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To : Director/NHSL, Colombo,  
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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 MD (FAMILY MEDICINE) – 2021**

- 1 The above examination is scheduled to commence on **29<sup>th</sup> December 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 MD(Family Medicine)
- 3 To be eligible to sit for the Selection Examination and to be selected for admission, a candidate should fulfill the following criteria:
  - a. Hold a medical degree registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC)
  - b. Satisfactory completion of internship acceptable to the SLMC
  - c. Satisfactory completion of one year of post internship in a university/public/private sector institution in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM
  - d. The criteria prescribed in a to c must have been satisfied by the applicants as at the date of closure of applications. applications, i.e **09<sup>th</sup> December 2021**.

Foreign nationals who seek registration in respect of selection test should possess a medical degree registrable with the Sri Lanka Medical Council

**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.

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4 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

5 The examination consists of Two components

**5.1 MCQ Paper: 240 marks.**

30 T/F & 30 SBA questions

**5.2 OSCE: 800 marks**

6 The MCQ paper will be held on **29<sup>th</sup> December 2021**. Only those who obtain a minimum mark of 50% or more for the MCQ paper will be allowed to proceed for the OSCE which will be held on **25<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.

7 To be considered for selection, the candidate should score a minimum of 50% in the total aggregate (520 or more out of 1040) (and 50% or more for the MCQ paper (120 out of 240) and 50% or more for the OSCE (400 out of 800).

8 **Only a maximum of 15 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 **15<sup>th</sup> MOH candidate’s marks will be taken as the cut-off line and the candidates in sections 10 , 11 & 12 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 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 **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

12 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.

- 13 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.
- 14 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.
- 15 Following the examination and release of results the above numbers shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained.
- 16 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.
- 17 At the point of post MD allocation, the base specialty and any available subspecialties which are approved at the time of the post MD allocation will be offered to candidates, according to merit. The number of available base specialty and 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 post MD allocation
- 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, Universities or Armed Forces.

20 The prescribed fees for the examination shall be as follows for state candidates.

- a. Application fee - Rs. 4 000 /- (non refundable)
- b. Registration fee - Rs. 8 000 /- (non refundable)
- c. Examination fees - Rs.46 500 /-

(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.8,000.00 as registration fee, Rs. 4,000.00 as application fee and Rs.29,000.00 as the entry fee for the MCQ Paper in the first instance. Those who qualify the MCQ Papers (Component 1) will have to pay the balance entry fee of Rs. 17,500.00 in order to proceed for the rest of the examination (Component 2 i.e OSCE).

21 The Application form could be download 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/pBppiAC32d1D7YEZ9> on or before **09<sup>th</sup> December 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.**

23 The relevant information of the training programme, MD Examination requirements for Board Certification is described in the Prospectus 2020.

24 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.

25 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 than two years in certain specialties and the information is available in the prospectus.

26 The candidate should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.

- 27 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.
- 28 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.
- 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 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/](http://www.health.gov.lk/)
- 31 The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
- 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 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 bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.



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