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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/Eastern/Rajarata/Sabaragamuwa/ Wayamba/KDU

**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR MD IN OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY –
FEBRUARY/ APRIL 2024**

- 1 The above examination is scheduled to commence on **20th February 2024.**
- 2 Applications are invited by me from medical officers in the state sector and non-state sector possessing the following requirements to sit the Selection Examination for enrolment to the above training programme.
 - (a) Hold a medical degree registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council.
 - (b) Complete an internship recognized by the SLMC.
 - (c) Complete one-year work experience in Sri Lanka, after internship.
 - (d) Produce a medical certificate from a Board-Certified specialist physician to confirm the general mental and physical fitness.
 - (e) **Produce a certificate to confirm the participation in a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation(CPR) programme conducted by a professional organization.**
 - (f) Satisfy requirements informed by General regulations of PGIM.

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 is described in the prospectus 2017.

4. The Selection Examination consists of a MCQ Paper, Written Paper and Objective Structured Viva Examination.

- MCQ Paper with 50 questions (20 True/ False type and 30 Single Best Answers) of 02 ½ hours duration.
- Written Paper shall consist of four (04) Structured Essay Questions (SEQ) and two (02) Short Answer Questions (SAQ) of 03 hours duration.
- Objective Structured Viva Examination (OSVE) shall consist of 06 station and 10 minute per station (Additional 1 minute preparation). Duration of the exam 66 minutes.

Candidates who obtain a mark of 50% or more for the MCQ Paper will be allowed to proceed the other components (Written Paper and OSVE) of the examination which is scheduled to be commenced from 24th April 2024.

5. The candidate should obtain an aggregate of 50% or more of the total mark (450 or more out of 900) and
- 50% or more for the MCQ paper (150 out of 300) and
 - 50% or more for the Written paper (150 out of 300) to be admitted to the training programme
 - 50% or more for the Objective Structured Viva Examination (150 out of 300)
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 on the order of merit. The details are available on the PGIM website under “General Regulations and Guidelines 2023”. **The 30th MOH candidate’s marks will be taken as the cut-off line 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”** 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 order of the merit.

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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 order of the merit.
11. 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.
12. The above numbers shall not be changed, nor shall requests for such changes be entertained following the examination and after the release of results.
13. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar will be held. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.
14. 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. The number of available subspecialty training vacancies offered for Post MD training, if any, will be determined based on the vacancy list provided by the MOH prior to the allocation.
15. The permitted number of attempt of an eligible candidate at a particular MD Selection is limited to six (06). However, candidates who have already exhausted four (04) or more attempts would be allowed only two (02) more attempts. Those who have sat less than for (04) attempts would be allowed upto maximum total six (06) attempts. This regulation comes in to effect from 27.05.2020.
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. Post-MD trainees should commence post-MD overseas training within two (02) years after the expected date of completing local post-MD training. Any delay will be added to the effective date of Board Certification. The trainee status of trainees will be terminated in those who delay commencing overseas post-MD training by more than four (04) years after the expected date of completing local post-MD training.

19. The minimum duration of post MD training required to be eligible for Board Certification should be one year local & one year overseas. However the duration may be more than two years in certain specialties and the information is available in the prospectus.
20. There should be no delay in submitting the research report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. Any delay will be added to the effective date of the Board Certification.
21. The trainees must, within one (1) calendar month of satisfactory completion of the prescribed requirements, apply for Board Certification. All relevant documents must be submitted with the application. Failure to do so will result in a delay of effective date of Board Certification.
22. The candidates should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available on the PGIM website.
23. The prescribed fees for the examination shall be as follows for state candidates.

(a) Application fee	-	Rs. 6,500.00 (non refundable)
(b) Registration fee	-	Rs. 12,500.00 (non refundable)
(c) Examination fees	-	Rs. 72,000.00

The first instance Candidates are required to pay Rs. 12,500/- for the registration, Rs. 6,500/- for Application and Rs. 31,000/- the examination fee for the MCQ paper. Those who qualify the MCQ Examination will required to pay the balance examination fee of Rs. 41,000/- in order to proceed for the rest of the examination.

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

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

24. The Application form can be download from our website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk>.
25. The relevant information regarding the training programme, requirements for Board Certification are detailed in the Prospectus 2017 and in other relevant amendments/ documents published in the PGIM website.
26. All examination applications and other documents will be collected through a Google Form <https://forms.gle/A2vUh4dJ5hdZiUrP6> on or before **26th January 2024**. 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.**

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27. 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.
28. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health – www.health.gov.lk/
29. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
30. 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.
31. The candidate who pass the Selection Examination and are selected for the MD programme should undergo the Professionalism & Ethics in Medical Practice Strand organized by the PGIM. Please note that this is compulsory for all MD trainees and should be completed within the first two years of pre-MD training. A certificate will be issued to trainees who complete this strand successfully.
32. The orientation programme on ‘PGIM library resources and services’ is mandatory for all postgraduate trainees who enter PGIM training programmes. Please refer <https://library.cmb.ac.lk/> for more informations.
33. 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.
34. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk for further updates.

35. 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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