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

**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN REPRODUCTIVE
HEALTH EXAMINATION- JUNE 2023**

1. The above examination will commence on **14 June 2023**.
2. Applications are invited from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.
 - 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 three years of work experience after completion of internship.
 - d) Comply with PGIM general regulations relevant to selection of trainees.

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 shortfall 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 should pass the selection Examination to be eligible for enrollment to the training programme.The current format of the Selection Examination described in the Prospectus 2017.
4. The examination shall consist of two (02) components, i.e. Written Examination,& Interview.
 - 1) **The written examination** - MCQ Paper 40 true/false type questions (Two hours)
- 200 marks
Candidates who obtain 50% or more for the written examination shall proceed for the interview.
 - 2) **Interview** - 100 marks - 20 minutes
A panel of two examiners shall assess each candidate. At the interview, the relevance of present and past involvement of the candidate in the field of reproductive health will be evaluated and marks shall be assigned for Service and Seniority / Present as well as past experience in maternal and child health work as follows.
 - Service and Seniority: Five marks shall be given for each year of service after the initial three (3) years required for selection up to a total of 40 marks.

- Present and experience in MOH work after internship: a total of up to 60 marks as follows:

Public health service - 4 for each year of service up to 20 marks

SHO / O&G - 5 per each year of service up to 30 marks other posts - 2 per each year of service up to 10 marks

5. Candidates who obtain **50%** or more for the written examination shall proceed for the interview. A candidate must obtain a minimum of **50% (150/300 marks) of the total aggregate** AND a **minimum of 50% for the MCQ paper** AND a **minimum of 40% for the interview** to pass the examination and be eligible for enrolment to the course.
6. 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 on the PGIM website under “General Regulations and Guidelines 2023”. The 15th MOH candidate’s marks will be taken as a cut-offline 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 are above the cut-off line`.
9. All candidates attached to the **State Universities** who pass the selection examination and are above the cut off line will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit.
10. All candidates from the **Armed Forces (Including Police) who pass the** selection examination and are above the cutoff line will be enrolled in the training programme in order of merit.
11. All **Non-State Sector** candidates 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 meritwithin the non state category.
12. **Please note that a minimum number of eight (08) candidates are needed to commence the course.**
13. The above numbers shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained following the examination and after the release of results.
14. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar will be held. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.
15. 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.
16. When a candidate is selected, he/she should register in the same year. If a candidate fails to do so, another eligible candidate will be selected. 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.

17. 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.

18. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector are as follows:

- (a) Registration fee - Rs. 12,500.00 (non refundable)
- (b) Examination fees - Rs. 31,000.00
- (c) Application fee - Rs. 5,500.00 (non refundable)

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

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

19. The application form can be downloaded from <https://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/> .

20. All Examination application and other documents will be collected through a Google form (<https://forms.gle/NWYyLonF1PPGvyRN9>) on or before 01st June 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.

21. The selected candidates shall 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.

22. Please refer to the new regulations laid down regarding the release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in MOH website - <http://www.health.gov.lk/>

23. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.

24. 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.

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

28. 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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