

Circular Letter No. 52/ 2015

My No. PGIM/EX/13/PDTCDC ('15)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine
160, Norris Canal Road
Colombo 7
18th May 2015

To: Director/ NHSL, Colombo,
Directors/ MSS of Teaching/General Hospitals,
Chest Hospital, Welisara,
Central Chest Clinic, MRI,
Chest Clinic, Kalutara, Nagoda,
Regional Directors of Health Services,
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya,
Sri Jayewardenepura,

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN TUBERCULOSIS & CHEST DISEASES EXAMINATION
- JULY 2015

1. The above examination will commence on **14th July 2015**. The examination will be held in Colombo.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination:
 - (a) Candidates who have completed the 01 year in-service training programme in the training center to which the trainee has been assigned by the Board of Study, and
 - (b) A satisfactory report of completion of the training programme certified by the Trainer/ Supervisor.

Note :-

Those who are eligible in terms of the above requirements, should submit with the application, the "Log Book" which provides evidence of their successful completion of the said training. The signature of the relevant Consultant trainers should be obtained before submission of the Log Book.

3. The examination will consist of 2 assessments

In-course Assessment –

Fifty percent (**50%**) of the total marks allocated for assessment for the DTCD course would be **in-course assessment**. This would comprise of -

- (a) Assessment of 2 case histories. one of which should be a case of tuberculosis and the other non-tuberculosis chest disease. Each case history would be allocated ten percent (10%) of the marks, twenty percent (20%) in total.
- (b) Log Book. The log book would be assessed by two examiners every four (4) months on three (3) occasions and ten percent (10%) marks given for each assessment, thirty percent (30%) in total.

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4. Candidates who do not achieve the minimum mark of **50%** in the in-course assessment will not be eligible to sit for the final assessment.

Final Assessment –

Fifty percent (**50%**) of the total marks would be allocated for the end of the DTCD course final examination. The final examination will consist of 3 components, i.e. a Written Paper, OSCE and Clinicals:-

(a) **Written Paper** –

Written Paper will consist of five (5) Data Interpretation Questions and five (5) Case Histories of 3 hours duration.

(b) **Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)**

This part of the examination will consist of ten (10) stations to be completed in 01 hour.

(c) **Clinicals**

This part of the examination will consist of a Long Case and three Short Cases.

5. A candidate has to obtain **50%** marks in each Assessment and **50%** marks of the total aggregate **to pass** the examination.
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) Application fee - Rs. 1000.00
 - (b) Registration fee - Rs. 4,000.00 (Non Refundable)
 - (c) Examination fee - Rs.26,000.00
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 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 Tuberculosis & Chest Diseases Examination** 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 Asst. Registrar/ Examinations, PGIM. No. 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **12th June 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.health.gov.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 results will be valid and official only after they are approved by the **Senate of the University of Colombo.**
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 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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