

**Circular No 62/2021**

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15<sup>th</sup> July, 2021.

To : Director/NHSL, Colombo,

Directors/MSS of Teaching/General Hospitals, Regional Directors of Health Services,  
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Dental Sciences/Medical Sciences,  
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya,  
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**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR THE TRAINING PROGRAMME OF  
MD IN ORTHODONTICS 2021**

1. Part A of the above examination will commence on **2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021**.
2. Applications are invited by me from dental officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.
  - a) Registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council

AND

  - b) Satisfactory completion of at least one year of service in dental practice in the government, university, armed forces or private sector, **following registration with the SLMC** at the time of closure of applications for the selection. (A copy of the certificate should be attached with the application)

Note: The criteria prescribed in paragraph (b) must have been satisfied by the applicants as at the date of closure of applications i.e 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 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 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 applicants is described in the prospectus 2011.
4. The selection examination shall consist of two parts **with three components**.

Part A shall consist of MCQ Paper for 3 hours duration. It will be held on **2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2021**. Only those who obtain minimum marks of 50% or more shall be permitted to sit for the rest of examination which is scheduled to be commence in October, 2021.

The examination components shall be held and marked as stipulated in the prospectus displayed in the PGIM website.

5. Past question papers can be downloaded from our website. <https://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/library/>

**6. 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 at the Examination Branch office of the PGIM and on the PGIM website under “General Regulations and Guidelines 2021”. **The 11.<sup>th</sup> 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.**

7. The final number of available training placements will be determined based on the total number of candidates above the cut-off line.

8. 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.

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

10. All candidates from the **Armed Forces (including police)** who are above the cut-off line will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit.

11. 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 merit within the non-state sector category.

12. Following the examination and release of results the above numbers shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained.

13. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.

14. 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.

15. 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.

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, Armed forces or University.

17. The relevant information of the training programme, MD Examination, requirements for Board Certification are described in the Prospectus and other relevant documents. However if amendments have been made following printing of the Prospectus, the circulars with such amendments are available in the website.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. Post MD trainees should commence post MD overseas training within two (02) years after the expected the date of completing local post MD training. Any delay will be added to the effective date of Board Certification.
21. Post MD trainees should who delay commencing overseas post MD training by more than four (04) years after the expected date completing local post MD training will have their training status terminated.
22. 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.
23. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector are as follows:

(a) Registration fee	- Rs. 8,000.00 (non refundable)
(b) Examination fees	- Rs. 46,500.00
(c) Application Fee	- Rs. 4,000.00(non refundable)

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

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

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

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

24. All examination applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form. <https://forms.gle/Q2fm1eudryFc1C7y5> on or before 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2021. All applicants should have a Gmail Account to log into the google form. PGIM trainees have to use the email account created by the PGIM. You should attach your exam application with all the relevant documents as a single PDF document since this portal does not allow you to attach multiple documents. Please note that incomplete, handwritten, late submissions and applications sent via email will not be accepted.

25. 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.

26. The results will be valid and official after confirmation after Senate of the University.
27. 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.
28. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all dental officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
29. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in MOH website.
30. 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.
31. The Candidates who will be selected to the MD (Orthodontics) training programme should undergo the “Professionalism and Ethics in Medical Practice 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. 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.**
33. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website ([www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk)) for further updates.

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