

Circular Letter No. 33/2023

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To: Deputy Director General /NHSL,
 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/Eastern/Rajarata/Sabaragamuwa/Wayamba/ KDU

SELECTION EXAMINATION IN MD (COMMUNITY MEDICINE) – JUNE 2023

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **23rd June 2023**.
2. Applications are invited by me from Medical surgeons possessing the following requirement.
 - a. Successfully completed the MSc (Community Medicine) Examination.
3. The applicants should pass the selection examination to be eligible for enrolment to the training programme. The current format of the Selection Examination is described in the Community Medicine Prospectus, 2015.
4. The examination shall consist of **one** written paper with **two** structured essay questions of one hour in duration.
5. The candidate has to obtain a minimum of 45% marks for each question with an aggregate of 50% in order to qualify for the Selection Examination.
6. All successful candidates of the MD Selection Examination will be eligible to register for the MD training programme in Community Medicine.
7. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar will be held. **No repeat or additional examinations will be held.**
8. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “General Regulation and Guidelines 2023” which is available on the PGIM web site: <https://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/> The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons. The number of available 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 allocation.

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9. As per PGIM regulation of 27.05.2020, the permitted number of attempts limited to six (06). Candidates who have exhausted four (04) or more attempts at 27.05.2020 will be allowed only two (02) more attempts.
10. When a candidate is selected, he/she should register in the same year. Any candidate who refuses to register in the current year 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.
11. A fulltime release from the candidate's current employer-i.e., Ministry of Health/ Other Government Ministries, Universities or by the Armed Forces- is a prerequisite for enrollment in all fulltime training programmes. It may be necessary to sign a bond before such enrollment if it is required by the candidate's employer.
12. 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. The trainee status of trainees will be terminated in those who delay commencing overseas post-MD training by more than four (04) years after the expected date of completing local post-MD training.
13. There should be no delay in submitting the research report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. Any delay will be added to the effective date of Board certification.
14. The trainees must, within one (1) calendar month of satisfactory completion of the prescribed requirements, apply for Board Certification. All relevant documents must be submitted with the application. Failure to do so will result in a delay of effective date of Board Certification.
15. The candidates should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available on the PGIM website.
16. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates from the state sector are as follows:

(a) Registration fee	- Rs	12,500.00 (non-refundable)
(b) Application Fee	- Rs.	6,500.00 (non-refundable)
(c) Examination fees	- Rs.	45,000.00

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

Payments only made through the PGIM online portal will be accepted.

17. The application form can be downloaded from <https://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/>
18. The relevant information regarding the training programme, and requirements for Board Certification are detailed in the Prospectus 2015 and in other relevant documents published in the PGIM website.

19. All examination applications and other documents will be collected through a Google form <https://forms.gle/o8SPokWExxZkEcgy7> on or before **26th May 2023**. The Candidates have to use the email account created by the PGIM. The exam application with all the 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 submissions and applications sent via email will not be accepted.**
20. The selected candidates should report to the training unit allocated to him/her within one month of receipt of the letter of selection to the training programme and allocation to the training unit.
21. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health–www.health.gov.lk/
22. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
23. 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 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.
24. The Candidates who pass the selection Examination and are selected for the MD programme should undergo the Professionalism and Ethics 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.
25. 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.
26. 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.
27. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website <https://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/>
28. 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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