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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/ Rajarata/  
Sri Jayewardenepura/EUSL/KDU/Rajarata/Sabaragamuwa/Wayamba,

**SELECTION EXAMINATION IN MD (ANAESTHESIOLOGY)**  
**FEBRUARY/MARCH 2026**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **5<sup>th</sup> February 2026**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers in the state and non-state sectors possessing the following requirements to sit the Selection Examination in MD (Anaesthesiology).
  - 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 in a University/Public Sector Institution /Private sector Institution in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM as at the date of closure of applications, **ie. 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.
  - d. A Medical certificate from a specialist physician in a Teaching Hospital to confirm general mental and physical fitness.
  - e. Following requirements stipulated by the Board of Study, relevant to a particular field of study, which have been approved by the Board of Management.
    - i. Certification in advanced life support (ALS) by the College of Anaesthesiologists and Intensivists in Sri Lanka (COAISL)

**Notes :-**

The criteria prescribed in paragraphs (a to e) 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 Examinations.

3. The applicants should pass the selection examination to be eligible for enrolment to the training programme. The current format of the selection examination is described in the Anaesthesiology prospectus 2022 & Amendments.

4. In the selection examination in MD (Anaesthesiology), subjects of Applied Physiology, Applied Pharmacology and Applied Physics & Clinical Measurements shall be assessed. In each Subject, there shall be 2 components. i.e. Theory – multiple choice questions (MCQs) and Objective Structured Viva Examination (OSVE). In addition, there would be an Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) in the Clinical Sciences.

5. Candidates should first obtain a minimum closed mark of 3 or more in all three subjects (i.e.. Applied Physiology, Applied Pharmacology and Applied Physics & Clinical Measurements) in the MCQ paper to be allowed to proceed for the OSCE and OSVE examination.

**6. Requirements to pass the Selection examination.**

Obtain a **minimum** total closed mark of **9** for the **3 components** of the examination.

**AND**

Not obtain a non-rounded off closed mark of **less than 3** in more than **1 component**.

**AND**

Not obtain a non-rounded off closed mark of **less than 2** in any **single** component.

**AND**

Obtain a minimum closed mark of 3 in each of the **three (3)** subjects of the theory component.

**AND**

Obtain a minimum closed mark of **3** for **six (6)** out of the **ten (10)** OSCE stations.

**AND**

Obtain a minimum closed mark of **(3)** in **All** OSVE Panel.

**7. Re Sit Candidates**

- A candidate who passes the theory component (MCQ) but fails the overall examination will be exempted from the requirement to sit for the theory component for **two** subsequent consecutive attempts provided he/she obtains a minimum non- rounded off closed mark of **two** (2) in the other 2 components (OSCE and OSVE).
- Theory component mark that would be carried over to a subsequent two consecutive examination attempts stated above will be a closed mark of **three** (3).
- If a candidate who passes the MCQ does not sit for the OSCE and OSVE of same examination, the candidate will have to re sit the MCQ examination.
- When calculating the number of attempts, the first attempt at the MCQ will be considered as the first attempt at the exam.

8. **25. Candidates from the Ministry of Health (MOH)** who pass the Selection Examination as prescribed in Section 6 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 25 MOH candidate’s marks will be taken as a cut-offline and the candidates in sections 10, 11,12 and 13 will have to obtain a mark similar to this or above to be offered a place in the training programme.**

9. The final number of available training placements will be determined based on the total number of candidates above the cut offline.

10. All candidates attached to **Other Government Ministries** who pass the selection examination and are above the cut- offline will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit.

11. All candidates attached to the **State Universities** who pass the selection examination and are above the cut- offline will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit.

12. All candidates from the **Armed Forces (including Police)** who pass the selection examination and are above the cut- offline will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit

13. All **Non-State Sector** candidates who pass the selection examination and who are above the cut-offline 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.

14. The above numbers shall not be changed, nor shall requests for such changes be entertained following the examination and after the release of results.

15. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examinations in the approved examination calendar will be held. **No repeat or additional examinations will be held.**

16. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “General Regulation & Guidelines 2025” which is available on PGIM website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons.

17. As the point of post MD allocation, the base specialty and available subspecialties which are approved at the time of the post MD allocation will be offered to candidates, according to merit. The number of available base specialty and subspecialties training vacancies offered for post MD training, if any, will be determined based on the vacancy list provided by the MOH prior to the post MD allocation.

18. **The permitted number of attempts of an eligible candidate at a particular MD Selection Examination 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 four(04) attempts would be allowed up to a maximum total six (06) attempts. This regulation comes into effect from 27.05.2020.**

19. When a candidate is selected, he/she should register in the same year. If a candidate fails to do so another candidate will be selected. Any candidate, who refused to register in the current year, will not be permitted to register in the programme in a subsequent year with the same results

20. 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 a requirement has been decided by the Ministry of Health, Other Government ministries or University or Armed Forces.

21. The relevant information regarding the training program, and requirements for Board Certification are described in the Prospectus 2022 and in other relevant documents published in the PGIM website.

22. The minimum duration of Post MD training required to be eligible for Board Certification shall 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.

23. 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 date of effective 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.

24. There should be no delay in submitting the dissertation or research report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. If there is delay, the Board Certification will be delayed accordingly.

25. Following the completion of prescribed requirements for Board Certification including overseas training the prospective trainee applies for the Board Certification with the relevant documents within one month following the completion of such requirements. If this is not followed, the date of Board Certification will be delayed.

26. The candidates should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available on the PGIM website

27. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector as follows: -

a. Registration fee	- Rs. 15,500/= (Non-Refundable)
b. Examination fees	- Rs. 80,000/=
c. Application fee	- Rs. 8500/= (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**

Candidates are required to pay Rs. 8,500/= the application fee, Rs. 15,500/= the registration and Rs.34,500/- the examination fee for the MCQ paper, at the first instance. Those who qualify the MCQ Examination will have to pay the balance examination fee of Rs.45,500/- in order to proceed for the rest of the examination. **Only online payment will be accepted by the PGIM.**

28. The application form could be downloaded from our website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk)

29. All examination applications and other documents will be collected through a Google <https://forms.gle/rNSnFRt6roiIS3PA7> .on or before **19<sup>th</sup> January 2026**. All applicants should have a Gmail account to access the Google form. The exam application with all 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 submission and application sent via email will not be accepted.**

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 results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.

32. 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.

33. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health website – [www.health.gov.lk/](http://www.health.gov.lk/)

34. The candidates who pass the Selection Examination and are selected for the MD programme should undergo the Professionalism Strand organized by the PGIM. Please note that this is compulsory for all MD trainees and should be completed within first two years of pre-MD training. A certificate will be issued to trainees who completed this strand successfully.

35. 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.

36. 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](http://library.pgim.cmb.ac.lk)

37. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website ([www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk))

38. 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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