

**Circular Letter No .26 /2021**

My No. PGIM/EX/7/PDCH/SE ('21)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
160, Prof Nandadasa Kodagda Mawatha,  
Colombo 7.  
15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

To : All eligible candidates,

**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CHILD HEALTH – MAY  
2021**

1. The above examination will commence on **25<sup>th</sup> May,2021**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the examination.
  - (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 post internship in medical/clinical practice in a University/State Sector/Non-State Sector Institution in Sri Lanka, acceptable to the PGIM, on or before the closing date for applications, **i.e. by 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021**

**Note 01:** 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.

**Note 02:** Foreign nationals who seek to apply for training programme should possess a medical degree registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council. Such applications are scrutinized by the BOS for suitability and recommendations. The decision of the Board of Management will be final in all such applications.

3. The above examination consists of **TWO** papers (Paper I and II) containing a total of 50 questions. The candidate will have a total duration of 2 hours (120 minutes) to answer both papers.

**Paper I**

- Total of 20 True/False type questions.

**Paper II**

- Total of 30 questions of single best response (SBR) type.

**To be successful in the selection examination, a candidate must obtain a aggregate of 50% or more for entire MCQ paper with a minimum mark of 45% for each paper (i.e., paper I and paper II)**

4. All Candidates who pass the Selection Examination from University/State Sector and Non –State Sector Institutions in Sri Lanka will be enrolled to the training programme.
5. Candidates possessing the requirements stipulated in 2. (a) (b) and (c) above are eligible to sit for the Selection Examination. Successful candidates who do not fulfill one of the criteria mentioned below (a or b) will be required to undergo an additional 03 months of work experience with second on call duties in general paediatrics in the same unit being assigned for three months of supervised in-service training under the PDCH programme, in order to qualify to sit for the PDCH Examination in December 2021.
  - a. Six months experience in General Paediatrics with “first on call” duties under a Consultant Paediatrician during internship or afterwards within 7 years immediately preceding the PDCH examination.
  - or
  - b. A minimum of one year experience in General Paediatrics/Neonatology under a Consultant Paediatrician within the 7 years immediately preceding the PDCH examination.

\*\*\* All trainers are required to submit a progress report at the completion of the General Paediatric appointment.

6. **The results of this Selection Examination will be valid only to sit for the Postgraduate Diploma in Child Health Examination (PDCH) to be held in December 2021.**
7. The prescribed fees for the Selection Examination shall be as follows :-

(a) Registration fee	- Rs	8,000.00 (Non refundable)
(b) Application Fee	- Rs.	3,500.00 (Non refundable)
(c) Examination fees	- Rs.	20,000.00

(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**

8. The application form can be downloaded from our website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk).
9. Only the scheduled selection examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held each year. **No repeat or additional examination will be held.**
10. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> April 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**

11. Past question papers, other than the MCQ Papers, are available for website in the PGIM Library. **PUT THE LINK OF THE LIBRARY WEBSITE HERE.**
12. Please bring the contents of this Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
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 (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.
15. 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.
16. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website ([www.pgim.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.ac.lk)) for further updates

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