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Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
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Colombo 7.
19th May 2021

To: Director/NHSL, Colombo,
Directors of Teaching, Provincial & General
Hospitals, Medical Superintends / Base Hospitals,
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya/
Sri Jayewardenepura/Rajarata, Eastern

SELECTION EXAMINATION IN MASTER OF FORENSIC MEDICINE
- JULY 2021

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **16th July 2021**.
The date given in the circular will subject to change due to the current Covid-19 situation of the country. You will be given two weeks' time with the notification of actual date of the examination once the normality of the country is restored.
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 Master of Forensic Medicine.
 - (a) A medical degree registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC); and
 - (b) Satisfactory completion of one year of internship acceptable to the Sri Lanka Medical Council; and
 - (c) Satisfactory completion of one year of full time 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, **i.e. 25th June 2021**.

Note :-

The criteria prescribed in paragraph (a) to (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 examination for the perusal of applicants is described in the prospectus 2020 with amendment which is on the PGIM website.

- 4 A medical officer would be selected for this course based on a Selection Examination
- MCQ Paper – 2 hours
40 multiple choice questions (true/false type)
The candidates who pass the selection examination by obtaining 50% or more of the total aggregate shall be considered for enrolment to the course
- 5 **Only a maximum of 11 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 on the PGIM website under “General Regulations and Guidelines 2020”. The **11th 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.**
6. The final number of available training placements will be determined based on the total number of candidates above the cut-off line.
- 7 One candidate 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 order of the merit.
- 8 Candidate from the **Non-State Sector** 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, State Universities and Armed Forces (including Police) based on the merit within the non-state sector category.
- 9 One candidate from **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.
10. One candidate 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 the order of merit.
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 in year 2021.
13. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “General Regulations & Guidelines for trainees - 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.
14. 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.

15. According to the section 7.9 of the general regulations and guidelines of the PGIM, a PG trainee following a course is not permitted to sit another selection examination. This does not apply to those enrolled in online or part time courses
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 Ministry of Health, Other Government Ministries or University.
17. prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector as follows:-
 - a. Application fee - Rs. 3,500/= (Non Refundable)
 - b. Registration fee - Rs. 8,000/= (Non Refundable)
 - c. Examination fees - Rs. 20,000/= (Non Refundable)

(Only online payments through the PGIM online portal will be accepted by the PGIM)
(Candidates from non state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)
18. The application form could be downloaded from our website <https://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/>
19. Applications with every cage duly filled should be forwarded through the Head of the Department to reach the Snr. Assistant Registrar/ Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, All the candidates should send the scan copy of your application after obtaining all the signatures of relevant authorities to **mcformedapp@pgim.cmb.ac.lk** and application are recommended to send the hard copy of the application to the Snr. Assistant Registrar, Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, No. 160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo 7 on or before on or before **25th June 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.
20. 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.
21. Please refer the new regulations laid down by the Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health web site – www.health.gov.lk
22. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
23. 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.

24. 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.
25. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website <https://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/> for further updated details.
26. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.



Director
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Professor Senaka Rajapakse
Director, PGIM

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1. Secretary, Ministry of Health & Nutrition.
 2. Director General of Health Services.
 3. DDGHS/Medical Services.
 4. Commanders of Armed Forces
 5. Registrar, Sri Lanka Medical Council.
 6. Secretary of Board of Study in Forensic Medicine
 7. President, College of Forensic Pathologists
 8. Hony. Secretary, GMOA.