

Circular Letter No 28 / 2024

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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

SELECTION EXAMINATION IN MD (COMMUNITY MEDICINE) – MAY 2024
(2015 PROSPECTUS)

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **27th May 2024**.
2. Applications are invited by me from Medical officers possessing the following requirement.
 - a. Successfully completed the MSc (Community Medicine) Examination.
3. The applicants should pass the selection examination to be eligible for enrolment to the training program. The current format of the Selection Examination is described in the Community Medicine Prospectus, 2015.
4. The examination shall consist of **one** written paper with **two** structured essay questions of one hour in duration.
5. To qualify for the Selection, the candidate has to obtain a minimum of 45% marks for each question with an aggregate of 50% .
6. All successful candidates of the MD Selection Examination will be eligible to register for the MD training program in Community Medicine.
7. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar will be held. **No repeat or additional examinations will be held.**
8. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “General Regulation and Guidelines 2024” 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.

9. As per PGIM regulation of 27.05.2020, the permitted number of attempts limited to six (06). Candidates who have exhausted four (04) or more attempts at 27.05.2020 will be allowed only two (02) more attempts.
10. When a candidate is selected, he/she should register in the same year. Any candidate who refuses to register in the current year will not be permitted to register in the program in a subsequent year with the same results unless a valid medical certificate from a consultant acceptable to the PGIM is submitted.
11. 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 programs. It may be necessary to sign a bond before such enrollment if it is required by the candidate's employer.
12. 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.
13. The minimum duration of post MD training required to be eligible for Board Certification should be one year local and one year overseas. However, the duration may be more than two years in certain specialties and the information is available in the prospectus.
14. 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 Board certification.
15. 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.
16. The candidates should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available on the PGIM website.
17. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates from the state sector are as follows:

(a) Registration fee	- Rs	14,000.00 (non-refundable)
(b) Application Fee	- Rs.	7,500.00 (non-refundable)
(c) Examination fees	- Rs.	49,500.00

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.

18. The application form can be downloaded from <https://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/>
19. The relevant information regarding the training program, and requirements for Board Certification are detailed in the Prospectus 2015 and in other relevant documents published in the PGIM website.

20. All examination applications and other documents will be collected through a Google form, (Link is Below)
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScfGbNfQ29YB01GLIUTPV0g80yC1TzOvAbJXcESF8nWeF1mTw/viewform?usp=pp_url on or before **03rd May 2024**. The Applicants must use the email account created by the PGIM. 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 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 behavior, 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.
22. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
23. 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 program and allocation to the training unit.
24. The Candidates who pass the selection Examination and are selected for the MD program should undergo the Professionalism and Ethics 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.
25. The orientation program on ‘PGIM library resources and services’ is mandatory for all postgraduate trainees who enter PGIM training programs. Please refer <https://library.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/> for more information.
26. A trainee following a PG Certificate or PG Diploma, or MSc or MD program 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 program/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 program/course of study. This rule shall not apply for online and part-time courses.
27. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health—www.health.gov.lk/
28. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website <https://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/>
29. 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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