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To: Deputy Director General /NHSL, Colombo,
Directors/MSS of Teaching/General Hospitals, Regional Directors of Health Services,
Deans of FDS/, Universities of Peradeniya, Sri Jayewardenepura,
Director, National Dental Teaching Hospital, Colombo, /IOH, Maharagama

SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR THE TRAINING PROGRAMME OF MD IN ORAL PATHOLOGY 2025

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **9th July 2025**.
2. Applications are invited by me from dental officers in the state and non-state sectors possessing the following requirements to sit the selection examination for enrolment to the MD in Oral Pathology training program in Dental Surgery.

Prospective applicants must satisfy the following requirements.

2.1 Bachelor's Degree in Dental Surgery recognized and registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC)

AND

2.2 Satisfactory completion of internship acceptable to SLMC

AND

2.3 Minimum of one-year post qualification professional experience after obtaining full registration with SLMC in a university/public/private sector institution acceptable to the PGIM.

2.4 The criteria prescribed in 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 should have been satisfied by the applicants as at the date of closure of applications, 9th June 2025. (Copies of certificates should be attached with the application). Where a shortfall has occurred due to any reason (including sick, maternity or other leave), the applicant concerned should complete such shortfall in order to become eligible to apply for the Selection Examination.

2.5 Foreign Nationals who seek to apply to register for selection examinations should possess a degree in Dental Surgery which is registrable with the Sri Lanka Medical Council. The decision of the Board of Management will be final in all such applications.

2.6 Dental graduates who qualified before the introduction of internship shall be exempted from this requirement of prescribed 2.2

3. The applicants should be pass the selection examination to be eligible for enrolment to the training programme. The current format of the selection examination is described in the MD in Oral Pathology-Prospectus 2025.

4. The selection examination shall consist of **three components**.
- i. **MCQ (SBA & MTF) Paper : 40 questions – 105 minute**

All candidates, are required to sit for the MCQ component of the exam. In order to proceed for the next components (i.e., SAQ and OSCE/OSPE), a candidate should obtain the required pass mark for the component.

- i. **SAQ Paper : 6 questions - 90 minutes (15 minutes each)**
- ii. **OSCE/OSPE : 20 questions - 100 minutes (5 minutes each)**

The examination components shall be held and marked as stipulated prospectus displayed in the PGIM website. www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk

5. **02 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 on the PGIM website under “General Regulations and Guidelines 2025”. The 2nd MOH candidate’s marks will be taken as a cut cut-off line and the Candidates in sections **7, 8, 9, and 10 will have to obtain a mark similar to this or above to be offered a place in the training programme.**
6. The final number of available training placements will be determined based on the total number of candidates above the cut-off line.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. All **Non-State Sector** candidates who pass the selection examination and 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, other government Ministries, State Universities and Armed Forces (including Police) based on merit within the non-state sector category.
11. The above number shall not be changed, nor shall requests for such changes to entertained following the examination and after the release of results.
12. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. **No repeat or additional examinations will be held.**
13. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “General Regulation & Guidelines 2025” which is available on the PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk. The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons.
14. The permitted number of attempts limited to six (06). The number of attempts they have sat Oral Pathology selection examination will be counted when preparing the merit order.

15. For all full-time training programmes full-time 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 requirement has been decided by the ministry of health other government ministries or University or Armed Forces.
16. 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 completing local post MD training.
17. There should be no delay in submitting the post MD portfolio within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. Any delay will be added to the effective date of Board certification.
18. The trainee must, within one (01) 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 delay of effective date of Board certification.
19. The candidates should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM web site.
20. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector are as follows:

(a) Registration fee	- Rs. 15,500.00 (non-refundable)
(b) Examination fees	- Rs. 80,000.00
(c) Application Fee	- Rs. 8,500.00(non-refundable)

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

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

21. At the first instance Candidates are required to pay Rs. **15,500/=** the registration, Rs. **8,500/=** application fee **and Rs. 34,500/=** as the examination fee for the MCQ paper in the first instance. Those who qualify the MCQ paper will have to pay the balance examination fee of Rs. 45,500/= in order to proceed for the rest of the examination.
22. The application form could be downloaded from PGIM website (www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk)
23. The relevant information regarding the training programme and requirements for the Board Certification are detailed in the MD in Oral Pathology 2025 Prospectus in the web-site.
24. All examination Applications and other documents will be collected through a google form <https://forms.gle/xV3EwFYw7BYCaSUf7> on or before 9th June ,2025. All applicants should have a Gmail account to access to 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 e-mail will not be accepted.**
25. 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 programme and allocation to the training unit.
26. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.

27. 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.
28. The Candidates who pass the selection examination and are selected for the MD in Oral Pathology training programme should undergo the Professionalism & 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.
29. 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.
30. A trainee following a PG certificate or PG Diploma or MSc or MD programme shall not be permitted to sit for another selection examination for a 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 be applied for online and part time courses.
31. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website (www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) for further updates.
32. Please bring the contents of this Circular Letter to the notice of all dental officers concerned in your department/division/faculty

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