

My No. PGIM/EX/11/MD/SE/DS(26)
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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

**COMMON SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR THE TRAINING PROGRAMME OF MD
IN ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY/ RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY /
ORTHODONTICS - 2026**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **2nd September 2026**.
2. Applications are invited by me from dental officers in the state and non-state sectors who satisfy the following requirements for the Common Selection Examination for enrolment to the MD in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, MD in Restorative Dentistry and MD in Orthodontics training programmes in Dental Surgery.
 - a.) Hold a dental degree and registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council

AND
 - b.) Satisfactory completion of at least one year of service in dental practice in the government, university, armed forces or private sector, **following registration with the SLMC** at the time of closure of applications, **18th August 2026** for the selection. (A copy of the SLMC certificate should be attached with the application)

Note: The criteria prescribed in paragraph(a) and (b) must have been satisfied by the applicants as at the date of closure of applications provided that where a shortfall 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 examination.

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 MD(OMF Surgery) Prospectus 2011, MD(Restorative Dentistry) Prospectus 2017, MD(Orthodontics) Prospectus 2013 and the subsequent amendments attached with the prospectus.
4. The selection examination shall consist of **three components**.
 - i. **MCQ (SBA & MTF)** - Paper I : 40 questions – 90 minutes
- Paper II : 40 questions – 90 minutes

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

- ii. **Theory- SEQ(Paper 1 & Paper II) - 02 hours for each paper**
- iii. **OSCE/OSPE - 20 stations**

The examination components shall be held and marked as stipulated prospectus and amendment displayed in the PGIM website.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Mwn8GVuZmqWEqNf8eSTO7xezZGMQyLcV/view>

5. The final number of available training placements will be determined based on the total number of candidates above the cut-off line.
6. **The final number of training placements will be determined based on the number of available training vacancies in each specialty given below;**
 - (a) **Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery - 17**
 - (b) **Orthodontics - 08**
 - (c) **Restorative Dentistry - 11**

Vacancies for training are available in the numbers specified above for candidates from the **Ministry of Health (MOH)** who pass the selection examination. Placements will be made purely in the order of merit. The details are available on the PGIM website under “General Regulation and Guidelines 2026”. Candidates in **sections 7, 8, 9, 10** will have to obtain a mark equal to or higher than the last qualified **MOH** candidate’s mark to be offered a place in the training program, if the number of candidates who pass the CSE exceeds the MOH enrolment cut-off given above.

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 be entertained following the examination and after the release of results.
12. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar will 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 2026” 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. A full-time release from the candidate’s current employer **i.e** Ministry of Health/ other government ministries University or Armed Forces is prerequisite for enrollment for all fulltime training programmes. It may be necessary to sign a bond before such enrollment if it is required by the candidate’s employer.
15. 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.

16. There should be no delay in submitting the dissertation or research report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. Any delay will be added to the effective date of the Board certification.
17. The trainee must, within one (01) calendar month of satisfactory completion of the prescribed requirements, apply for Board certification. All relevant documents submitted with the application. Failure to do so will result in delay of effective date of Board certification.
18. The candidates should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM web site.
19. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector are as follows:

(a) Registration fee	- Rs. 17,500.00 (non refundable)
(b) Examination fees	- Rs. 80,000.00
(c) Application Fee	- Rs. 9,500.00(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

20. At the first instance Candidates are required to pay Rs. **17,500/=** the registration, Rs. **9,500/=** application fee **and Rs. 34,500/=** as the examination fee for the MCQ paper. Those who qualify from the MCQ examination will be required to pay the balance examination fee of **Rs. 45,500/=** in order to proceed for the rest of the examination.
21. The application form could be downloaded from PGIM website (www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk)
22. The relevant information regarding the training programme and requirements for the Board Certification are detailed in the MD(Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery) prospectus 2011, MD(Orthodontics) Prospectus 2013, MD(Restorative Dentistry) 2017 and the subsequent amendments published in the web-site.
23. All examination Applications and other documents will be collected through a google form <https://forms.gle/YksHTp59Dg43HhNz8> on or before 18th August 2026. 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.**
24. 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.
25. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
26. 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.

27. The Candidates who pass the selection examination and are selected for the MD (Orthodontics), MD(Restorative Dentistry), MD(OMF Surgery) training programmes 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.
28. 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.
29. 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.
30. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website (www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) for further updates.
31. 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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