

Circular Letter No. 39 /2014

My No. PGIM/EX/6/MD/Ortho/S (14/2)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Norris Canal Road,
Colombo 7.
16th May 2014

To : Director/NHSL,
Directors 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,

MD (ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY) EXAMINATION – JULY 2014

The above examination will commence on **28th July 2014** The examination will be held in Colombo.

2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.

- (1) Passed the MD (Surgery) Part I Examination or exempted from Part I
- (2) Completion of specific training programme to the satisfaction of the Board of Study in Orthopaedic Surgery.
- (3) Participation in a Basic Skill Course approved by the Board of Study
- (4) Participation in a recognized Fracture Management Course approved by the Board of Study
- (5) Obtain the required number of CME Points – As indicated at the beginning of training programme
- (6) Completed the required evaluations satisfactory – As indicated at the beginning of the training Programme
- (7) Performed the required number of Operations as indicated at the beginning of the training Programme
- (8) Done necessary number of Case Presentations and / or written specific number of case reports as indicated at the beginning of the training Programme
- (9) Any other requirements that are indicated at the beginning of the training Programme

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Note :-

(b) Only those whose Case Books have been already accepted and approved by the Board of Study would be eligible to sit the final examination. Case Books should have been submitted at least 6 months before the examination.

3. The MD (Orthopaedic Surgery) examination shall consist of (1) Essay papers (2) Clinical (3) Operative Surgery Viva (4) Orthopaedic Principles and Basic Science Viva. The content areas from which the questions are based on is described in the Prospectus and relevant documents available at the PGIM.

4. The candidate will have to obtain a minimum mark of 9 in each component to pass the examination.

5. Past question papers are available for sale in the PGIM Library.

6. Candidates who are eligible to sit the MD examination are required to be present for the first scheduled examination after completion of the training programme. If a candidate does not apply or does not sit the first scheduled examination, or subsequent scheduled examinations for reasons not acceptable to the Board of Study, the examination will be counted as an attempt.

7. Please note that **candidates are allowed only 6 attempts at the Part II which must be made within a period of 8 years from the date of first examination.** This requirement will not apply to those candidates who have sat the MS (Surgery) Part I examination before 1998. However after failing the fifth attempt the candidate should undergo a minimum period of one year further training before permitted the sixth attempt.

8. The allocation of Post MD 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 units shall not be changed for personal reasons.

9. The candidates should commence the overseas training within five years after passing the MD Examination and if not the date of Board Certification will be delayed.

10. There should be no delay in submitting the dissertation or research report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. If there is a delay, the Board Certification will be delayed accordingly.

11. The minimum duration of post MD training required to be eligible for Board Certification shall be one year local and two years overseas or two years local and one year overseas. However the duration may be more than two years in certain specialties and the information is available in the prospectus.

12. The candidates who shall commence the Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after 1st August 2011 should pass the Pre- Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.

13. Following the completion of prescribed requirements for Board Certification including overseas training the prospective trainee applies for Board Certification with the relevant documents within one month following the completion of such requirements. If this is not followed, the date of Board Certification will be delayed.

14 The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows :-

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| (a) Registration fee | - Rs. 4 000/= (non refundable) |
| (b) Examination fees | - Rs. 40 000/= |
| (c) Case book Ass. Fee | - Rs. 2 000/= |

15. Eligible candidates should obtain the prescribed application forms from the Examinations Branch, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine on payment of **Rs.1000/-** or can be downloaded from our website 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 favour of Postgraduate Institute of Medicine and payable at the Cinnamon Garden Post Office, Colombo 7. The envelope should be marked “**Application for MD (Orthopaedic Surgery)**” at the top left hand corner.

16 Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department confirming that the applicant if selected would be released for Postgraduate training in the PGIM. The applications should reach the Assistant. Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **20th June 2014**. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

17 Please refer 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

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

19. 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.**

20. 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.

Professor H. Janaka de Silva
Director, PGIM

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2. AR/Academic
3. Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare.
4. Director General of Health Services.
5. Registrar, Sri Lanka Medical Council
6. Secretary of Board of Study in Orthopaedic Surgery.
7 Hony. Secretary, Sri Lanka College of Orthopaedic Surgeons.
8. Hony. Secretary, GMOA.
9. PGIM Library
10. PGIM Branch Library, Peradeniya