

My No. PGIM/EX/8/MD/Paed ('14/2)  
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,

**MD (PAEDIATRICS) EXAMINATION – JULY / AUGUST 2014**

1. The Written Component of the above examination will commence on **Tuesday, 22 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 Examination.
  - (a) have passed the Selection Examination in Paediatrics ; **and**
  - (b) satisfactory completion of stage (I), (II) and (III) of the clinical training programme as prescribed in the regulations.

**Note :-**

Those who are eligible in terms of the above requirements should submit the application and the “Log Book” which provides evidence of their successful completion of the said training. The signature of the relevant Consultant / Trainers should be obtained before submission of the Log Book.

3. The examination will consist of a written and a clinical component.
  - (a) Written Component will consist of four papers.
    - Structured Essay
    - Case Histories
    - Data Interpretation
    - Investigation Oriented Practical
  - (b) Clinical Component will consist of;
    - One Long Case – analysis and discussion
    - Structured Assessment of Clinical Skills (SACS) 08 stations
4. Candidates are also informed that **Only those who obtain 50% or more marks in the written component will be allowed to proceed for the Clinical Component, which is scheduled to be held in Colombo.** All candidates will be informed in writing of their performance in the written component whether they are permitted or not, to proceed to the clinical component of the examination.

5. The clinical component of the examination will commence on **12 August 2014**.
6. To pass the clinical component of examination each candidate has to obtain a minimum mark of **40%** in each section i.e. Long Case & SACS, and a total aggregate of **50%**.
7. The subspecialties available and the number to be allocated to each shall be determined by the Ministry of Health and the qualified candidates will be informed before or at the allocation meeting.
8. Past question papers are available for sale in the PGIM Library.
9. 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 examinations will be counted as attempts.
10. Please note that **candidates are allowed 6 attempts only, in the MD which must be made within a period of 8 years from the date of the first examination**. This requirement will not apply to those candidates who have sat the Selection/Part I examinations 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. There shall be no delay in submitting the dissertation or research report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. If there is delay, the Board Certification will be delayed accordingly.
14. The minimum duration of Post MD training required to be eligible for Board Certification shall be one year local and one year overseas. However the duration is more than two years in sub specialties and the information is available in the prospectus.
15. The candidates who shall commence the Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after January 2010 should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.
16. Following the component 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.
17. The prescribed fees for the examination are as follows:-
  - (a) Registration fee - Rs. 4,000/- (non refundable)
  - (b) Examination fees - Rs.40,000/-

At the first instance candidates are required to pay Rs.4,000/-, (the registration fee) and Rs.20,000/- the entry fee for the written component. Those who qualify to proceed for the rest of the examination, i.e. Clinical component will have to pay the balance Examination fee of Rs.20,000/-.

18. Eligible candidates should obtain the prescribed application forms from the Examinations Branch, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine on payment of Rs.1,000/-. Requests for application and other details by post should accompany a SASE 9” x 4” in size and a money order for Rs.1,000/- drawn in favour of Postgraduate Institute of Medicine and payable at the Cinnamon Gardens Post Office, Colombo 7. The envelope should be marked “**Application for the MD (Paediatrics) Examination**” at the top left hand corner or the prescribed application forms can be downloaded from PGIM website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk)
19. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of the Department. The applications should reach the Assistant Registrar/ Examinations, PGIM. No. 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **04 July 2014. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
20. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in PGIM website – [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk)
21. Please bring the contents of the Circular to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
22. There shall be **no repeat or additional examinations** from the year 2015. Only the scheduled examination will be held.
23. The unofficial results of the examination will be released only 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.**
24. 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 and no investigation will be carried out by the PGIM.**

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2. Director General of Health Services  
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7. PGIM Library  
8. PGIM Branch Library, Kandy