

Circular Letter No. 105 /2024

My No. PGIM/EX/16/MSc/HN (25)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mw.,
Colombo 07.
21st November 2024.

To: Director/NHSL, Colombo,
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

MSc (HUMAN NUTRITION) EXAMINATION – JANUARY 2025

1. The above examination will commence on **20th January 2025**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.
 - Successfully completed the training programme conducted by the Interim Specialty Board in Nutrition, PGIM with attendance according to Paragraph 10 (Leave) of the PGIM General Regulations & Guidelines for trainees 2024.
 - a. The classes conducted in each of the 10 modules in taught course
 - b. The period of clinical/practical training
 - c. The weekly classes conducted during the period of clinical/practical training
 - Submission of satisfactory progress reports acceptable to the Interim Specialty Board in Nutrition.
 - Submission of duly completed **portfolio soft copy** on or before **09th December 2024** **through the Google form** <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/Portfolios/2025>
3. The final examination shall consist of four parts.
 - Theory Examination – MCQ & SEQ
 - Objective Structured Practical Examination (OSPE)
 - Assessment of the Portfolio
 - Portfolio based Viva
4. To pass the examination a candidate should obtain:

A total aggregate minimum of 50% for all components of the examination and
A minimum of 45% for the theory component (MCQ & SEQ) and
A minimum of 45% for the practical component (OSPE) and
A minimum of 45% for the assessment of portfolio
A minimum of 25% for the Portfolio based viva

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5. Candidates who are eligible to sit the MSc 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 Interim Specialty Board, the examinations will be considered as attempts.
6. Please note that **candidates are allowed only 06 attempts at the MSc examination which must be completed within a period of 08 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 permitted the sixth attempt.
7. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows:

(a) Registration fee	- Rs. 14,000.00 (non-refundable)
(d) Application fee	- Rs. 6,500.00 (non-refundable)
(c) Examination fee	- Rs. 74,500.00
(d) Assessment fee of portfolio	- Rs. 15,000.00 (non-refundable)

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

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

8. The application form can be download from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk.
9. All examination applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/MSc/HN/2025/Applications> on or before **27th December 2024**. Trainees have to use the email account created by the PGIM 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 you to attach multiple documents. Please note that incomplete, handwritten, late submissions and applications sent via email will not be accepted.
10. Each year only the scheduled examination in the approved examination calendar will be held. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.
11. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
12. 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 (e.g. 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.

13. Please refer to the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers to Department of Health in MoH website – www.health.gov.lk
14. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/ for further updates.
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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Acting Deputy Director, PGIM
For Director