

**Circular Letter No. 56 /2014**

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Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
160, Norris Canal Road,  
Colombo 7.  
21<sup>st</sup> 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 (CLINICAL ONCOLOGY) PART I EXAMINATION – AUGUST, 2014**

1. The above examination will commence on **18<sup>th</sup> August, 2014.**
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the examination.
  - (a) Satisfactory completion of stage 1 of the training programme (at least one year of In-service Training) certified by the trainers, in accordance with the requirements of the Board of Study.
  - (b) More than 80% in the lectures/tutorials in scheduled teaching activities. This has to be certified by the Chairperson/Board of Study in Clinical Oncology.

**Note :-**

a certificate from the Consultant, certifying the satisfactory completion of the candidate's work and attendance of the training programme, must be submitted with the application.

3. There will be separate assessments of 06 subjects. They are: (1) Radiation Physics, (2) Medical Statistics, (3) Pathology, (4) Radiobiology, (5) Pharmacology and (6) Cancer Biology.
4. In the first attempt at MD Part I Examination the eligible candidate must sit for all six subjects.
5. The examination shall consist of:
  - i. A written paper – (structured essay type) – (total of 6 Papers)
  - ii. A viva voce examination – (Total of 6 viva stations)

6. The format of the examination is as follows :-

6.1. A written paper (structured essay type) - (Total of 6 papers)

**Radiation Physics:** There shall be 7 questions and 6 questions to be answered including one compulsory question. **Each question is allocated 100 marks. Total 600 marks.** Time allocated shall be 2 hours and 15 minutes

**Each of other five subjects :** There shall be three questions two to be answered. **Each question is allocated 100 marks. Total 200 marks.** Time allocated for each paper shall be 45 minutes ; and

6.2. A viva voce examination – (Total of 6 vivas, one for each subject) 100 marks for each viva examination. Duration of each viva examination will be 30 minutes There shall be a minimum of three examiners in each station out of the panel of examiners consisting of a foreign examiner, a specialist teacher of the subject concern and a clinical Oncologist.

7. To pass the MD Part I Examination the candidate

7.1. Should pass all six subjects in one single attempt.

7.2. To pass each subject the candidate,

- (a) Should obtain an aggregate of 50% or more marks from the written and the viva components,
- (b) Should obtain an aggregate of 50% or more for the written paper of that subject and also
- (c) Should obtain at least a minimum of 45% or more for the viva voce examination of each subject

8. **Referred candidates**

**A candidate who has not fulfilled the above requirements to pass the examination will be called as a referred candidate if the following criteria are fulfilled:**

8.1. Should have passed three or more of the subjects as subjects as described above.

8.2. The candidate must obtain for each of the remaining subjects ( these will be referred to as the referred subjects) an aggregate of 35% or more for

the written paper and 35% or more for the viva voce examination.

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**Those who do not pass the examination or got referred will be considered to have failed the MD Part I examination and must sit for all six subjects.**

9. The criteria that should be fulfilled by a referred candidate to pass the examination

9.1. The candidate should sit all the referred subject at the next available examination. Such referred candidate should be considered to have passed the MD Part I examination when they pass the referred subject (s) within three consecutive attempt of this examination inclusive of the first attempt, four attempts are allowed to pass the MD Part I examination.

9.2. If a candidate is unable to pass the entire examination within the four consecutive attempts, a candidate will have to leave the MD Oncology training programme. If such a candidate wishes to re-enter the training programme in clinical oncology that candidate will have to sit for the selection examination once again.

10. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “ Guidelines for enrolment of non state sector trainees in the PGIM training programmes -2011”.

11. The relevant information of the training program, MD Examination, requirements for Board Certification are described in the Prospectus and other relevant documents. However if amendments have been made following printing of the Prospectus, The circulars with such amendments have been made following printing of the Prospectus, the circulars with such amendments may be collected from the examinations branch office of the PGIM. These circulars will also be handed over to the selected candidates at the commencement of the training programme.

12. The candidates who shall commence the pre MD (Registrar) or Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 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.

14. 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.

15. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector as follows :-

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| (a) Registration fee | - Rs. 4 000/= (Non Refundable) |
| (b) Examination fees | - Rs. 25 000/=                 |

(Candidates from non state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)

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16. Eligible candidates should obtain the prescribed application forms from the Examinations Branch, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine on payment of Rs. 1000/- or have it downloaded from the PGIM website [www.cmb.ac.lk/pgim](http://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 7. The envelope should be marked "**Application for MD (Clinical Oncology) part I Examination**" at the top left hand corner.

17. 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 in the PGIM. The applications should reach the Assistant Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **1<sup>st</sup> August 2014**. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

18. The selected candidates should report to the training unit allocated to him/her within one month on receipt of the letter of selection to the training programme and allocation to the training unit.

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

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.cmb.ac.lk/pgim](http://www.cmb.ac.lk/pgim)

21. 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.**

22. 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 release be investigated by the PGIM.

23. There shall be no repeat or additional examinations which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2014.

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Director, PGIM

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2. Director General of Health Services.  
3. Registrar, Sri Lanka Medical Council.  
4. Secretary of Board of Study in Clinical Oncology  
5. Secretary, Sri Lanka College of Clinical Oncologists.  
6. Hony. Secretary, GMOA.  
7. PGIM Branch Library, Kandy