



**GUIDELINES FOR COMMENCEMENT OF
FORMAL TRAINING FOR NON STATE
SECTOR TRAINEES AT THE PGIM**

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Message from the Director, PGIM

Enrolment of Non State Sector Doctors for Formal Training

Programmes at the PGIM

The PGIM commenced operation on 01 January 1980. The PGIM has been the main specialist training Institute for Sri Lanka. The State Sector doctors have benefited from this institute whilst the non state sector doctors had not been given the opportunity.

A request had been made to accommodate non state sector doctors for well over 10 years. The PGIM Ordinance is accommodative of state and non state sector postgraduate medical training as it is a National Organization.

The many stake holders discussed these issues in the last 10 years and reached consensus and we are happy to be able to commence the non state sector training programme alongside the state sector training programme from 01 January 2007 with the blessing from the stake holders.

We acknowledge the hard work put in by the previous Directors, members of Board of Management of the PGIM, Honorable Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Healthcare & Nutrition, Officers of Ministry of Health, GMOA, members of Boards of Study and many others for their contribution over the year.

Your support is solicited to smoothly introduce the programme. This booklet is the guideline available for smooth implementation.

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Preamble

Those applying for the study programmes offering certificates, diplomas, MSc, MD,MS and other programmes of the PGIM fall into several categories listed below.

- a. Sri Lankans who did basic medical/dental degree in Sri Lankan Universities and applying from the state sector*
- b. Sri Lankans who did basic medical/dental degree in Sri Lankan Universities and applying from the non state sector*
- c. Sri Lankans who did basic medical/dental degree in foreign universities and applying from state sector.*
- d. Sri Lankans who did basic medical/dental degree in foreign universities and applying from the non state sector.*
- e. Expatriate Sri Lankans who hold foreign nationality who did basic medical/dental degree in Sri Lanka/foreign universities and applying from the non state sector.*
- f. Foreigners who did basic medical/dental degree in foreign universities and applying from non state sector.*
- g. Foreigners who did basic medical/dental degree in Sri Lankan universities and applying from non state sector*
- h. Foreigners who did basic medical/dental degree in foreign universities and applying for the postgraduate medical education on a government to government arrangements.*

The guidelines will apply for doctors in Category b and c above as they are non state sector Sri Lankan doctors who may wish to Register for PGIM courses. Some reference will be made to other categories where relevant.

1. Candidates from the non state sector who wish to enter PGIM training programmes should possess a medical or dental degree and be registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC). Foreign nationals could possess a degree registerable with the SLMC at the time of application. They should have completed an internship acceptable to the Sri Lanka Medical Council and one year service after internship at a state sector hospital, private sector Healthcare Institution or Private Hospital recognized by the relevant Board of Study of the PGIM to be eligible to sit the screening test/selection/Part I examination of the relevant PGIM programme. They should also fulfill other entry requirements specified by the individual Boards of Study and the Board of Management.
2. The allocation of training slots to public sector, non state sector and foreign candidates will be done as listed below:
 - There should be only one list for allocation of trainees to units
 - The principle of not compromising on numbers for the state sector doctors will be respected
 - The list should have four segments as listed below in the descending order
 - Segment 1: Medical Officers attached to the State Sector
Hospitals/Universities/Forces

Segment 2: Medical Officers with CCST qualifications or equivalent who will enter through the lateral entry route

Segment 3: Medical Officers in the Non State Sector

Segment 4: Foreign nationals

- In each segment, the number of trainees should be the maximum number permitted for each segment by the PGIM/BOS/MOH. The selection will be based on the list for allocation of trainees.
 - The position of each of the trainees in each segment in the list for allocation will be based on the final mark of the selection examination and the number of attempts.
 - If the available training posts are less than the number of eligible candidates the supernumerary training posts to be decided by the BOS before the allocation meeting and the trainees informed.
 - This will provide an opportunity for the trainees of Ministry of Health/Universities/ Forces to opt for supernumerary training posts if they decide to do so.
3. Non State sector trainees who are Sri Lankan citizens will have priority over non state sector trainees who are foreign citizens. Government to government arrangements will be honored, if necessary on a supernumerary basis. The principle of not compromising on the number of approved maximum total training slots for the Sri Lankan state sector doctors will be respected.
 4. Non State Sector doctors on contract will be given a list of duties and will be entitled to a monthly allowance of Rs.20,000/= until the first scheduled attempt at the relevant examination for award of degree.

Payments will not be made for part time/observational programmes and only in respect of services that the Board of Study

When there is no service component as in the case of DFM, DCH, MSc etc. the non state sector trainees will not be entitled to receive the monthly allowance of Rs. 20,000/-.

The Board of Management on the recommendation of the Boards of Study will determine the components in the training programmes in the case of non clinical courses for receipt of payment of allowance.

If the candidates fail the relevant examination for the award of degree in his/her first attempt, the allowances will be suspended until he/she passes the relevant examination.

