

Circular Letter No. 03/2026

My No. PGIIM/EX/SIDDHA/SE/2026
Postgraduate Institute of Indigenous Medicine
5th Floor,
National Ayurveda Teaching Hospital
Cotta Road, Borella

18th June 2026

To: Commissioner General of Ayurveda
Provincial Commissioners of Ayurveda
Vice Chancellor, University of Colombo
Vice Chancellor, University of Jaffna
Vice Chancellor, Eastern University of Sri Lanka
Rector, Trincomalee Campus

**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE FULL-TIME MD SIDDHA TRAINING
PROGRAMME WITH BOARD CERTIFICATION**

1. The above examination will be held on **10/09/2026**.
2. Applications are invited by me from Siddha 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 Siddha and Board Certification.
3. Prospective applicants must satisfy the following requirements:
 - a) BSMS recognized by the senate of a University establish by the University Grants Commission under the University Act
 - b) BSMS degree registered with the Sri Lanka Ayurvedic Medical Council
 - c) Satisfactory completion of Internship acceptable to the Sri Lanka Ayurvedic Medical Council
 - d) Satisfactory completion of one year work experience in Sri Lanka, after completion of internship in the state or private sector
 - e) Complying with any other PGIIM general regulations relevant to selection of 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. Applicants must pass the selection examination to be eligible for enrolment in the training program. The current format of the selection examination is described in the prospectus for the information of prospective applicants. Relevant examination documents are available at the PGIIM for reference.
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 will be drawn are described in Annexure 01 of the Prospectus in MD (Siddha) and in the relevant documents available at the PGIIM, which will be made accessible after registration

6. Only candidates who obtain a minimum of 50% marks in the selection examination shall be eligible for consideration for enrolment in the course.
7. The candidates from the specified sectors—namely the Department of Ayurveda, State Universities, Armed Forces (including the Police), and Non-State Sector. —with the number of available places indicated for each specialties will be selected based on their performance in the selection examination. Those who pass will be enrolled according to their rank in the 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 Siddha Medicine with Board Certification - Four (04) Candidates

MD in Siddha Pharmacology with Board Certification-- Four (04) Candidates

8. A common selection examination will be conducted for all the candidates, but separate merit lists will be prepared for each specialty in Siddha.

9. At the time of applying for the selection examination for MD Siddha Programmes of PGIIM, candidate should mention their preferences of the specialties in order in the application.
10. All candidates in all two (02) 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:

(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 application 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 Siddha 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 application forms, with all required sections properly filled in, must be submitted through the Head of Department, who should confirm that selected candidates will be released for postgraduate training at the PGIIM. The applications should be sent by registered post to the Senior Assistant Registrar, Postgraduate Institute of Indigenous Medicine, 5th Floor, National Ayurveda Teaching Hospital, Borella. The receipt of registered post must be on or before 15/08/2026.

Incomplete 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 Siddha Medical Officers, academics, and staff members in your Department/Hospitals/University/Unit/Division are informed of the contents of the Internal Circular Letter.


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Director, PGIIM

Copies: 1. Secretary, Ministry of Indigenous Medicine.
2. Secretary of Board of Study in Siddha Medicine
2. Secretaries of Specialty Boards in Maruthuvam and Gunapadam