

Circular Letter No. 005 /2021

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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,
Sri Jayewardenepura,

**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR ENROLMENT TO THE IN – SERVICE
TRAINING PROGRAMME IN MD DERMATOLOGY – MARCH/APRIL 2021**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **2nd March 2021**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing 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 Dermatology.
 - (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 one year of post internship in medical practice in a University/Public Sector Institution/ Private sector in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM as at the date of closure of applications, **ie. 10th February 2021**.
 - (d) Any other requirement/s stipulated by the Board of Study that has/have been approved by the Board of Management.

Note:

The criteria prescribed in paragraph (c) have to be satisfied by the applicants by the date of closure of applications. 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 the applicants is described in the prospectus 2014.
4. The Selection Examination consists of two parts.

Part I

- MCQ Paper of 3 hours duration which consists of 60 questions of the true /false type.
- 30 questions in Dermatology and Basic Sciences relevant to Dermatology
- 30 questions in General Medicine.

Part II

- **Projected materials** -20 questions based on projected material in Dermatology and General Medicine.

The Part I of examination (MCQ Paper) will be held on **2nd March 2021**. Only candidates who have scored 50% or more in each component will be eligible to proceed to Part II of the Examination. The Part II of examination will be held on **01st April 2021**.

05. **Only a maximum of 05 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 **5th MOH candidate's marks will be taken as a cut-off line and the candidates in sections 07, 08, 09 and 10 will have to obtain a mark similar to this or above to be offered a place in the training programme.**
06. The final number of available training placements will be determined based on the total number of candidates above the cut-off line.
07. 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 the order of merit.
08. All candidates from the **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.
09. 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 order of the merit.
10. **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, Other Government Ministries, State Universities and Armed Forces (Including Police) based on the merit within the non – state sector category.
11. Following the examination and release of results the above numbers shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained.
12. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. **No repeat or additional examinations will be held.**
13. The allocation of training units will be done as described in General Regulation and Guidelines 2020 which is available on PGIM web site 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.
14. 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.

15. There should be no delay in submitting the research report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. If there is delay, the Board Certification will be delayed accordingly.
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, Other Government Ministries, Universities or by Armed Forces.
18. 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 effective date of Board Certification. 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.
20. Following the completion 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.
21. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector are as follows:

(a) Registration fee	- Rs	8000.00 (non refundable)
(b) Application Fee	- Rs.	4,000.00 (non refundable)
(c) Examination fees	- Rs.	46,500.00

(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

Candidates are required to pay Rs. 8,000/= the registration fee, 4000/= application fee and Rs.29,000/- the examination fee for the MCQ paper, at the first instance. Those who qualify the MCQ Examination will have to pay the balance examination fee of Rs.17,500/- in order to proceed for the rest of the examination.

22. The application form can be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk.
23. 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.

24. The relevant information of the training programme, MD Examination requirements for Board Certification is described in the Prospectus 2014 and in other relevant documents. However if amendments have been made following printing of the Prospectus, they can be downloaded from the PGIM website.
25. 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** 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 10th February 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**
26. 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.
27. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
28. 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/
29. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
30. 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.
31. The Candidate 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 the first two years of pre MD training. A certificate will be issued to trainees who complete this strand successfully.
32. A trainee following a PG Certificate or PD 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.

33. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website (www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) for further updates.

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