

Circular Letter No. 61 /2014

My No. PGIM/EX/6/CO/2 (14)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Norris Canal Road,
Colombo 7.
31st July 2014

MD (CLINICAL ONCOLOGY) PART II EXAMINATION – SEPTEMBER 2014

1. The above examination will commence on **Monday 1st September 2014.**
2. Applications are invited from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.
 - (a) successful completion of Part I Clinical Oncology examination ;
 - (b) completion of Stage II of the training programme ; and
 - (c) submission of a Case Book.

Note: Successful completion has to be certified in the trainee's logbook by his/her tutors.

3. The MD (Clinical Oncology) Part II examination shall consist of eight components. ie
 - Paper I Short Essay Type Question paper
 - Paper II Structured Type Question paper
 - Paper III Structured Type Question paper
 - Clinicals Long Case
 - Clinicals Short Cases
 - Practical Planning
 - Viva
 - Case Book

4. A score of 50% is required in each component to pass the examination.
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In the event a score of 50% is not obtained in a component of the examination the candidate could be considered to have passed the examination if all the following criteria are met:

- a. the aggregate score is more than 50%
 - b. has obtained an aggregate score of over 50% in the Clinical- Long Case
Clinical- Short cases, Treatment Planning and Viva Voce
 - c. obtained a minimum score of 45% in **only one** of the three written papers
5. Trainees could also be Board Certified with special training in **Paediatric Oncology** and **Haemato - Oncology** such a trainee has obtained prior board approval for such training after being successful at the MD(Clinical Oncology) Part II examination.
 6. Past question papers are available for sale in the PGIM Library.

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7 Candidates who are eligible to sit the MD Part II 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.

8. 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 MD (Clinical Oncology) 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.

9. The allocation of post MD training units will be done as described in “ Guidelines for enrollment of non state sector trainees in the 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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 may be more than two years in certain specialties and the information is available in the prospectus.

13. 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. (PBCA)

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, 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/= |

16. 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.pgim.cmb.ac.lk 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 (Clinical Oncology) Part II**” at the top left hand corner.

17. 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 Senior Asst. Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **18th August 2014**. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

18. 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**

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

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

22. 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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- Copy.1. Secretary, Ministry of Health & Nutrition
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