

**Circular Letter No.75/2021**

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To : Director/NHSL, Colombo,  
Directors/MSS of Teaching/General Hospitals,  
Provincial Director / Health Services,  
Regional Directors of Health Services,  
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,  
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya/  
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**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR ENROLMENT TO THE IN-SERVICE TRAINING  
PROGRAMME IN MD (EMERGENCY MEDICINE)- OCT 2021**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **29<sup>th</sup> October 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 enrolment to the in-service training programme in MD (Emergency Medicine) in the year 2021.
  - (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 work experience in a public /private sector institution of Sri Lanka after completion of the internship.
  - (d) The criteria prescribed (a-c) must have been satisfied by the applicants as at the date of closure of applications. If a shortfall has occurred due to any reasons, including sick leave, maternity leave or any other form of leave, the doctor concerned should complete such shortfall to become eligible to apply for the selection examination.
  - (e) Any other requirements stipulated by the Board of Study, relevant to a particular field of study, which have been approved by the Board of Management.
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 2021.

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4. The selection examination shall consist of three components;
  - (i) MCQ Papers – (SBA & MTF )
    - SBA - 30 questions of 1 hour
    - MTF - 30 questions of 1 hour and 30 minutes
  - (ii) Essay Paper - 6 questions of 3 hour
  - (iii) OSCE – 12 stations of 1 hour (5 minutes per station)The content areas from which the questions are based on is described in the prospectus 2021
5. The Multiple-Choice Questions Papers will be held on **29<sup>th</sup> October, 2021**. Only those who **pass the MCQ paper** will be allowed to proceed for the Essay Paper and OSCE. The Essay Paper and OSCE will be held on a subsequent date decided by the Board of Examiners.
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  - 6.1 To pass the MCQ component, a candidate must:
    1. Obtain a non-rounded off cumulative MCQ score of 3 or more (i.e. the mark derived from adding the SBA and MTF close marks)
    2. Not obtain less than 2.5 for any (SBA or MTF) of the MCQ components
  - 6.2 To pass the selection examination a candidate should fulfil the following criteria:
    - Obtain a minimum rounded off final total of 9 marks (Table 3)
    - AND
    - Not obtain less than 3 for more than one component (i.e. SEQ or OSCE)
    - AND
    - Not obtain less than 2 for any component (i.e. SEQ or OSCE)
    - AND
    - Obtain 3 for a minimum of 8 out of 12 OSCE stations
    - AND
    - Obtain 3 for a minimum of 4 out of 6 SEQ Questions
7. 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.
8. **30 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 **30<sup>th</sup> MOH candidate’s marks will be taken as a cut-off line and the candidates in sections 10,11,12 and 13 will have to obtain a mark similar to this or above to be offered a place in the training programme.**
9. The final number of available training placements will be determined based on the total number of candidates above the cut-off line.
10. 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.

11. All candidates from **State Universities** who are above the cut- off line will be enrolled in the training programme in order of the merit
12. 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.
13. 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, State Universities and Armed Forces (including Police) based on the merit within the non-state sector category.
14. Following the examination and release of results the above numbers shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained.
15. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.
16. The allocation of training units will be done as described in General Regulation and Guidelines 2021 which is available on PGIM web site [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk). The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons. The number of available 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 allocation.
17. 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.
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, University, Other Government Ministries or Armed Forces.
19. The relevant information of the training programme, MD Examination, requirements for Board Certification are described in the Prospectus 2021 and other relevant documents. However if amendments have been made following printing of the Prospectus, the circulars with such amendments may be collected from the examination branch office of the PGIM. These circulars will also be handed over to the selected candidates at the commencement of the training programme.
20. The candidates should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available on the PGIM website for perusal.

21. 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. 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.

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

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:
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| (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)

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

**Candidates are required to pay Rs. 8,000/- as registration fee, Rs. 4,000/- as application fee and Rs. 29,000/- as the entry fee for the MCQ component in the first instance.** Those who qualify to proceed for the rest of the examination, ie. The Essay Paper and OSPE will have to pay the balance examination fee of Rs. 17,500/-

24. The application form can be downloaded from our website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk).
25. All examination Applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form. <https://forms.gle/hp8YqGNJH5GxNAoB6> on or before **24<sup>th</sup> September 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.
26. 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.
27. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
28. Please refer to the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in MOH website – [www.health.gov.lk](http://www.health.gov.lk)
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. 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.
32. The candidate who pass the Selection Examination and are selected for the MD programme should undergo the Professionalism Strand organized by the PGIM. Please note that this is a 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.
33. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
34. 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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