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Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
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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/Rajarata/Eastern/
KDU/ Sri Jayewardenepura,

SELECTION EXAMINATION IN MD (SURGERY) – JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **8th January 2021**.

“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 in the state and non-state sectors possessing the following requirements to sit the Selection Examination in MD (Surgery).
 - (a) 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 one year of post internship in Medical/ Clinical practice (see item 6 in General Regulations and Guidelines 2020) in a University/Public Sector Institution /Private Sector Institution in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM as at the date of closure of applications ie. **14th December 2020**
 - (d) Have six months of surgical experience (General Surgery or Obstetrics & Gynaecology) at pre-registration House Officer or Senior House Officer Level
 - (e) Produce a Medical Certificate from a consultant physician, indicating general mental and physical fitness.
 - (f) If a trainee develops a health condition which would compromise his/her ability to train and function as a surgeon, it is his/her responsibility to duly notify in writing of such conditions to the PGIM.
 - (g) Any other requirements stipulated by the Board of Study, relevant to the particular field of study, which have been approved by the Board of management.

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 Examinations.

3. The applicants to be eligible for enrolment to the training program should pass the selection examination. The current format of the selection examination for the perusal of applications is described in the prospectus.
4. The Selection Examination shall consist of Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) papers, Written papers and Oral examination separately for Anatomy, Physiology and Pathology. The content areas from which the questions are based on is described in the prospectus.
5. Candidates should first obtain a minimum closed mark of 3 or more in all three subjects (i.e.. Anatomy, Physiology, Pathology) in the MCQ papers to be allowed to proceed for the Written papers and Oral examination which will commence on **9th February 2021**. All candidates will be informed in writing, their performance at the MCQ papers.
6. In order to pass the examination all 3 subjects have to be passed in one and the same sitting. In order to pass a subject, the candidate needs to obtain a minimum overall mark of 9 and should not obtain a **1** in essay or oral components and should not obtain **2** for **both** oral and essay components.
7. **Up to a maximum of 34 Candidates** from the **Ministry of Health (MOH)** who pass the Selection Examination will be enrolled in the training program. The maximum number of candidates enrolled in Surgery and Otorhinolaryngology will be **30 and 04 respectively**. The **34th MOH candidate's marks will be taken as a cut-off line and the candidates in sections 9, 10, 11 and 12 will have to obtain a mark similar to this or above to be offered a place in the training program.**
8. The final number of available training placements will be determined based on the total number of candidates above the cut-off line.
9. All candidates attached to **Other Government Ministries** who are above the cut- off line will be enrolled in the training program in the order of merit.
10. All candidates from **State Universities** who are above the cut- off line will be enrolled in the training program in the order of merit.

11. All candidates from the **Armed Forces (including Police)** who are above the cut- off line will be enrolled in the training program in the order of merit.

12. All **Non-State Sector** candidates who are above the cut- off line will be enrolled in the training program. 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.

13. The candidates who pass the selection examination according to the criteria prescribed in point 6 above shall only be considered to enrolment to the course.

14. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “General Regulations & Guidelines 2020” which is available on PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons.

The number of available subspecialty training vacancies offered for Post MD training if any will be determined based on the vacancy list provided by the MOH prior to the allocation.

15. The permitted number of attempts of an eligible candidate at a particular MD Selection Examination is limited to six (06). However, 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 six (06) attempts. This regulation comes into effect from 27.05.2020.

16. 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 program 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 programs 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, University or Armed Forces..

18. The relevant information of the training program, MD Examination, requirements for Board Certification are described in the Prospectus and other relevant amendments. However, if amendments have been made following printing of the Prospectus the circulars with such amendments are published on the website.

19 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.

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20. The candidates 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.

21. 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.

22. 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.

23. 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.

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

25. 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.

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

(a) Registration fee	- Rs. 6 000/= (Non Refundable)
(b) Examination fees	- Rs. 37,000/=
(c) Application fee	- Rs. 3,000/= (Non Refundable)

(Candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)

Candidates are required to pay Rs. 6,000/= the registration fee Rs. 3000/= the application fee and Rs. 23,000/- the examination fee for the MCQ papers, 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. **Only online payment through the PGIM online portal will be accepted by the PGIM.**

27. The application form could be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk

28. 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. **All the candidates are required to send the scan copy of your application after obtaining all the signatures of relevant authorities to exam@pgim.cmb.ac.lk.** And the applications should reach the Assistant Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo 7 on or before **14th December 2020. If you are unable to send the hard copy of the application, please mention it in the same email. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

29. 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.
30. 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/
31. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
32. 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
33. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
34. Candidates 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 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
35. 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.
36. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website for further updates.



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5. Secretary of Board of Study in Otorhinolaryngology
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