

Circular Letter No. 31 /2021

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Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mw,  
Colombo 7.  
5<sup>th</sup> April 2021

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/ Sri Jayewardenepura,

**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR ENROLLMENT TO THE IN-SERVICE  
TRAINING PROGRAMME IN MD (CLINICAL ONCOLOGY)– MAY 2021**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **7<sup>th</sup> May 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 enrollment to the in-service training programme in MD (Clinical Oncology).
  - (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 2021) in a University/Public Sector Institution /Private Sector Institution in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM as at the date of closure of applications. i.e. **19<sup>th</sup> April 2021**.
  - (d) Produce a Medical Certificate from a consultant physician, indicating general mental and physical fitness.

**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 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 applications is described in the prospectus 2012.
4. The Selection Examination shall consist of (MCQ) paper (60 MCQs) of two hours duration. The content areas from which the questions are based on is described in the prospectus.
5. The candidate who pass the selection examination by obtaining 50% or more shall be considered for enrolment to the course.
6. At the point of post MD allocation, the base specialty and any available subspecialties which are approved at the time of the post MD allocation will be offered to candidates, according to merit. The number of available base specialty and 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 post MD allocation.
7. **04 Candidates** from the **Ministry of Health (MOH)** who pass the Selection Examination will be enrolled in the training programme. Placement will be made purely in the order of merit. The details are available on the PGIM website under “General Regulations and Guidelines 2020” **The 4<sup>th</sup> 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 programme.**
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 programme in order of the merit.
10. All candidates from **State Universities** who are above the cut-off line will be enrolled in the training programme in order of the merit.
11. All candidates from the **Armed Forces (including Police)** who are above the cut-off line will be enrolled in the training programme in order of the merit.
12. All **Non-State Sector** candidates 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.
13. Following the examination and release of results the above number shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained.

14. Each year only the scheduled selection examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.
15. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “ General Regulation & Guidelines 2021” which is available on PGIM website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons.
16. 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 in to effect from 27.05.2020.
17. 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 programme in a subsequent year with the same results unless a valid medical certificate from a consultant acceptable to the PGIM is submitted.
18. 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, University or Armed Forces.
19. The relevant information of the training program, MD Examination, requirements for Board Certification are described in the Prospectus and the amendments. However, if amendments have been made following printing of the Prospectus they can be downloaded from the website.
20. The candidates who shall commence the pre-MD (Registrar) or Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after 1<sup>st</sup> 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 effective date of 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. 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.

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

(a) Registration fee	- Rs. 8 000/= (Non Refundable)
(b) Examination fees	- Rs. 29,000/=
(c) Application fee	- Rs. 4,000/= (Non Refundable)

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

**Only online payment through the PGIM online portal will be accepted by the PGIM.**

26. The application form could be downloaded from our website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk)

27. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department confirming that the applicant if selected would be released for Postgraduate training in the PGIM. All candidates should send 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 Asst. Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, No. 160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo 7 on or before **19<sup>th</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.**

28. 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.

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 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

31. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
32. 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/](http://www.health.gov.lk/)
33. The candidate who pass the Selection Examination and are selected for the MD programme should undergo 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.
34. A trainee following a PG Certificate or PG Diploma or MSc or MD programme shall not be permitted to sit another selection examination for 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 course.
35. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website for further updates.



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