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To: Director/ NHSL, Colombo,
Directors/ MSS of Teaching/ General Hospitals,
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Regional Directors of Health Services,
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/ Medical Sciences/ Science/Allied Health Sciences / Dental /
Veterinary,
Universities of Peradeniya/ Colombo/ Jaffna/ Ruhuna/ Kelaniya/ Sri Jayewardenepura /
Rajarata/ Eastern,
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Science/Allied Health Sciences of Kothalawala Defense
University

**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR ENROLMENT TO THE TRAINING PROGRAMME
IN POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MOLECULAR MEDICINE – FEBRUARY, 2025
(PROSPECTUS – 2014)**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **Friday, 21st February 2025.**
2. Applications are invited by me from individuals in the state and non-state sectors possessing the following requirements to sit the Selection Examination for enrolment to the training programme in Postgraduate Diploma in Molecular Medicine.
 - a) A medical degree registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council.
 - b) Satisfactory completion of internship acceptable to the Sri Lanka Medical Council
 - c) Satisfactory completion of one year of post internship in Medical/Clinical practice or teaching in a university/public/private sector institution in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM.
 - d) The criteria prescribe in paragraphs (a) to (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.

OR

Dental or Veterinary Science degree and three years work experience.

OR

B.Sc. Special or General Degree in Biological Sciences or Allied Health Sciences with Chemistry or Biochemistry as a subject from a State University or Degree Awarding Institute recognized by the University Grants Commission or a B.Sc. Degree from a foreign University recognized by the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka and at least three years work experience.

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 and relevant examination documents which are available at the PGIM.
4. The selection examination shall consist of 2 Parts,
 - MCQ Paper (1 hour)
 - Viva Voce Examination (20 minutes)

The content areas from which the questions are based on is described in the Prospectus and relevant documents available at the PGIM.

5. The candidates who pass the selection examination by obtaining an overall mark of 50% or more only shall be considered for enrolment to the course.
6. Only a maximum of **50 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 2024”. **The 50 MOH candidate’s marks will be taken as a 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 are above the cut-off line will be enrolled in the training programme in order of the merit.
10. All candidates from the **Armed Forces (including Police)** who 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 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, State Universities and Armed Forces (including Police) based on the merit within the non-state sector category.
12. Following the examination and release of results 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 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..

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 or University.
17. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector are as follows:


(a) Application fee	- Rs.	7,000.00 (non refundable)
(b) Registration fee	- Rs.	15,500.00 (non refundable)
(c) Examination fee	- Rs.	34,500.00
(d) Course fee	- Rs.	550,000.00

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

Only online payments through the PGIM online portal will be accepted

18. The application form can be downloaded from the website <https://.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/>
19. All examination applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form <https://forms.gle/Bdgv6dBpkTaiGBfF9> on or before **30 January 2025**. Trainees have to use the email account created by the PIGM. The exam application with all the relevant documents 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.
20. 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.
21. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the **Senate of the University**.
22. 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.

23. The orientation programme on ‘PGIM library resources and services’ is mandatory for all postgraduate trainees who enter PGIM training programmes. Please refer <https://librepository.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/handle/1/2146> for more information.
24. 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.
25. The course is offered both in-person and online, and it is part-time.
26. Please refer 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.
27. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website <https://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/> for further updates.
28. 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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