

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,

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN TRANSFUSION MEDICINE EXAMINATION
FEBRUARY, 2015 (NEW PROSPECTUS)

1. The above examination will commence on **09 February 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) Satisfactory completion of the 1 year in-service training programme in the training centre to which the trainee has been assigned by the Board of Study in Pathology.
 - (b) Acceptance of all progress reports by the BOS.
 - (c) A minimum of 80% attendance for each clinical/practical appointments and lectures.
 - (d) Submission of the Portfolio and acceptance by the BOS.
3. The examination shall consist of three components, i.e.
 - a) Written Papers – Paper I & Paper II
 - Paper I – 8 questions of short answer type
duration - 3 hrs
 - Paper II – 12 questions based on Data Interpretation
duration – 2 hrs
 - b) Practical – One Problem based wet practical on a clinical case scenario
duration - 3 hrs
There will be two examiners and the marks will be given independently using a predetermined marking grid.
 - c) Structured Viva – Duration 15 minutes – A panel of at least two examiners
4. A minimum total aggregate of 50% (50 marks) and a minimum mark of 50% for written (30/60 marks) and the practical components (15/30 marks)
5. Past question papers are available for sale in the PGIM Library.
6. Candidates who are eligible to sit the Postgraduate Diploma 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 Postgraduate Diploma 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 prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows:-
- (a) Registration fee - Rs. 4,000/- (Non Refundable)
 - (b) Examination fee - Rs.26,000/-
- (candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)
9. 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.pgim.cmb.ac.lk on payment of Rs. 1000/-. The envelope should be marked “**Application for Postgraduate Diploma in Transfusion Medicine Examination (New Prospectus)**” at the top left hand corner.
10. 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 Asst. Registrar/ Examinations, PGIM. No. 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **12 January 2015 Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
11. 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
12. Please bring the contents of the Circular to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
13. There shall be **no repeat or additional examinations** which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2015.
14. 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.**
15. 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 48 hours after conclusion of the examination or following the release of results** nor will these be investigated by the PGIM.

Prof. H. Janaka de Silva
Director / PGIM

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 - 7. Hony. Secretary, GMOA.
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