

My No. PGIM/EX/7/PDCH (23)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
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Colombo 7.
11th August 2023

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

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CHILD HEALTH EXAMINATION – OCTOBER 2023

01. The above examination will commence on **17th October 2023**. The examination will be held in Colombo.
02. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.
 - Satisfactory completion of the training requirements,
 - Compulsory training in General Paediatrics
 - 17 Workshops and Day Release Programmes

If the trainee has had training in any of sessions (17 workshops and Day release programmes) within the previous 3 years, he/she would be exempted. Proof of evidence is required.

Private sector candidates should follow “Guidelines for commencing the formal training of private sector candidates by the PGIM” when applying for PDCH examination.

03. The examination consists of two components, **ie** Written and Clinicals.
 - **Written Component**
 - Short Answer questions (SAQ) paper - 10 questions (2 1/2 hours)
 - Structured Essay Questions (SEQ) paper - 05 Structured essay questions (2 1/2 hours)
 - **Clinical Component**
 - One long case
 - SACS component - four SACS stations
04. A candidate should obtain overall mark of 50% or more in written component to qualify & proceed for the Clinical Component, which is scheduled to commence on 16th November 2023. All candidates will be informed in writing of their performance after the written component whether they are permitted or not, to proceed for the Clinical examination.

To pass the Postgraduate Diploma in Child Health Examination a candidate should obtain a total aggregate of 50% or more and 50% or more in the written component and 50% or more in the clinical component.

05. Candidates shall refer to the relevant prospectors for details of the examination.
06. Past question papers are available in the PGIM Library. <https://library.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/>
07. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector are as follows:

i. Registration fee	- Rs. 12,500.00 (Non refundable)
ii. Examination fees	- Rs. 67,500.00
iii. Application Fee	-Rs. 5,500.00 (Non refundable)

(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

Note - Candidates are required to pay Rs. 12,500/- the registration fee, Rs. 5,500/= application fee and Rs. 22,500/- the entry fee for the written component in the first instance. Those who qualify to proceed for the Clinical component will have to pay the balance examination fee of Rs. 45,000/-.

08. The Application form could be downloaded from our website <https://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/>
09. All examination applications and other documents will be collected through a Google form <https://forms.gle/UBXQafHhiAJvFbQF9> on or before **30th September 2023**. 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. Please refer to the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health – www.health.gov.lk/
11. There shall be no repeat or additional examinations which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2023.
12. The results will be valid and official only after they are approved by the Senate of the University of Colombo.

13. 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.
14. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website <https://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/>
15. Please bring the contents of the Circular to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.

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