

Circular Letter No.27/2015

My No. PGIM/EX/10/PgD/Ven(15)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Norris Canal Road,
Colombo 7.
27th March 2015

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 VENEREOLOGY EXAMINATION - JUNE 2015

1. The above examination will commence on **Monday 15th June 2015**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.
 - (a) Completion of Postgraduate Diploma In Venereology training course with at least 80% attendance in lectures and in-service clinical training appointments.
 - (b) Obtain satisfactory progress reports from assigned trainers for in service training (MOH and clinical)
 - (c) Please note that candidates are required to submit the Case Books on three Case Studies in consultation with Consultant Venereologist during their training on or before **10th April 2015** with the assessment fee of Rs.2, 000.00. **No extension of time will be allowed under any circumstances.** Two copies of the case book should be submitted in loose bound form in the first instance to enable the candidate to attend to any corrections and other deficiencies. Satisfactory completion of the case studies and acceptance of Same by the Board of Study is a pre-requisite to sit the Postgraduate Diploma in Venereology examination.
3. The examination consist of three parts,
 - i. Written Papers -
 - Paper I – Essay Type Questions (3 hours)
 - Paper II – Short Answer Questions (3 hours)
 - ii. Clinical - Two cases(45 minutes/case)
 - iii. OSPE - 20 Stations (2 hours)

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4. In order to pass the exam a candidate should obtain 50% or more of the total 1000 marks, 50% or more for written, 50% or more for clinical cases and 50% or more OSPE
5. Past question papers are available for sale in the PGIM Library.
6. Candidates who are eligible to sit the Diploma 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.
7. Please note that **candidates are allowed 6 attempts only in the Diploma which must be made within a period of 8 years from the date of the first examination.** 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. 4,000.00 (Non Refundable)
(b) Examination fees	- Rs. 26,000.00
(c) Case Book Assessment fee	- Rs. 2,000.00

(Private candidates will be charged 50% more on each fee of the PGIM)
9. 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. 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 Postgraduate Diploma in Venereology**" at the top left hand corner.
10. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department, to the Senior Asst. Registrar/ Examinations, PGIM, No. 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 **on or before 19th May 2015. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
11. Please refer the new regulations laid down by the Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health web site – www.health.gov.lk
12. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter 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 results will be valid and official only after they are approved by the **Senate of the University of Colombo.**

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15. The candidates will be issued an “**Examination Feedback Form**” with the admission documents and this should be sent 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 Senaka Rajapakse
Deputy Director, PGIM

- c.c. 1. Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition
2. Director General of Health Services.
3. DDGHS/Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition
4. Registrar, Sri Lanka Medical Council.
5. Secretary of Board of Study in Community Medicine/Venereology.
6. Hony. Secretary, GMOA.
7. National STD/AIDS Control Programme, Central VD Clinic.
8. Director, FHB
9. Director, Health Education Bureau
10. Director, Anti Malaria Campaign
11. Director, National Blood Transfusion Service