

Circular Letter No 83

My No. PGIM/EX/6/MD/Derm (15)
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 (DERMATOLOGY) EXAMINATION – JANUARY, 2014

1. The above examination will commence on 6th **January, 2015**. The examination will be held in Colombo.
2. Applications are invited from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.
 - (a) The candidate must successfully complete the Assessment I, after 6 months training in Basic Clinical Dermatology;
 - (b) The candidate must successfully complete the Assessment II, after 1 year training in General Medicine;
 - (c) The candidate must successfully complete one year period of training in Advanced and Applied Dermatology.
3. The MD (Dermatology examination shall consist of Three components. ie **Written component** (Long Essay Paper, Structured Essay Paper and OSCE), **Clinical Component** (Long Case, Short Cases) and **Viva Voce**
4. A candidate has to obtain a minimum mark of 60% in the Theory ,Clinicals and overall average of 60% to pass the examination.
5. Past question papers are available for sale in the PGIM Library.
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 examination will be counted as an attempt.
7. 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 Selection/ Part I examinations before 1998. However after failing the fifth attempt the candidate should undergo a minimum period of one year further training in a different training center before being permitted to sit for the sixth attempt.

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8. The allocation of post MD training units will be done as described in “ Guidelines for enrolment 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.

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 a 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 1st 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 date of 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/= (non refundable) |
| (b) Examination fees | - Rs. 40,000/= |

15. Eligible candidates should obtain the prescribed application forms from the Examinations Branch, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine on payment of Rs. 1000/-. Requests for application form 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 application form also could be downloaded from our website www.cmb.ac.lk/pgim on payment of Rs. 1000/-. The envelope should be marked “**Application for MD (Dermatology) Examination**” at the top left hand corner.

16 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 **5th December 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. There shall be no repeat or additional examinations which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2014.
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 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 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 of conclusion of the examination or following the release of results** nor will these be investigated by the PGIM.

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- c.c. 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 Dermatology
5. Hony. Secretary, Sri Lanka College of Dermatologists.
6. Hony. Secretary, GMOA.
7. PGIM Branch Library, Peradeniya.