

Circular Letter No. ..73./2021

My No. PGIM/EX/4/SE/DFM (2021)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
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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 FOR POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN FAMILY
MEDICINE-SEPTEMBER ,2021**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **27th September 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 2weeks 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 sector possessing the following requirements to sit the Selection Examination for enrolment to the Postgraduate Diploma in Family 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 full-time post internship in medical practice in Government ,University, Armed forces or Private sector in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM as at the date of closure of applications, ie. 01st September 2021.
- (d) The criteria prescribed in paragraphs (a) to (c) must have been satisfied by the applicant at the date of closure of applications for the Selection Examination in Family Medicine.

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 prospectus and relevant examination documents which are available on the PGIM web site.
4. The selection examination shall consist of a Multiple Choice Question Paper with 40 Questions. The content areas from which the questions are based on is described in the prospectus and relevant documents available on the PGIM web site.
5. A candidate should obtain 100 or more out of 200 (50% or more) to qualify for selection.
6. **Only a maximum of 45 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 2020”. **The 45th MOH candidate’s marks will be taken as a cut-off line and the candidates in section 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 pass the selection examination and 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 pass the selection examination and who are **above the cut-off line** will be enrolled in the training programme in order of the merit.
10. All **candidates** 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 examination will be held.
13. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “ General Regulation and 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.

14. When a candidate is selected, he/she should register in the same year. If this is not done another 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. 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.
16. The relevant information of the training programme, Pg Diploma Examination are available on the PGIM website.
17. 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 fee	- 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)
The application form could be downloaded from the PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk

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

18. All examination applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form <https://forms.gle/WsK5rjMbjpRNRnSr7> on or before 01st September, 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.
19. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.

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20. 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 concern 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.
21. Please refer 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.
22. 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.
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. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website (www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) for further updates.
25. 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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