

**Circular Letter No.125/2021**

My No. PGIM/EX/13/SE/PDTCD ('20)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine  
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10<sup>th</sup> December 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 FOR ENROLMENT TO THE POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN  
TUBERCULOSIS & CHEST DISEASES – FEBRUARY 2021**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence **on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021.**
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 Postgraduate Diploma in Tuberculosis & Chest Diseases.
  - (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 practice in a University/ Public Sector Institution/ Non-state Sector in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM as at the date of closure of applications, **ie. 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

**Note:**

The criteria prescribed in paragraph (c) must have been satisfied by the applicants by 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 enrollment to the training programme should pass the selection examination. The selection examination shall consist of a MCQ Paper. The content areas would comprise respiratory anatomy and physiology, and undergraduate knowledge of general clinical medicine. Special emphasis is given to assessing knowledge on tuberculosis. For further clarifications please refer the new Prospectus available on the PGIM web site.
4. The selection examination would comprise of a one hour True/False-type MCQ paper, containing 20 stems with each question having 5 responses (a total of 100 questions/responses). The content areas from which the questions are based on, is described in the Prospectus 2016.
5. The candidates who pass the selection examination by obtaining 50% or more from the MCQ paper only shall be considered for enrolment to the course.

6. Only a maximum of **50 candidates** 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 2021”. The 50<sup>th</sup> 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 pass the selection exam 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 exam and who are above the cut- off line” will be enrolled in the training programme in order of the merit
10. All candidates from the **Armed Forces (including Police)** “who pass the selection exam and who are above the cut- off line” will be enrolled in the training programme in order of the merit.
11. All **Non-State Sector** candidates “who pass the selection exam 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 examination will be held.**
14. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “General Regulations & Guideline – 2021” 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 Ministries, University or Armed Forces.
17. The relevant information of the training programme are described in the Prospectus and other relevant documents. However, if amendments have been made following printing of the Prospectus, the circulars with such amendments can be downloaded from the PGIM 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 are as follows:
- (a) Application Fee - Rs. 2,500.00 (non-refundable)
  - (b) Registration fee - Rs. 6,000.00 (non-refundable)
  - (c) Examination fees- Rs. 16,000.00

(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.***

19. The application form also could be downloaded from our website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk).
20. Duly filled application should be forwarded through the Head of the Department confirming that the applicant if selected would be released for the Postgraduate training in the PGIM. All the candidates **should 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 applicants are recommended to send the hard copy of the application to the Assistant Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Professor Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo 07 on or before **25<sup>th</sup> January 2021. If you are unable to send the hard copy of the application, please mention the fact in the same email. Incomplete, handwritten 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 bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty. For all fulltime training programmes full time 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 Ministries or University.
23. Please refer 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](http://www.health.gov.lk).
24. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
25. 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.

26. 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.
27. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) for further updated details.



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