

Circular Letter No. 69 / 2014

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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 HISTOPATHOLOGY EXAMINATION– NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2014

1. The above examination will commence on **Monday, 17 November 2014 the Post Mortem and Monday, 15 December 2014 the Practicals**. The examination will be held in Colombo.
2. Applications are invited from medical officers possessing the following minimum requirements to sit the above Examination.
 - (a) possess the Postgraduate Diploma in Pathology certificate obtained from the PGIM;
 - (b) a report of satisfactorily completed the 2 years in-service training in the discipline of Histopathology with 80% attendance under a Consultant Histopathologist in a centre approved by the Board of Study, PGIM;
 - (c) have submitted a Case Book consisting of a minimum of 5 cases with one case of postmortem and one on cytology should be included.
3. The examination consists of 04 practical components as follows:-
 - (a) Histopathology 15 Slides Duration 3 hours
 - (b) OSPE 15 Stations Duration 3 hours
 - (c) Cytology 15 Slides Duration 2 hours
 - (d) This component has 3 parts -

Clinicopathological Conference	20 minutes
Viva (General)	20 minutes
Postmortem examination	
4. A Close marking system with 4 grades will be adopted as follows:-

M	– Merit
P	– Pass
B	– Borderline
F	– Fail

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5. The minimum Criteria to pass each component

(a) Histopathology – A minimum of 10P (may/may not include M grades)

(b) OSPE – A minimum of 10P (may/may not include M grades)

(c) Cytology – A minimum of 10P (may/may not include M grades)

(d) CPC, Viva and Postmortem – A minimum of 2P grades and at least a B grade for the other component

To make the merit order a score will be given to each grade. (4 for M, 3 for P, 2 for B, 1 for F)

6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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 – 2011and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. The allocated training units shall not be changed for personal reasons.
9. 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 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 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. 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 Board Certification will be delayed.
14. The prescribed fees for the examination shall be as follows:
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| a) Registration fee | - | Rs. 4,000.00 (non refundable) |
| b) Examination fees | - | Rs.40,000.00 |
| c) Case book assessment fee | - | 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.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 Histopathology Examination**” at the top left hand corner of the prescribed application forms **or** can be downloaded from our website www.cmb.ac.lk/pgim
16. 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 Senior Assistant Registrar/ Examinations, PGIM. No. 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **14 November 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.pgim.cmb.ac.lk
18. Please bring the contents of the Circular 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 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 letter and this should be sent back to Director/PGIM under confidential cover **within 48 hours after conclusion of the examination.** If the form is not returned it will be assumed that you do not have any concerns regarding the examination and that it was 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
Director

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