

Circular Letter No. 100/2020

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Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mw.,
Colombo 7.
08th October 2020

To : Director/NHSL, Colombo
Directors/MSS of Teaching/General Hospitals,
DMOs/Base Hospitals,
Provincial Regional Directors of Health Services,
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya,
Sri Jayewardenepura,

**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH – 2020**

1. The above examination will commence on 23rd November 2020.

“The date given in the circular is subject to change due to the current Covid – 19 situation of the country. You will be given two weeks’ time with the notification of actual date of the examination once the normality of the country is restored”

2. 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
 - (b) Satisfactory completion of internship acceptable to the Sri Lanka Medical Council
 - (c) Satisfactory completion of three years of work experience after completion of internship
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.
 - (d) Comply with PGIM general regulations relevant to selection of trainees

Note : The above criteria must have been satisfied by the applicant as at the date of closure of applications. Non-state sector graduates and foreign nationals seeking entry are governed by the relevant General Regulations and Guidelines of the PGIM. The decision of the Board of Management of the PGIM shall be final in all such applications.

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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 of the Diploma in Reproductive Health (2017) and relevant examination documents which are on the web site.
4. **The selection examination shall** consist of two components: i.e. written examination and an interview.
 - I The written examination – MCQ Paper 40 true/false type questions (Two hours) – 200 marks**

Candidates who obtain 50% or more for the written examination shall proceed for the interview.
 - II Interview - 100 marks – 20 minutes**

A panel of two examiners shall assess each candidate. At the interview, the relevance of present and past involvement of the candidate in the field of reproductive health will be evaluated and marks shall be assigned for Service and Seniority / Present as well as past experience in maternal and child health work as follows.

 - Service and Seniority: Five marks shall be given for each year of service after the initial three (3) years required for selection up to a total of 40 marks.
 - Present and past experience in MCH work after internship: a total of up to 60 marks as follows:
 - Public health service - 4 for each year of service up to 20 marks
 - SHO / O&G - 5 per each year of service up to 30 marks
 - Other posts - 2 per each year of service up to 10 marks
5. **A candidate must obtain a minimum of 50% (150/300 marks) of the total aggregate AND a minimum of 50% for the MCQ paper AND a minimum of 40% for the interview** to pass the examination and be eligible for enrolment to the course.
6. **15 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 on the PGIM website under “General Regulations and Guidelines 2020”. The 15th MOH candidate’s marks will be taken as a cut-off line and the candidates in sections 9,10, 11 & 12 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 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 **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 in the order of merit.
11. All **Non-State Sector** candidates 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, State Universities and **Armed Forces(including Police)** based on merit within the non-sector category.
12. **Please note that a minimum number of eight (08) candidates are needed to commence the course.**
13. Following the examination and release of results the above numbers shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained.
14. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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 or University or other Government Ministries.
18. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector are as follows:-

(a) Registration fee	- Rs. 6,000/-(Non Refundable)
(b) Examination fees	- Rs. 16,000/-
(c) Application fees	- Rs. 2,500/-(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)

Candidates are required to pay Rs. 6,000/- as registration fee and Rs. 10,000/- as the entry fee for the MCQ Paper in the first instance. Those who qualify the MCQ Paper will have to pay the balance entry fee Rs. 6,000/- in order to proceed for the rest of the examination.

19. The application form could be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/pgim.
20. 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 Asst. Registrar/ Examinations, PGIM. No. 160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha,(Norris Canal Road), Colombo 7 on or before **10th November 2020**. **The envelope should be marked “Application for the Selection Examination for PG Diploma in Reproductive Health” 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 Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in PGIM website – www.health.gov.lk
23. The results will 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. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk for further updates.

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



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