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Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
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15th February 2019

To : Director/NHSL, Colombo,
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,
Sri Jayewardenepura,

**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MEDICAL
TOXICOLOGY – MARCH 2019**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **27th March 2019**.
2. Applications are invited from medical officers in the state and non-state sectors possessing the following requirements to sit the Selection Examination for enrolment to the in-service training programme in MSc Medical Toxicology.

Category 1

- (a) Applicants with a basic medical degree registrable with the Sri Lanka Medical Council or equivalent statutory body in their country of qualification,
and
- (b) one year of clinical experience after internship.
- (c) In the case of applicants from overseas, the certificate of registration to practice as a medical practitioner and evidence of one year of clinical experience after internship should be submitted with the application.

Note:

The criteria prescribed in paragraph (c) have to be satisfied by the applicants by the date of closure of applications. 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.

Category 2

- (a) Trainees enrolled in a recognized medical specialist training program in their country (which may be Sri Lanka, or any other country) who have completed the primary exams for that specialty. Specializations such as medicine, paediatrics, anaesthesiology, critical care or emergency medicine will be considered. Such applicants, in addition to providing evidence of success in postgraduate specialty training, would have to provide curriculum vitae, a covering letter showing relevance of this course to the applicant's current position and/ or career path and a letter of support from the applicant's current employer or academic supervisor. These documents would be reviewed by the selection committee appointed by the PGIM. The selection committee's decision will be final.

All candidates are expected to be competent in basic computer skills and should be able to organize facilities to participate in the online course. The PGIM will not undertake training of candidates in relation to basic computer skills. A workshop will be held in order to give training necessary to interact with the online learning platform (Moodle).

4. To be eligible for enrolment to the training programme the applicants should pass the selection examination. The current format of the selection examination is described in the prospectus and in the relevant examination documents which are available at the PGIM.
5. The selection examination shall consist of a MCQ Paper with 40 questions (true / false type) derived from Basic Pharmacology ,Basic Physiology, Basic Toxicology and General Medicine. The content areas from which the questions are based on is described in the Prospectus and in the relevant documents available at the PGIM.
6. The candidates who pass the selection examination by obtaining 50% or more shall be considered for enrolment to the course.
7. Applicants from Category 2 will be accepted as eligible for admission without being required to sit for the Selection Examination, if they are enrolled into a recognized medical specialist training program in their country, and have completed the primary exams for that specialty. Specializations such as medicine, paediatrics, anaesthesiology, critical care or emergency medicine will be considered. Applicants/candidates, in addition to providing evidence of success in postgraduate specialty training, would have to provide curriculum vitae, a covering letter showing relevance of this course to the applicant's current position and/ or career path and a letter of support from the applicant's current employer or academic supervisor. These documents would be reviewed by the selection committee appointed by the PGIM. The selection committee's decision will be final
8. **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 at the Examination Branch office of the PGIM and on the PGIM website under "General Regulations and Guidelines 2019". The 20th MOH candidate's marks will be taken as a cut-off line and the candidates in sections 11, 12, 13 and 14 will have to obtain a mark similar to this or above to be offered a place in the training programme.**
9. Out of the total positions available a maximum of 40% will be offered to selected candidates from category 2.
10. The final number of available training placements will be determined based on the total number of candidates above the cut-off line.
11. 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 the order of merit.
12. All candidates from the **Non-State Sector** who pass the selection examination and **"who are above the cut-off line"** will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit.
13. All candidates from the **State Universities** who pass the selection examination and **"who are above the cut-off line"** will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit.
14. All candidates from the **Armed Forces** who pass the selection examination and **"who are above the cut-off line"** will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit.
15. Following the examination and release of results the above numbers shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained.
16. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.

17. The allocation of training units if applicable will be done as described in "General Regulations & Guidelines -2019." and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons.
18. When a candidate is selected, he/she should register in the same year. If this is not done another eligible candidate will be selected. 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.
19. The prescribed fees for the examination for state sector candidates & the foreign candidates are as follows:

Local candidates (State sector)

(a) Application fee	- Rs.	2,500.00(non refundable)
(a) Registration fee	- Rs.	6,000.00 (non refundable)
(b) Examination fees	- Rs.	16,000.00

(Private candidates are required to pay 50% more)

Foreign Candidates

(a) Application fee	- \$	10
(a) Registration fee	- \$	40
(b) Examination fees	- \$	100

Only online payments through the PGIM online portal will be accepted

(In the event of conducting exams for foreign candidates outside of Sri Lanka, there may be an additional fee depending on the location & resource availability.)

20. The Application form can be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/pgim.
21. The applications with every cage duly filled should be forwarded to the Assistant Registrar/Examinations, PGIM, 160, Prof Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo 7 on or before 07th March 2019 through the Head of Department. Late applications will not be considered under any circumstances. The envelope should be marked "Application for the Selection Examination for MSc in Medical Toxicology (2016 prospectus) – March 2019" at the top left hand corner.
22. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
23. There shall be no repeat or additional examinations which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar.
24. The results to be valid and official only after they are approved by the Senate of the University of Colombo.

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25. 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.

26. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website for further updated details.



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2. Director General of Health Services.
3. Deputy Director General of Health Services/Dental Services.
4. Registrar, Sri Lanka Medical Council.
5. Secretary of Specialty Board in Medical Toxicology