

**Circular Letter No 70/2021**

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To : Director/NHSL, Colombo,  
Directors/MSS of Teaching/General Hospitals,  
Provincial Directors of Health Services,  
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,  
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya, Sri Jayewardenepura, Rajarata

**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR MSc (COMMUNITY MEDICINE) - 2021**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021**.

**\* The date given in the circular will subject to change due to the current covid 19 situations of the country. You will be given 2 weeks' time with the notification of actual date with 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 for admission to the full-time course leading to the degree of MSc in Community Medicine.
  - (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 or teaching in a University/ Public Sector Institution/ Non-state Sector in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM as at the date of closure of applications, ie. **30<sup>th</sup> August 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 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 applicants is described in the 2017 prospectus.
4. The selection examination for Community Medicine will consist of one written paper with five structured essay type questions of three (3) hours duration.
5. The candidates who pass the selection examination by obtaining an overall mark of 50% or more only shall be considered for enrolment to the course.

6. Only a maximum of **46 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 **46<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 given below 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 pass the selection examination and “who are above the cut-off line”** will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit.
9. All candidates 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, Other Government Ministries, State Universities and Armed Forces (including Police) based on the merit within the non-state sector category.
10. All candidates from the **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.
11. All candidates from the **Armed Forces** 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.
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. A candidate who refuses, 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 the 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, University, or by Armed Forces.
17. The relevant information of the training programme is described in the Prospectus and in other relevant documents which is published on the PGIM web site.
18. The training programme and the MSc examination shall be conducted as stipulated in the MSc prospectus (2017).
19. The candidates who intend to register for the MD training programme following completion of the MSc examination should follow the MD programme according to the new MD prospectus (2015). The training programme will also include clinical training. The MD examination shall include a knowledge-based assessment in addition to the evaluation of the out-come of the research project.

20. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector are as follows:

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

(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.**

21. The Application form could be downloaded from our website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk).
22. All examination Applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form. <https://forms.gle/rhohjAZ1TsaPBkJJ7> on or before **30<sup>th</sup> August 2021**. All applicants should have a Gmail Account to log in to a 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 submission and application sent via email will not be accepted.**
23. 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.
24. Please refer to 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)
25. The results shall be valid and official only after they are approved by the **Senate of the University of Colombo.**
26. 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 behavior, 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.
27. 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.
28. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website ([www.pgim.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.ac.lk)) for further updates.
29. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/ division/ faculty.

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