5. A contract will be signed with the PGIM. The contract will include terms relating to obligations of the trainee towards the PGIM training programme but not restricted to the following consequences for the breaches of the obligations such as ;
 - a. leaving the programme midstream
 - b. not fulfilling PGIM/Board of Study requirements
 - c. professional misconduct
 - d. financial misconduct
6. Training placements available will be identified and notified to prospective trainees before the allocation meeting along with the guidelines. Allocation of trainees for training units will be done according to No.2.
7. Training in the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine should not be regarded as an avenue of employment in the Ministry of Health for

non state sector doctors.

8. Non State sector trainees will be accountable to the PGIM and the Ministry of Health for the purpose of administrative and other regulations of the two Institutions. They will be under the administrative control of the Head of the Institution where he/she is attached and the trainer. Non State sector trainees will have to comply with the PGIM/University/MOH rules & regulations and code of conduct.
9. All non state sector trainees will pay 50% more than the fees (includes registration, course, examination, certification and all other PGIM payments) paid by the state sector doctors and will be required to obtain medical defense/indemnity insurance acceptable to the PGIM and Ministry of Health. Course Fee, Examination fees paid by non state sector candidates will not be refunded by the PGIM. All other general guidelines regarding refund of fee will apply for non state sector candidates.
10. Non State sector trainees would be governed by the same academic, administrative, disciplinary and examination rules that apply to all trainees.
11. Neither the Ministry of Health nor the PGIM will provide funding for foreign training of non state sector trainees if it is required. It is the exclusive responsibility of the non state sector trainees to find overseas placements for the foreign training component, which is acceptable to the relevant Board of Study. Thereafter, the PGIM will extend the same facilities available to the state sector trainees with regard to documentation and monitoring. However on the recommendation of

the BOS flexible training option may be available for the non state sector candidates.

12. Non State sector trainees should sign two separate agreements with the Ministry of Health and the PGIM regarding the terms and conditions under which the training is provided. Before starting the training, they will be required to sign two separate financial bonds with the PGIM and the Ministry of Health.
13. The above conditions and stipulation would apply to all trainees but will apply in particular to MD/MS programmes where there is a clinical training component.

In the case of certificate, diplomas and MSc programmes with some clinical exposure, trainees may be given observer status for the short clinical training component.

14. The non state sector trainees will adhere to the accepted channels of communication with respect to all his/her dealings with the PGIM.
15. The decisions of the Board of Management in relation to matters on training, allocation of training units, examinations, leave and discipline will be final.

COURSES CONDUCTED BY THE PGIM IN 2010

Course Code	Certificate Courses
CER001	Certificate of Competence in Computer Applications
CER 002	Certificate of Competence in Anaesthesia
CER 003	Postgraduate Certificate in Medical Education
CER 004	Certificate in Health Professions Education
	Postgraduate Diploma Courses
DIP 001	Diploma in Child Health
DIP 002	Diploma in Family Medicine/ Online
DIP 003	Diploma in General Dental Practice
DIP 004	Diploma in Hospital Dental Practice
DIP 005	Diploma in Legal Medicine
DIP 006	Diploma in Microbiology
DIP 007	Diploma in Ophthalmology
DIP 009	Diploma in Psychiatry ,
DIP 008	Diploma in Pathology
DIP 009	Diploma in Psychiatry
DIP 010	Diploma in Reproductive Health
DIP 011	Diploma in Sports Medicine
DIP 012	Diploma in Tuberculosis and Chest Disease
DIP 013	Diploma in Transfusion Medicine
DIP 014	Diploma in Venereology
DIP 015	Diploma in Medical Education
DIP 016	Diploma in Critical Care Medicine
DIP 017	Diploma in Molecular Medicine

Course Code	Master of Science Courses
MSc 001	M.Sc Community Dentistry
MSc 002	M.Sc Community Medicine
MSc 003	M.Sc Medical Administration
MSc 004	M.Sc in Medical Toxicology
MSc 005	M.Sc in Biomedical Informatics

Doctor of Medicine Courses

MD 001	MD Anaesthesiology
MD 002	MD Chemical Pathology
MD 003	MD Clinical Oncology
MD 004	MD Community Dentistry
MD 005	MD Community Medicine
MD 006	MD Dermatology
MD 007	MD Family Medicine
MD 008	MD Forensic Medicine
MD 009	MD Haematology
MD 010	MD Histopathology
MD 011	MD Medical Administration
MD 012	MD Medicine
MD 013	MD Microbiology
MD 014	MD Obstetrics & Gynaecology
MD 015	MD Ophthalmology
MD 016	MD Paediatrics
MD 017	MD Parasitology
MD 018	MD Psychiatry
MD 019	MD Radiology

MD 020	MD Transfusion Medicine
MD 021	MD Venerology
MD 022	MD Virology
MD 023	MD Dental Surgery
MD 024	MD Ophthalmology
MD 025	MD Oral Surgery
MD 026	MD Orthodontics
MD 027	MD Otorhinolaryngology
MD 028	MD Restorative Dentistry
MD 029	MD Surgery