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Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
160, Norris Canal Road,  
Colombo 7.  
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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 ENROLMENT TO THE TRAINING PROGRAMME  
FOR (MSc) IN BIOMEDICAL INFORMATICS - JANUARY, 2014**

1. The above examination is re-scheduled for 02<sup>nd</sup> April, 2014.

\* Those who have applied in response to the previous circular dated 10<sup>th</sup> December, on the same subject need not apply again.

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 for enrolment to the training programme leading to the MSc in Biomedical Informatics.

3. The minimum requirements shall be as follows:

- (a) A Medical Degree registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council and
- (b) One year of internship recognized by the Sri Lanka Medical Council and
- (c) One year of full-time post internship work experience in the health sector, recognized by the PGIM

OR

- (a) Hold a Degree and registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC), to Practice as a Dental Surgeon and
- (b) Completed at least 1 year in general dental practice in the government, University, Armed forces or private sector at the time of closure of applications for the selection examination.

4. The applicants to be eligible for enrolment to the training programme should pass the selection examination. The current format of the Selection Examination for the perusal of applicants is described in the Prospectus and relevant examination documents which are available at the PGIM.

5. The selection examination shall consist of a MCQ paper with 60 questions. The questions will be on General Information and Communication Technology / General Health Sciences.

6. The candidates who pass the selection examination by obtaining 50% or more of the total aggregate only shall be considered for enrollment to the course.

7. Only a **maximum of 30 candidates** from the Ministry of Health who pass the selection examination and who are **above the "cut-off line" in the merit list** will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit. The details will be available at the Examination Branch, office of the PGIM.

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8. Only a **maximum of 03 candidates** from the **non-state-sector** who pass the Selection Examination and who are **above the "cut-off line" in the merit list** will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit. The details will be available at the Examination Branch, office of the PGIM.

9. All **candidates** from the **state Universities** who pass the Selection Examination and who are **above the "cut-off line" in the merit list** will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit. The details will be available at the Examination Branch, office of the PGIM.

10. Only a **maximum of 01 candidate** from the **Armed Forces** who pass the Selection Examination and who are **above the "cut-off line" in the merit list** will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit. The details will be available at the Examination Branch, office of the PGIM.

11. However if extra candidate/s than the allocated number/s is/are available above the "cut off line" from the Non State Sector, Universities or Armed Forces all such candidate/s shall be enrolled though this may exceed the allocated number as per section 8,9 and 10 above. The details are available at the examination branch of the PGIM.

12. If the allocated number from other three sectors as per section 8,9,10 above are not enrolled due to non availability of qualified candidates the allocated number for the state sector shall be increased accordingly and candidates below the "cut off line" shall be enrolled based on merit to the vacant positions. The details are available at the examination branch of the PGIM.

13. In the event of extra number of candidates exceeding the allocated number from the other three sectors are selected as per section 11 above, a similar extra number from the State Sector below the "cut off line" based on merit shall be enrolled. The details are available at the examination branch of the PGIM.

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

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

16. The allocation of training units will be done as described in "Guidelines for enrolment of non-state sector trainees in to PGIM training programmes-2011" and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons.

17. When a candidate is selected, he/she should register in the same year. If this is not done another eligible candidate will be selected. And 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.

18. For all fulltime training programmes fulltime 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 or a University.

19. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector are as follows:

(a) Registration fee	- Rs. 4,000.00 (non refundable)
(b) Examination fees	- Rs. 10,500.00

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

20. Eligible candidates should obtain the prescribed application forms from the Examinations Branch, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine on payment of Rs. 1000/- or have it downloaded from the PGIM website [www.cmb.ac.lk/pgim](http://www.cmb.ac.lk/pgim). Requests for application and other details by post should accompany a SASE 9" x 4" in size and a money order for Rs. 1000/- drawn in favor of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine and payable at the Cinnamon Gardens Post Office, Colombo 7. The envelope should be marked **"Application for selection test for enrolment to the in-service training programme in leading to the MSc in Biomedical Informatics"** at the top left hand corner.

21. Completed applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department, confirming that the applicants if selected would be released for postgraduate training in the PGIM. The applications should reach the Asst. Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2014**. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

22. 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.

23. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.

24. Please refer to the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in PGIM website – [www.cmb.ac.lk/pgim](http://www.cmb.ac.lk/pgim)

25. The unofficial results of the examination will be only released following approval by the Board of Management. However for the results to be valid and official the **Senate of the University should approve the results.**

26. The candidates will be issued an **"Examination Feedback Form"** with the admission documents. It should be sent to Director/PGIM under confidential cover **within 48 hours after conclusion of the examination.** If the form is not received it will be confirmed that you do not have any concerns regarding the examination and it had been conducted according to the Prospectus/rules/regulations of the PGIM. **No complaints or concerns regarding the examination will be entertained after 48 hours or following release of results nor will these be investigated by the PGIM.**

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Director, PGIM

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2. Director General of Health Services.

3. DDGHS/Medical Services.

4. Commanders of Armed Forces

5. Registrar, Sri Lanka Medical Council.

6. Secretary of Specialty Board in Biomedical Informatics

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