

**Circular Letter No. 13/2023**

My No. PGIM/EX/7/SE/PDCH (23)  
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26<sup>th</sup> January 2023

To: Deputy Director General/NHSL, Colombo,  
Directors/MSS of Teaching/General Hospitals,  
Provincial Regional Directors of Health Services,  
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,  
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya,  
Sri Jayewardenepura/Rajarata/Eastern/Sabaragamuwa/ Wayamba/KDU.

**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CHILD HEALTH –  
MARCH 2023**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **14<sup>th</sup> March 2023**.
  2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing 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 Diploma in Child Health.
    - (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 post internship in medical/clinical practice in a University/State Sector/Non-State Sector Institution in Sri Lanka, acceptable to the PGIM as at the date of closure of applications, **27<sup>th</sup> February 2023**.
- Note :** The criteria prescribed in paragraph (c) must be satisfied by the applicants by 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 have completed such shortfall in order to become eligible to apply for the Selection Examination
- (d) Any other requirement/s stipulated by the Board of Study relevant to the particular field of study concerned, that has/have been approved by the Board of Management.
  - (e) Foreign nationals who seek to apply for training programme should possess a medical degree registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council. Such applications are scrutinized by the BOS for suitability and recommendations. The decision of the Board of Management will be final in all such applications.

3. The above examination consists of **TWO** papers (Paper I and II) containing a total of 50 questions. The candidate will have a total duration of 2 hours (120 minutes) to answer both papers.

**Paper I**

- Total of 20 True/False type questions.

**Paper II**

- Total of 30 questions of single best response (SBR) type

**To be successful in the selection examination, a candidate must obtain a aggregate of 50% or more for entire MCQ paper with a minimum mark of 45% for each paper (i.e., paper I and paper II)**

4. All Candidates who pass the Selection Examination from University/State Sector and Non –State Sector Institutions in Sri Lanka will be enrolled to the training programme.
5. Successful candidates who do not fulfill one of the criteria mentioned below (a or b) will be required to undergo an additional 03 months of work experience with second on call duties in General Paediatrics in the same unit being assigned for three months of supervised in-service training under the PDCH programme, in order to qualify to sit for the PDCH Examination in October 2023.
- a. Six months experience in General Paediatrics with “first on call” duties under a Consultant Paediatrician during internship or afterwards within 7 years immediately preceding the PDCH examination.
- or
- b. A minimum of one year experience in General Paediatrics/Neonatology under a Consultant Paediatrician within the 7 years immediately preceding the PDCH examination.

\*\*\* All trainers are required to submit a progress report at the completion of the General Paediatric appointment.

6. The prescribed fees for the Selection Examination shall be as follows :-

(a) Registration fee	- Rs	12,000.00 (Non refundable)
(b) Application Fee	- Rs.	5,500.00 (Non refundable)
(c) Examination fees	- Rs.	30,000.00

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

**Note that the only payments made through the PGIM online portal will be accepted**

7. The application form can be downloaded from <https://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/>
8. Only the scheduled selection examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held each year. **No repeat or additional examination will be held.**

9. All examination applications and other documents will be collected through a Google form <https://forms.gle/mYYMto1phN24JCbE8> on or before **27<sup>th</sup> February 2023**. All applicants should have a Gmail account to access the Google form. The exam application with all relevant documents must be attached as a single pdf document since this portal does not allow uploading of multiple documents. **Please note that incomplete, handwritten, late submission and application sent via email will not be accepted.**
10. The Orientation programme on 'PGIM Library resources and services' is mandatory for all postgraduate trainees who enter pgim Training programmes. Please refer <https://library.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/> for more information.
11. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website <https://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/>
15. Please bring the contents of this Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.

  
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