

My No. PGIM/EX/14/SE/MSc/HN (23)
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22nd August 2023

To : Deputy Director General/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 Jayewardenepura/Eastern/Rajarata/Sabaragamuwa/ Wayamba/KDU

SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR ENROLMENT FOR MSc IN HUMAN NUTRITION
– OCTOBER 2023

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **17th October 2023**.
 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 training programme in MSc in Human Nutrition in the year 2023.
 - (a) A medical degree registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council
 - (b) Satisfactory completion of one-year internship acceptable to the Sri Lanka Medical Council
 - (c) Satisfactory completion of one year of full-time post internship work experience in health sector, acceptable to the PGIM as at the date of closure of applications i.e. on **22nd September 2023**.
- 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.
3. The applicants to be eligible for enrolment 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 prospectus 2012.
 4. The selection examination shall consist of a MCQ paper with 60 questions true/false type to be answered within 180 minutes. The content areas from which the questions are based on is described in the prospectus 2012 and relevant documents available in the PGIM website.
 5. The candidates who pass the selection examination by obtaining 50% or more of the total aggregate shall be considered for enrolment to the course.

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6. **Only a maximum of 25 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 2023”. **The 25th MOH candidate’s marks will be taken as a cut-off line and the candidates in sections 8, 9, 10 and 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 will be enrolled in the training programme in order of merit.
9. **All Non-State Sector** candidates who pass the Selection Examination and 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.
10. All candidates from **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.
11. All candidates from the **Armed Forces (including Police)** who pass the Selection Examination and are above the cut-off line will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit.
12. Following the examination and release of results the above numbers shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained.
13. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.
14. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “General Regulations & Guidelines for trainees - 2023” and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. The permitted number of an eligible candidate at a particular MSc Selection Examination is unlimited. However, in order to proceed for the MD after being successful at the MSc Examination, the candidate should have passed the Selection Examination for MD within 6 attempts. This regulation comes in to effect from 30.09.2020.

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

(a) Application fee	- Rs. 5,500/= (Non Refundable)
(b) Registration fee	- Rs. 12,500/= (Non Refundable)
(c) Examination fees	- Rs. 31,000/=

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

Note that Only online payments through the PGIM online portal will be accepted

19. The application form can be downloaded from the website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/>.
20. All examination applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form <https://forms.gle/p3gef1FC7kiVWfsb9> on or before 22nd September 2023. All applicants should have a Gmail account to access the google form. 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.
21. 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.
22. Please refer the new regulations laid down by the Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health web site – 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 <http://library.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/> for more informations.
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/> for further updates.
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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