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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/SUSL/KDA

**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR ENROLMENT TO THE IN-SERVICE TRAINING
PROGRAMME IN MD CLINICAL NUTRITION – NOVEMBER 2021**

- 1 The above examination is scheduled to commence on **Wednesday, 03rd November 2021.**
- 2 Applications are invited by me from medical officers in the state sector and non-state sector possessing the following requirements to sit the Selection Examination for enrolment to the above in-service training programme.
 - (a) Hold 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 /Clinical practice in a university/public/private sector institution in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM as at the date of closure of applications, i.e on 22nd October 2021.
 - (d) Successful completion of MSc in Human Nutrition of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo within last six years.
 - (e) One year of experience working in a Clinical Nutrition unit after obtaining the MSc in Human Nutrition.
 - (f) Complying with any other PGIM general regulations relevant to selection of trainees.

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Note: The criteria prescribed in paragraph (e) 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 is described in the prospectus 2016.
4. The Selection Examination consists of a MCQ Paper which is a 90 minutes paper, and consist of 02 parts.
 - 20 MCQs of the True/ False type
 - 15 MCQs of the Single best Answer type
5. The MCQ papers will be held on **03rd November 2021**. Only those who obtain a minimum aggregate of 50% or more shall be allowed to proceed for the course which will be held on a subsequent date decided by the Interim Specialty Board in Nutrition.
6. **Only a maximum of 20 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 **20th MOH candidate’s marks will be taken as the cut-off line and the candidates in sections 8, 9 , 10 & 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 order of the merit.
11. All **Non-State Sector** candidates 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.
12. 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.
13. Following the examination and release of results the above numbers shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained.
14. The allocation training units will be done as described in “General Regulation and Guidelines – 2021” and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. The allocated training units 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, Universities or Armed Forces.
17. The prescribed fees for the examination shall be as follows for state candidates.
 - (a) Application fee - Rs. 4,000.00 (non refundable)
 - (b) Registration fee - Rs. 8,000.00 (non refundable)
 - (c) Examination fees - Rs.46,500.00

(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.

18. The Application form could be download from our website www.library.pgim.cmb.ac.lk

19. All examination applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form <https://forms.gle/ry6Z5wfNqXeDh6ra7> on or before **22nd October 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.**

20. The relevant information of the training programme, MD Examination requirements for Board Certification is described in the Prospectus 2016. 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.

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.

22. The minimum duration of post MD training required to be eligible for Board Certification should be one year local & one year overseas. However the duration may be more that two years in certain specialties and the information is available in the prospectus.

23. The candidate who shall commence the pre MD (Registrar) or Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after 1st August 2011 should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.

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

25. 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.

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 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/

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 & 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.

33. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk for further updates.


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