

Circular Letter No. 61/2020

My No. PGIM/EX/14/SE/MSc/HN (20)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
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07th July 2020

To : Director/NHSL, Colombo,
Directors of Teaching Provincial & General Hospitals,
Medical Superintends / Base Hospitals,
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya/
Sri Jayewardenepura/Rajarata, Eastern

**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR ENROLMENT TO THE IN-SERVICE TRAINING
PROGRAMME FOR MSc IN HUMAN NUTRITION – SEPTEMBER 2020**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **04th September 2020**.
 2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers in the state and non-state sectors possessing the following requirements to sit the Selection Examination for enrolment to the in-service training programme in MSc in Human Nutrition in the year 2020.
 - (a) A medical degree registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council
 - (b) Satisfactory completion of one-year internship acceptable to the Sri Lanka Medical Council
 - (c) Satisfactory completion of one year of full time post internship work experience in health sector, acceptable to the PGIM as at the date of closure of applications i.e. on **10th August 2020**.
- 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 examination. The current format of the selection examination for the perusal of applicants is described in the prospectus 2012.
 4. The selection examination shall consist of a MCQ paper with 60 questions true/false type to be answered within 02 hours. The content areas from which the questions are based on is described in the prospectus 2012.
 5. The candidates who pass the selection examination by obtaining 50% or more of the total aggregate shall be considered for enrolment to the course.

6. **Only a maximum of 25 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 2020”. **The 25th MOH candidate’s marks will be taken as a cut-off line and the candidates in sections 8, 9, 10 and 11 will have to obtain a mark similar to this or above to be offered a place in the training programme.**
7. The final number of available training placements will be determined based on the total number of candidates above the cut-off line.
8. All candidates attached to **Other Government Ministries** who are pass the Selection Examination and **“who are above the cut- off line”** will be enrolled in the training programme in order of the merit.
9. 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 in the order of merit
10. All candidates from **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.
11. All candidates from the **Non-State Sector** who pass the Selection Examination and **“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. Following the examination and release of results the above numbers shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained.
13. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.
14. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “General Regulations & Guidelines for trainees - 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.
15. When a candidate is selected, he/she should register in the same year. If this is not done another eligible 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 or University.

17. The relevant information of the training program described in the Prospectus. However, if amendments have been made following printing of the Prospectus, those can be downloaded from the website. These circulars will also be handed over to the selected candidates at the commencement of the training programme.
18. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector as follows:-
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| (a) Application fee | - Rs. | 2,500/= (Non Refundable) |
| (b) Registration fee | - Rs. | 6,000/= (Non Refundable) |
| (c) Examination fees | - Rs. | 16,000/= (Non Refundable) |
- (Only online payments through the PGIM online portal will be accepted by the PGIM)***
(Candidates from non state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)
19. The application form can be downloaded from the website. <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/>.
20. 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, PGIM. No. 160, Professor Nandadasa Kodagoda Mw, Colombo 7 **on or before 10th August 2020**. The envelope should be marked “**Application for Selection Examination for MSc in Human Nutrition**” at the top left hand corner **incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances**.
21. 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.
22. Please refer the new regulations laid down by the Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health web site – www.health.gov.lk
23. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
24. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University
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 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 behaviour, 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.
27. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk for further updates.



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 5. Registrar, Sri Lanka Medical Council.
 6. Secretary of Specialty Board in Biomedical Informatics
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