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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

**POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN FAMILY MEDICINE EXAMINATION- OCTOBER 2023**

1. The above examination will commence on **03 October 2023**.
2. Applications are invited from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.
  - Satisfactory completion of the course
  - Obtain a minimum mark of 50% at the Portfolio Viva
  - Minimum 80% attendance for lectures
  - Attendance of 80% or more for clinical and practical training, tutorials and seminars/workshops.
  - Competence in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and other skills certified by the respective trainers

3. The examination shall consist of 2 Stages,

**Stage 1**

- \* The Multiple Choice Question paper with 60 questions

40 true/false type and 20 single best answer type (SBA), to be answered in a total of 3 hours.

**Candidates who obtain 40% for stage 1 only will be eligible to proceed to stage 2.**

**Stage 2**

- \* Written Paper (MEQ/SEQ) – 1 hour and 30 minutes
  - Two problem solving MEQ exercises
  - One SEQ on the principles and practice of Family Medicine
- \* Clinical examination
  - a) OSCE – 8 stations (10 minutes at each station)
  - b) OSPE - 10 stations (3 minutes at each station)

4. In order to pass the examination a candidate should obtain:  
**50% or more of the total aggregate**  
**AND**  
**40% or more for all the following**
  - a) MCQ
  - b) MEQ/SEQ.
  - c) Clinical Examination (OSCE+OSPE).

5. Past question papers can be downloaded from the PGIM Library <https://library.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/>

6. Candidates who are eligible to sit the Postgraduate examination are required to be present for the first scheduled examination after completion of the training programme. If a candidate does not apply or does not sit the first scheduled examination or subsequent scheduled examinations for reasons not acceptable to the Board of Study, the examinations will be counted as attempts.

7. Please note that **candidates are allowed 6 attempts only in the Diploma which must be made within a period of 8 years from the date of the first examination.** However, after failing the fifth attempt the candidate should undergo a minimum period of one year further training before being permitted the sixth attempt.

8. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows:

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| (a) Application fee          | - Rs. 5,500.00 (non refundable)  |
| (b) Registration fee         | - Rs. 12,500.00 (non refundable) |
| (c) Examination fees         | - Rs. 67,500.00                  |
| (d) Portfolio Assessment fee | - Rs. 13,000.00 (non refundable) |

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

At the first instance candidates are required to pay Rs. 12,000.00 (the Registration fee), Rs. 5,500.00 (Application fee), Portfolio Assessment fee Rs. 13,000.00 and Rs. 22,500.00 the entry fee for the MCQ Paper. Those who qualify to proceed for the rest of the examination, i.e. the Written Paper and the Clinical component will have to pay the balance Examination fee of Rs.45,000.00.

**( Note that only payments made through PGIM online portal will be accepted.)`**

9. The application form can be download from our website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk).

10. All examination applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form (<https://forms.gle/dv7cp5489jrieEaC7>) on or before **21<sup>st</sup> September 2023**. Trainees have to use the email account created by the PGIM. 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.

11. Please refer to the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in MOH website - [www.health.gov.lk](http://www.health.gov.lk).

12. Each year only the scheduled Examination in the approved examination calendar will be held. **No repeat or additional examinations will be held.**

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

14. 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.

15. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website <https://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/>

16. Please bring the contents of the Circular to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department / division / faculty.

  
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