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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 Jayawardenepura, Rajarata, Eastern

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Select MD-> MD pathology In-Service

**Selection Examination Leading to MD in Histopathology, Clinical Haematology & Chemical Pathology – December 2021**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **Wednesday, 15 December 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 above training programme.
  - (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 in a University/ Public / Private Sector Institution in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM as at the date of closure of applications, ie. **30 November 2021**.

**Notes:-** The criteria prescribed in paragraph (a), (b), (c) must have been satisfied by the applicants as at the date of closure of applications, 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.

In addition to qualifications at (a), (b) and (c) above, candidates who wish to enter the Clinical Haematology or Chemical Pathology training programme, will have to fulfill also the following requirements. **Therefore, the selection of the specialty will be done at the beginning of the course.**

**Clinical Haematology**

1. At least 1 year of the post intern period should be in a clinical discipline.
2. The candidate should have at least 6 months of work experience in adult medicine or paediatrics during the intern or post intern periods.

**Chemical Pathology**

Six months of training in General Medicine or Paediatrics during the internship.

**OR**

During the post-intern period, working in a General Medical or paediatric ward under the supervision of a Consultant Physician or a Paediatrician for a six months period.

\* foreign nationals who seek to apply to register for selection examination should pass a medical degree which could be registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council. The decision of the Board of Management will be final in all such applications.

3. The applicants to be eligible for enrollment 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 Histopathology Prospectus 2016, Chemical Pathology Prospectus 2016, Clinical Haematology Prospectus 2013 (Please refer the amendments of the Prospectus) and examination documents which are available on the PGIM web site.

4. The selection examination shall consist of a MCQ Paper and Essay Paper. The MCQ Paper consists of 45 questions which should be answered in 2 hours and 15 minutes. Those who obtain 45% or more for the MCQ Paper will be allowed to proceed for the Essay Paper which will be held on a subsequent date as decided by the Board of Examiners. The Essay Paper comprises 4 questions to be answered in two hours. There shall be one question from each of the following four specialties/ areas (General Pathology, Haematology, Chemical Pathology and Systemic Pathology.)
5. Candidates who have obtained 50% or more of the total aggregate shall be considered to have passed the Selection Examination.
6. The permitted number of attempts of an eligible candidate at a particular PGD selection Examination is unlimited. However, in order to proceed for the MD after being successful at the MD Part I Examination or Postgraduate Diploma examination, the candidate should have passed the Selection Examination Leading to MD in Histopathology, Clinical Haematology and Chemical Pathology within 6 attempts. This regulation comes into effect from 30.09.2020
7. **Only maximum of 32 candidates (Histopathology 14, Clinical Haematology 10, Chemical Pathology 08)** 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 on the PGIM website under “General Regulations and Guidelines 2021”. **The 32<sup>nd</sup> MOH candidate’s marks will be taken as a cut-off line and the candidates in sections 9, 10 and 11 and 12 will have to obtain a mark similar to this or above to be offered a place in the training programme.**
8. The final number of available training placements will be determined based on the total number of candidates above the cut-off line.
9. 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.
10. 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
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. Following the examination and release of results the above numbers shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained.
14. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. No repeat or additional examination will be held.
15. The allocation of 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 unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons.
16. The training for MD Part I in Histopathology, Chemical Pathology and PG Diploma in Clinical Haematology commences with a Lecture Course in Basic Laboratory Sciences (CBLs) of 4 to 5 weeks duration. The relevant information of the training programme is in the Histopathology 2016 Prospectus, Chemical Pathology 2016 Prospectus, Clinical Haematology 2013 (Please refer the amendments of the Prospectus)

17. For Histopathology, Chemical Pathology and Clinical Haematology trainees are expected to take the first available CBLs assessment. Taking the CBLs assessment is compulsory before sitting the MD Part I Examination and Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Haematology respectively. A trainee will not be considered eligible to sit the MD Part I Examination and Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Haematology examination without sitting for the CBLs assessment. CBLs assessment is an in course assessment of training leading to MD Part I Examination. (Histopathology & Chemical Pathology) and PG Diploma in Clinical Haematology.
18. 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.
19. 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, University or Armed Forces.
20. The relevant information of the training programme, MD Examination, requirements for Board Certification are described in the Prospectus and other relevant documents which are published on the PGIM Website.
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.
22. 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.
23. The candidate should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available on the PGIM web site 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 prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector are as follows:
  - (a) Registration fee - Rs. 8,000/- (non refundable)
  - (b) Examination fees - Rs.20,000/-
  - (c) Application fee - Rs. 3,500/- (non refundable)

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

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

27. The Application form could be download from our website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk)
28. All examination Applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form. <https://forms.gle/1LzRvqNmZ3v2RAvM9> on or before 30 November 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.**

29. 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.
30. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
31. 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.
32. 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.
33. 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 a 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.
34. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) for further updates.
35. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in PGIM website – [www.health.gov.lk/](http://www.health.gov.lk/)
36. 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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