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To: Director/ NHSL,Colombo,
Director/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/
Rajarata/ Eastern/ Sabaragamuwa/ Wayamba/ KDU/ Moratuwa/Uva Wellassa

SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR MD FAMILY MEDICINE- DECEMBER 2026(PROSPECTUS 2020)

1) The above examination is scheduled to commence on **17th December 2026.**

2) Applications are invited by me from medical officers in the state sector and non-state sector possessing the following requirements to sit the Selection Examination for enrolment to the MD(Family Medicine) course.

   a. Hold a medical degree registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC)
   b. Satisfactory completion of internship acceptable to the SLMC
   c. Satisfactory completion of one year of post internship in a university/public/ private sector institution in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM
   d. The criteria prescribed in a to c must have been satisfied by the applicants as at the date of closure of applications. i.e **17th November 2026.**

Foreign nationals who seek registration in respect of selection test should possess a medical degree registrable with the Sri Lanka Medical Council.

Note : The criteria prescribed in paragraph (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 for the Selection Examination.

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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 2020 prospectus and examination documents which are available on PGIM website.

4) The selection examination consist of Two components
   a) MCQ paper: (**30 T/F & 30 SBA questions**)
   b) OSCE:

5) The MCQ Paper will be held on 17th December 2026. Only Those who obtain a minimum mark of 50% or more for the MCQ paper will be allowed to proceed for the OSCE which will be held in **January 2027.**

6) To be considered for selection, the candidate should score a minimum of 50% in the total aggregate (520 or more out of 1040) (and 50% or more for the MCQ paper (120 out of 240) and 50% or more for the OSCE (400 out of 800).

7) **Only a maximum of 20 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 in the PGIM website under "General Regulations and Guidelines 2026". The **20th MOH candidate's marks will be taken as the cut-off line and the candidates in sections 9 , 10,11, &12 will have to obtain a mark similar to this or above to be offered a place in the training programme.**

8) The final number of available training placements will be determined based on the total number of candidates above the cut-off line.

9) All candidates attached to **Other Government Ministries** who pass the selection examination and who are above the cut – off line will be enrolled in the training programme in order of the merit.

10) All candidates from **State Universities** who pass the selection examination and who are above the cut- off line will be enrolled in the training programme in order of the merit.

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

12) 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 the merit within the non-state sector category.

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

14) As per PGIM regulation of 27.05.2020, the permitted number of attempts limited to six (06). Candidates who have exhausted four (04) or more attempts at 27.05.2020 will be allowed only two (02) more attempts.

15) Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination 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 and Guidelines 2026" 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. The number of available subspecialty training vacancies offered for post MD training, if any, will be determined based on the vacancy list provided by the MOH prior to the allocation.

17) For all full time training programmes fulltime release from Ministry of Health is a pre requisite 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, Universities or Armed Forces.

18) The prescribed fees for the examination shall be as follows for state candidates.

a. Application fee - Rs. 9 500 /- (non refundable)
b. Registration fee - Rs. 17 500 /- (non refundable)
c. Examination fees - Rs.80,000 /-

(**candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees**)
Only online payment through the PGIM online portal will be accepted by the PGIM.

Candidates are required to pay Rs.17,500.00 as registration fee, Rs.9,500.00 as application fee and Rs.34,500.00 as the entry fee for the MCQ Paper in the first instance. Those who qualify from the MCQ Papers (Component 1) will have to pay the balance entry fee of Rs. 45,500.00 in order to proceed for the rest of the examination (Component 2 i.e. OSCE).

19) The Application form could be download from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk

20) All examination applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form (https://forms.gle/D1SPXtw9jFLa1gR46) or before **17th November 2026** . All applicants should have a Gmail account to access the Google form. The Exam application with 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 email will not be accepted.**

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21) The relevant information regarding the training programme,and,requirements for Board Certification are detailed in the Prospectus 2020 and in other relevant documents published in the PGIM website.

22) 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. Post-MD trainees who delay commencing overseas post-MD training by more than four (04) years after the expected date of completing local post-MD training will have their trainee status terminated.

23) There should be no delay in submitting the research report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. Any delay will be added to the effective date of Board Certification.

24) The trainees must, within one (1) 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 a delay of effective date of Board Certification.

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

26) 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.

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

28) 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 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.

29) The candidate who pass the Selection Examination and are selected for the MD programme should undergo the Professionalism & Ethics in Medical Practice 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.

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30) 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.

31) The orientation programme on 'PGIM library resources and services ' is mandatory for all postgraduate trainees who enter PGIM training programmes. Please refer https://library.pgim.cmb.ac.lk// for more information

32) 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/

33) Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM Website https://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/ for further updates.

34) 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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