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18th October 2023

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

**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR ENROLMENT TO THE TRAINING PROGRAMME
FOR MSc IN BIOMEDICAL INFORMATICS - NOVEMBER 2023**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **24th November 2023**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers and dental officers in the state and non-state sectors possessing the following requirements to sit the Selection Examination for enrolment to the in-service training programme for MSc in Biomedical Informatics.
 - (a) A medical degree registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC); and
 - (b) Satisfactory completion of one year of internship acceptable to the Sri Lanka Medical Council; and
 - (c) Satisfactory completion of one year of full time post internship in medical practice in a University/Public Sector Institution /Private sector in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM as at the date of closure of applications, **i.e. 10th November 2023**.

OR

- (d) Hold a Dental Degree and registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC), to practice as a Dental Surgeon and
- (e) Satisfactory completion of at least one year in General Dental practice in the government, university, armed forces or private sector, **following registration with the SLMC** at the date of closure of applications, **i.e. 10th November 2023**.
(A copy of the certificate should be attached with the application)

Note :-

The criteria prescribed in paragraph (c) & (e) 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 2013.

4. The selection examination shall consist of a **MCQ paper** consisting of 60 **true/false** type questions to be answered within **2 hours**. The content areas from which the questions are based on is described in the prospectus 2013 .
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.
6. **Only a maximum of 30 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 **30th 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 are pass the Selection Examination and are above the cut- off line will be enrolled in the training programme in order of the merit.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. All candidates from the **Non-State Sector** 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.
12. 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. For all fulltime training programmes fulltime release from Ministry of Health is a prerequisite for enrollment. When relevant it may be necessary to sign a bond before such enrollment if such a requirement has been decided by the Ministry of Health, Other Government Ministries or University.

17. The relevant information of the training program described in the Prospectus and other relevant amendments which is on the PGIM web site <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/>.
18. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector as follows:-

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

(Only online payments through the PGIM online portal will be accepted by the PGIM)
(Candidates from non state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)
19. The application form can be downloaded from the website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/>.
20. All examination applications and other documents will be collected through a Google form <https://forms.gle/aDEbrunbEJjVCTVL8> or before **10th November 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 the portal does not allow uploading of multiple documents. **Please note that incomplete, handwritten, late submission 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 on 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. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website (www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) for additional details
24. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University
25. 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.
26. The orientation programme on ‘PGIM library resources and services’ is mandatory for all postgraduate trainees who enter PGIM training programmes. Please refer library.pgim.cmb.ac.lk for more information.
26. 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.

27. 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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