

My No. PGIM/EX/10/Oph/Mod/IV (14)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Norris Canal Road,
Colombo 7.
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To : Director/NHSL,
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,
Director/Eye Hospital, Colombo.
Heads of Eye Units, General/Teaching Hospitals,
Kandy/Peradeniya/Jaffna/Galle

MD(OPHTHALMOLOGY) MODULE IV EXAMINATION – OCTOBER 2014

1. The above examinations will commence on **Friday, 17th October 2014.**
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examinations.
 - (a) Successful completion of the 2 years in-service training period of clinical appointments in Ophthalmology in an approved institution after successful completion of Module II examination.
 - (b) successful completion of Module III examination.

Note:-

A certificate from the Consultant trainer stating the completion of the training period should be submitted along with the application.

3. The examination consists 9 components as follows :-
 - (i)MCQ Paper, (ii) Structured Essay Paper, (iii) Clinicals in Ophthalmology I(iv) Clinicals in Ophthalmology II, (v) Clinicals in Neurology & Medicine in relation to Ophthalmology, (vi) Viva (Basic Sciences in relation to Ophthalmology) (vii) Viva (Ophthalmic Medicine/Ophthalmic Surgery),(viii) Viva (Ophthalmic Pathology) (ix) Continuous Assessments(The panel of examiners have already completed this component)
4. To pass the Examination a candidate should obtain either 9 or above in each of the 9 components or a minimum of 9 in seven out of nine components with a minimum of one 9+ in one of the remaining component and 8+ in the other remaining component or Minimum of 9 in eight out of 9 components with one 8+, the 8+ may be upgraded to 9 by the board of examiners after reviewed by the panel of examiners who awarded this mark as to permit the candidate to pass. Also to pass the Examination candidates must obtain a minimum of 9 in each of the 3 compulsory Components,i.e. Clinicals in Ophthalmology I, Clinicals in Ophthalmology II, Clinicals in Neurology & Medicine in relation to Ophthalmology
5. The Ministry of Health shall inform the subspecialties and the available training posts in each of the subspecialties.

6. Past question papers, other than the MCQ Papers, are available for sale in the PGIM Library.

7. Candidates who are eligible to sit the Module IV 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 attempts.

8. 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.

9. 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.

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 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.

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 examinations are as follows :

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| (a) Registration fee | - Rs. 4,000.00 (non refundable) |
| (b) Examination fee | - Rs.20,000.00 |

(Private candidates will be charged 50% more on each fee of the PGIM)

16. Eligible candidates should obtain the prescribed application forms from the Examinations Branch, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine on payment of Rs. 550/- 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. 550/- 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 Ophthalmology Module IV Examination”** at the top left hand corner.

17. Completed applications with **every cage duly filled** should be submitted to Senior Assistant Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **Monday 09th September 2014**. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

18. Please refer the new regulations laid down by the Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in PGIM website – www.cmb.ac.lk/pgim. The relevant Circular is attached herewith.

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

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

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 these be investigated by the PGIM.**

Professor H Janaka de Silva
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- c.c. 1. Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition.
2. Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition..
3. Registrar, Sri Lanka Medical Council
4. Secretary, Board of Study in Ophthalmology.
5. Secretary, College of Ophthalmologists of Sri Lanka.
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