistant Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Professor Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo 07 on or before **24<sup>th</sup> January 2020**. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

27. 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.

28. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health website - [www.health.gov.lk](http://www.health.gov.lk)

29. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.

30. 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 (e.g. 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.

31. 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.

32. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/ division/ faculty.

33. The candidate who pass the Selection Examination and are selected for the MD programme should undergo the Professionalism strand organized by the PGIM. Please note that this is a compulsory for all MD trainees and should be completed within first two years of Pre MD training. A certificate will be issued to trainees who completed this strand successfully.

34. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website for further updates.

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**Director, PGIM**

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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 Obstetrics & Gynaecology
  5. Secretary, College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists of Sri Lanka
  6. Hony. Secretary, GMOA
  7. PGIM Branch Library, Peradeniya