

**Circular Letter No. 118/2020**

My No. PGIM/EX/14/MSc/ HN (19)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mw.,  
Colombo 07.  
24<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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

**MSc (HUMAN NUTRITION) EXAMINATION – JANUARY -2021**

1. The above examination will commence on **25<sup>th</sup> 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 possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.
  - Successfully completed the training programme conducted by the Interim Specialty Board in Nutrition, PGIM with 80% satisfactory attendance in,
    - a. The classes conducted in each of the 10 modules in taught course
    - b. The period of clinical/practical training
    - c. The weekly classes conducted during the period of clinical/practical training
  - Submission of satisfactory progress reports acceptable to the Interim Specialty Board in Nutrition.
  - Submission of duly completed **portfolio one soft copy** (with reference and without reference) on or before **31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**. The portfolio will undergo a plagiarism check by the PGIM.
3. The final examination shall consist of four parts.
  - Theory Examination – MCQ & SEQ
  - Objective Structured Practical Examination (OSPE)
  - Assessment of the Portfolio
  - Portfolio based Viva
4. To pass the examination a candidate should obtain:

A total aggregate minimum of 50% for all components of the examination and  
A minimum of 45% for the theory component (MCQ & SEQ) and  
A minimum of 45% for the practical component (OSPE) and  
A minimum of 45% for the assessment of portfolio  
A minimum of 25% for the Portfolio based viva

5. Candidates who are eligible to sit the MSc examination are required to be present for the first scheduled examination after completion of the training programme. If a candidate does not apply or does not sit the first scheduled examination or subsequent scheduled examinations for reasons not acceptable to the Interim Specialty Board, the examinations will be considered as attempts.
6. Please note that **candidates are allowed 06 attempts only in the MSc which must be made within a period of 08 years from the date of the first examination**. However, after failing the fifth attempt the candidate is recommended to undergo a minimum period of one year further training before being permitted the sixth attempt. These requirements will not apply to those candidates who have sat the Selection/Part I examination before 1998.
7. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows:

(a) Registration fee	- Rs. 6,000.00 (non-refundable)
(b) Examination fee	- Rs. 34,500.00
(c) Assessment fee of portfolio	- Rs. 6,000.00 (non-refundable)
(d) Application fee	- Rs. 2,500.00 (non-refundable)

(Private candidates will be charged 50% more on each category of fee mentioned above)

**Only online payments through the PGIM online portal will be accepted**

8. The application form can be downloaded from our website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk).
9. 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](mailto:exam@pgim.cmb.ac.lk) and applications should reach the Assistant Registrar, Examinations Examinations Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Professor Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo 07 on or before **31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**. **If you are unable to send the hard copy of the application, please mention that fact in the same email. Incomplete, handwritten and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
10. Please refer to the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers to Department of Health in MoH website – [www.health.gov.lk](http://www.health.gov.lk)
11. Please bring the contents of the Circular to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
12. There shall be **no repeat or additional examinations** which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year.
13. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the **Senate of the University**.

14. 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.
15. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website for further updates.



Dr. S Sivaganesh  
**Deputy Director, PGIM**

- Cc:
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 Community Medicine
  5. Secretary of Interim Specialty Board in Nutrition
  6. Hony. Secretary, Sri Lanka College of Community Medicine
  7. Hony. Secretary, GMOA