

Circular Letter No 53/2020

My No. PGIM/EX/16/SE/MD/CM (20)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Prof Nandadasa Kodagda Mawatha,
Colombo 7.
2nd July 2020

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,

SELECTION EXAMINATION IN MD (COMMUNITY MEDICINE) – AUGUST 2020

01. The above examination will held on **31st August, 2020 at the PGIM.**
02. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirement;
 - Successfully completed the MSc (Community Medicine) Examination.
03. The applicants to be eligible for enrolment to the training programme should pass the selection examination. The current format of the selection examination for the perusal of applicants is described in the 2015 prospectus and relevant examination documents are available on the PGIM web site.
04. The examination shall consist of **one** written paper with **two** structured essay questions of one hour duration.
05. A candidate has to obtain a minimum of 45% marks for each question with an aggregate of 50% in order to qualify the Selection Examination.
06. All successful candidates of the MD Selection Examination will be eligible to register for the MD training programme in Community Medicine.
07. The permitted number of attempts of an eligible candidate at a particular MD Selection Examination is limited to six (06). Candidates who have already exhausted four (04) or more attempts would be allowed only two (02) more attempts. Those who have sat less than four (04) attempts would be allowed up to a maximum total of six (06) attempts. This regulation comes into effect from 27.05.2020.
08. Only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held each year. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.
09. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “General regulations & Guidelines 2020” and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons.
10. When a candidate is selected, he/she should register in the same year. If this is not done another eligible candidate will be selected. A candidate who does not register in the given year will not be permitted to register for the programme in a subsequent year with the same results unless a valid medical certificate from a consultant acceptable to the PGIM is submitted.
11. For all fulltime training programmes fulltime release from the 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 or University.

12. The relevant information of the training programme, MD Examination requirements for Board Certification is described in the 2015 Prospectus and in other relevant documents which is published on the PGIM web site.
13. The prescribed fees for the examination shall be as follows:-
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| (a) Registration fee | - Rs | 6,000.00 (non refundable) |
| (b) Application Fee | - Rs. | 3,000.00 (non refundable) |
| (c) Examination fees | - Rs. | 23,000.00 |
- (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

14. The application form can be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk.
15. Completed applications with every cage duly filled should be forwarded through the Head of Department, confirming that the applicant if selected would be released for postgraduate training in the PGIM. The envelope should be marked “**Application for selection in MD (Community Medicine) August 2020**” at the top left hand corner. The applications should reach the Senior Assistant Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Prof Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo 7 on or before **20th July 2020**. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
16. 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 effective date of Board Certification. Post-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.
17. The candidate who shall commence the pre MD (Registrar) or Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after 1st August 2011 should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.
18. There should be no delay in submitting the research report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. If there is a delay, board Certification will be delayed accordingly.
19. Following the completion 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.
20. 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.
21. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
22. Please refer to the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in MOH website – www.health.gov.lk

23. The results shall be valid and official after confirmation by the **Senate of the University**.
24. 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.
25. 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.
26. The candidate who passes the selection examination and are selected for the MD programme should undergo the Professionalism Strand training programme organized by the PGIM. Please note that this is compulsory for all MD trainees and should be completed within the first two years of pre MD training. A certificate will be issued to trainees who complete this strand successfully.
27. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk for further updated details.



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 7. Hony. Secretary, Government Dental Surgeons Association
 8. Hony. Secretary, College of Community Physician
 9. Hony. Secretary, College of Community Dentistry
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 11. PGIM Library
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