

My No. PGIM/EX/8/MD/Cli.Haem ('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 CLINICAL HAEMATOLOGY EXAMINATION – MARCH 2015

1. The above examination will commence on **Monday, 20 April 2015**. The examination will be held in Colombo.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following minimum requirements to sit the above Examination.
 - (a) possess the Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Haematology Examination.
 - (b) a report of satisfactorily completed the 2 years in-service training in the discipline of Haematology with 80% attendance under a Consultant Haematologist in a centre approved by the Board of Study, PGIM.
3. The examination consists of 03 components as follows
 - (a) **Theory Essay Paper** - with a choice of four out of five question – 3 hrs
 - (b) **OSPE** - 15 stations (morphology) – 2.5 hrs
 - (c) **Clinical** - two long cases (patients) – 1.5 hrs
 - (d) **Data Interpretation** -with two case discussions – 1.5 hrs
 - (e) **Transfusion and Coagulation data interpretation** – 3 hrs
 - (f) **Viva** - 40 minutes - 20 minutes each by two panels
4. The candidates should obtain minimum marks as follows to be successful at the examination
 - **A minimum of 50% overall for the entire examination**
AND
 - **A minimum of 50% for the theory component (Essay Paper)**
AND
 - **An overall 50% for the practical component, which consist of the following sub components**
 - i. **OSPE**
 - ii. **Clinical – with two long cases (patients)**
 - iii. **Data Interpretation with two case discussion**
 - iv. **Transfusion and Coagulation data interpretation****AND**
 - **A minimum of 45% marks for each of the above sub components of the practical 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 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 – 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 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 date of Board Certification will be delayed.
14. The prescribed fees for the examination shall be as follows:

a) Registration fee	-	Rs. 4,000.00 (non refundable)
b) Examination fees	-	Rs. 44,000.00
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 <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk> on payment of Rs. 1000/-. The envelope should be marked “**Application for MD Clinical Haematology Examination**” at the top left hand corner.

16. Applications with **every case 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 Assistant Registrar/ Examinations, PGIM. No. 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **20 March 2015. 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 website - <http://www.health.gov.lk/en/>
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 for the year 2015.
20. The results will be valid and official only after they are approved by the **Senate of the University of Colombo.**
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.

Professor H. Janaka de Silva
Director / PGIM

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