

**Circular Letter No. 04/2026**

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Postgraduate Institute of Indigenous Medicine,  
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Cotta Road, Borella

18<sup>th</sup> June 2026

To: Commissioner of Ayurveda  
Provincial Commissioners of Ayurveda  
Vice Chancellor, University of Colombo  
Vice Chancellor, Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine  
Director/NATH, Borella

**MD UNANI SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR ENROLEMENT TO THE FULL-TIME -  
TRAINING PROGRAMME IN  
MD IN UNANI AND BOARD CERTIFICATION**

1. The above examination will be held on **29/08/2026**.
2. Applications are invited by me from Unani Medical Officers in the Department of Ayurveda, Universities, Armed Forces (including Police) and Non-State Sector possessing the following requirements to sit the Selection Examination for enrolment to the full-time training programme in MD in Unani and Board Certification.
3. Prospective applicants must satisfy the following requirements:
  - a. BUMS recognized by the senate of a university establish by the University Grants Commission under the University Act
  - b. BUMS degree registered with the Sri Lanka Ayurvedic Medical Council
  - c. Satisfactory completion of the internship acceptable to the Sri Lanka Ayurveda Medical Council.
  - d. Satisfactory completion of one year of work experience in Sri Lanka, (state or private sector) after completion of internship.
  - e. Complying with any other PGIIM general regulations relevant to selecting the trainees.

***Special Note:***

The criteria prescribed in paragraphs (a) to (e) must have been satisfied by the applicants as at the date of closure of applications. If a shortfall has occurred due to any reasons, including sick leave, maternity leave or any other form of leave, the doctor concerned should complete such shortfall in order to become eligible to apply 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 PGIIM.
5. The selection examination shall consist of a paper containing:  
20 True/False MCQ questions – Time: 60 minutes  
15 Single Best Answer (SBA) MCQ questions – Time: 30 minutes

The content areas from which the questions are based on is described in the Annexure 01 of the Prospectus in MD (Unani) and in the relevant documents available at the PGIIM, which will be made accessible after registration.

6. The candidates who pass the selection examination by obtaining 50% shall only be considered for enrolment to the course.
7. **The number of candidates indicated below for the following sectors (Department of Ayurveda, State Universities, Armed Forces-including Police and Non-State Sector) who pass the selection examination will be enrolled as per order of merit, only if the respective head of the department release those candidates full time for the MD programmes of the PGIIM.**

MD in Unani Moalejat and Board Certification – Three (03) Candidates

MD in Unani Pharmacology with Board Certification – Two (02) Candidates

8. A common selection examination will be conducted for all the candidates, but separate merit lists will be prepared for each specialty in Unani.
9. At the time of applying for the selection examination for MD Unani Programmes of PGIIM, candidate should mention their preferences of the specialties in order in the application.
10. All candidates in all two (2) specialties who passed the Selection Examination will be prepared in the descending order separately under each specialty Based on the final mark in the Selection Examination.
11. The allocation of training units will be determined based on the candidates' merit, their preferences, and the maximum number of training positions approved for each unit, taking into account the training facilities available. Candidates who are unable to accept the allocated training unit for any reason will not be selected for the training programme. No appeals against the allocation decision will be entertained.
12. The relevant information of the training programme, MD examination, requirements for Board Certification are **described in the Prospectus and annexures.**

13. The prescribed fees for the MD programmes are as follows:
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| (a) Application fee for the Selection Examination | - Rs. 2,000.00   |
| (b) Selection Examination fees                    | - Rs. 10,000.00  |
| (c) Total course fees                             | - Rs. 775,000.00 |
14. **Eligible candidates should obtain the prescribed application forms from the Postgraduate Institute of Indigenous Medicine by payment of the registration fee (Rs. 2000/-) to the Account No. 0092027342 at any branch of the Bank of Ceylon and by submitting the payment receipt.** Duly completed applications should be submitted to the PGIIM on or before the specified deadline. The envelope containing the application should be clearly marked "**Application for MD Unani and Board Certification Selection Examination**" on the top left-hand corner and addressed to the **Senior Assistant Registrar, Postgraduate Institute of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo, 5th Floor, National Ayurveda Teaching Hospital, Cotta Road, Borella.**
15. 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 at PGIIM. The applications should reach the Senior Assistant Registrar, Postgraduate Institute of Indigenous Medicine, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, National Ayurveda Teaching Hospital, Borella on or before **27/07/2026.**
- Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
16. The selected candidates should report to the training units allocated within one month on receipt of the letter of selection to the training programme and allocation to the training unit. **Appeals for change of date of commencement or training unit will not be entertained.**
17. Kindly ensure that all relevant Unani Medical Officers, academics, and staff members in your Department/Hospitals/University/Unit/Division are informed of the contents of the Internal Circular Letter.



Professor S.M.S. Samarakoon  
Director, PGIIM

- Copies: 1. Secretary, Ministry of Indigenous Medicine.  
2. Secretary of Board of Study in Unani.  
3. Secretaries of Specialty Boards in Moalejath, Ilmul Advia.