

My No. PGIM/EX/3/MD/SE/Psych/ (21)
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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 IN MD (PSYCHIATRY) MAY/JUNE, 2021

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **21st 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 in MD (Psychiatry).
 - (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 (see item 6 in General Regulations and Guidelines 2019) in a University/Public Sector Institution /Private Sector Institution in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM as at the date of closure of applications, ie. **13th May 2021**

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 shortfall 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 Examinations.

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.
4. The selection examination shall consist of two components. The MCQ paper will consist of 60 questions of two hours duration and the Structured Essay paper will consist of 10 questions of three hours duration.
5. The MCQ Paper will be held on **21st May 2021**. Only those who obtain 50% or more marks in MCQ paper will be allowed to proceed for the Structured Essay paper. The Structured Essay paper will be held on **18th June 2021**.

6. Candidates who pass the selection examination by obtaining 50% or more marks in each component ie. MCQ Paper and SEQ Paper only, shall be considered for enrolment to the course.

7. 20 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 2021”. The 20th MOH candidate’s marks will be taken as a cut-offline 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 offline.

9. All candidates attached to **Other Government Ministries** who are above the cut offline will be enrolled in the training programme in order of the merit.

10. All candidates from **State Universities** who are above the cut- offline 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 offline will be enrolled in the training programme in order of the merit.

12. All **Non-State Sector** candidates who are above the cut- offline 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 numbers 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 The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. 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 or Universities or Armed Forces.

20. The relevant information of the training program, MD Examination, requirements for Board Certification are described in the Prospectus. However, if amendments have been made following printing of the Prospectus, they are available at the website.

21. 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.

22. There should be no delay in submitting the dissertation or research report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. If there is a delay, the Board Certification will be delayed accordingly.

23. 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 date of effective Board Certification.

24. 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.

25. Following the completion of prescribed requirements for Board Certification including overseas training the prospective trainee applies for the 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.

26. 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. 46,500/=
(c) Application fee	- Rs. 4,000/= (Non Refundable)

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

Candidates are required to pay Rs. 4000/= the application fee, Rs. 8,000/= the registration 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. **Only online payment will be accepted by the PGIM.**

