

Circular Letter No.91/2014

My No. PGIM/EX/4/PG/DFM (2015)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Norris Canal Road,
Colombo 7.
26th November 2014

To : Directors of Teaching/General Hospitals,
Provincial Regional Directors of Health Services,
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya,
Sri Jayewardenepura/EUSL/KDU

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN FAMILY MEDICINE EXAMINATION
- JANUARY, 2015

1. The above examination will commence on **Tuesday 13th January, 2015.**
2. Applications are entertained by me from medical officers who have satisfactorily completed the PgDFM course conducted by the PGIM to sit the Postgraduate Diploma in Family Medicine examination.

Note :-

- (a) Candidates should submit proof of attendance at least 80% of the formal teaching sessions and all clinical sessions as stipulated by the Board of Study. Competence in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation should be certified by a trainer approved by the Board of Study.
 - (b) All unsuccessful candidates registered under the previous prospectus should submit a Log Diary in duplicate (with a photocopy) on or before 13th January 2015. No extension of time will be allowed under any circumstances.
3. The PgDFM examination shall consist of three components;
 - i. Written examination – 40% of the final marks
 - *MCQ – 20%
 - * MEQ/SEQ – 20%
 - ii. Clinical/Practical-50% of the final marks
 - * OSCE - 40%
 - * IOP/OSPE – 10%
 - iii. Viva-Voce – 10% of the final marks
 - *Viva Voce based on a log diary.
 4. A candidate has to obtain a minimum mark of **40%** in each component, i.e. Written, Clinical/Practical and Viva Voce and an overall total aggregate of **50%** to pass the examination.

5. Candidates who are eligible to sit the 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 examination for reasons not acceptable to the Board of Study the examination will be counted as an attempt.

6. The candidates who pass the examination and who may wish to register for the MD training programme (by training and by thesis) should follow the training and examination as stipulated in the new prospectus (2012/2013) available at the point of registration.

7. Please note that candidates are allowed a maximum of six (6) attempts only within a period of 8 years from the date of first attempt.

8. The minimum duration of Post MD (for both by training and by thesis) training required to be eligible for Board Certification shall be one year local and one year overseas.

9. 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.

10. The prescribed fees for the examination shall be as follows :-

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| (a) Registration | - Rs. 4,000.00 (non-refundable) |
| (b) Entry to Examination | - Rs 25,000.00 |

(Candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)

11. 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.cmb.ac.lk/pgim on payment of Rs.1000/-. 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 Gardens Post Office, Colombo 7. The envelope should be marked "**Application for DFM Examination**" at the top left hand corner.

12. Application with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department, to the Asst. Registrar/Examinations PGIM. No, 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 07 on or before **19th December 2014**. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

13. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in its website – www.health.gov.lk

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

15. **Please note that there shall be no repeat examination for the year 2015.**

16. 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.**

17. 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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Director, PGIM

Copy: 1. Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition.
2. Director General of Health Services.
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