

Circular Letter No. 53/2014

My No. PGIM/EX/4/MD/For.Med (14)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Norris Canal Road,
Colombo 7.
23 July 2014

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 (FORENSIC MEDICINE) EXAMINATION – DECEMBER 2014

1. The above examination will commence on **08th December 2014**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination:
 - (a) Have passed the DLM examination conducted by the PGIM or an equivalent postgraduate medical degree and training in Forensic Medicine acceptable by the Board of Study and approved by the Board of Management.
 - (b) Have successfully completed 2 years in-service training of which one year should have been in a Dept. of Forensic Medicine of a University and one year in a JMO's office approved by the Board of Study after obtaining the question at above.
 - (c) Candidates to be eligible for enrollment for the examination must submit a case book comprising of 10 cases of which 4 cases should be in Clinical Forensic Medicine and 6 cases in Forensic Pathology. Only those candidates whose Case Books have been accepted and approved will be permitted to attempt the examination.
3. The examination will consist of,
 - Essay Paper I & Essay Paper II
 - Postmortem
 - Clinicals
 - OSPE
 - Histopath Practicals
 - Oral

A candidate must obtain a minimum of 50% in each of the above components to be successful at the examination.
4. Past question papers are available for sale in the PGIM Library.

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5. 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 an attempt.

6. Please note that **candidates are allowed 6 attempts only in the Part II 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.

7. 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 approval procedure by the PGIM based on merit. The allocated training units shall not be changed for personal reasons.

8. 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.

9. 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. 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 delay, the Board Certification will be delayed accordingly.

11. The minimum duration of Post MD training required to be eligible for the Board Certification shall be one year 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 January 2010 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:-

(a) Registration fee	- Rs. 4,000.00 (Non Refundable)
(b) Examination fee	- Rs. 40,000.00
(c) Assessment fee for the Case Record Book	- Rs. 2,000.00

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 Gardens Post Office, Colombo. The envelope should be marked “**Application for MD (Forensic Medicine)**” at the top left hand corner.

16. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department, to the Asst. Registrar/ Examinations, PGIM. No. 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **24th October 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. There shall be **no repeat or additional examinations** which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2014.

20. 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.**

21. 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 of following release of results nor will these be investigated by the PGIM.**

Professor H. Janaka de Silva
Director, PGIM

Copy: 1. Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition
2. Director General of Health Services.
3. Registrar, Sri Lanka Medical Council.
4. Secretary of Board of Study in Forensic Medicine
5. Secretary, Medico Legal Society of Sri Lanka
6. Hony. Secretary, GMOA.
7. PGIM Library
8. PGIM Branch Library, Peradeniya.