

Circular Letter No. 53 / 2015

PGIM/EX/2/MD/Med (15/2)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Norris Canal Road,
Colombo 7.
5th June, 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,

MD (MEDICINE) EXAMINATION – AUGUST/SEPTEMBER, 2015

1. The above examination will commence on **13th August, 2015.**
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.

(a) have passed the Selection Examination in Medicine ; **and**

(b) have completed the 2 ½ years clinical training programme as prescribed in the regulation.

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. According to the existing regulation eligible candidates should submit a Case Book consisting of 5 cases of which 3 or 4 cases in General Medicine and 1 or 2 cases in other specialities. The Case Book has to be submitted for evaluation at the end of two years of pre MD Training. Candidates should make a payment of Rs. 2,000/- to the PGIM and produce the receipt of the same along with the Case Book. If there is any correction recommended by the evaluator it should be attended by the candidate and re-submit the same with hard bound cover to the PGIM on or before **13th June, 2015.** **Only those whose Case Books have been accepted will be allowed to sit the examination.**

4. The examination will consist of 3 parts as follows.

1. **Written Papers** - 200 marks

Paper I

Paper II - Three Parts - (Part-A Slide Interpretation/
Part-B Data Interpretation/
Part-C Case History)

2. **Clinicals** - 300 marks - (Long Case/Short Cases)

3. **Oral** - 100 marks - (Each candidate will be examined by
2 sets of examiners)

5. Candidates are also informed that only those who obtain **59.5 %** and above in the written papers are allowed to proceed for the **Clinical** and **Oral** Components. The Pass/Fail criteria is available at PGIM office for perusal by candidates. The clinical and oral components of the examination will commence on **28th September, 2015.**

6. **Candidates who fail the examination but obtain 60% for the written papers will be given exemption from sitting the theory paper for a maximum number of two (02) more attempts or for a maximum period of two (02) years whichever is the earlier, from the date of commencement of the examination where the candidate passes the theory component. These candidates are required to submit a fresh application together with a letter indicating whether they would sit again for the theory component or wish to appear only for the clinical and oral components of the examination before the closing date of applications. Candidates who opt for the clinical and orals need to pay the registration fee of Rs. 4,000/- and Rs. 22,000.00/- as the examination fees.**
7. Past question papers are available for sale in the PGIM Library or can be downloaded from our website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk>.
8. **Candidates are also informed that the Board of Study will allocate Senior Registrar appointments in General Medicine and subspecialties listed in the prospectus. (according to merit and the requirements of the Ministry of Health). In addition the subspecialty of Pharmacology / Therapeutics and Critical Care will be available. The requirements of the Ministry of Health shall be confirmed only after the release of the results. Such numbers shall be conveyed to the successful candidates at or before the Allocation Committee Meeting.**
9. Candidates who are eligible to sit the MD (Medicine) 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 examinations will be counted as an attempts.
10. Please note that **candidates are allowed 6 attempts only in the Part II 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.
11. 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 – 2015. according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. The allocated training units shall not be changed for personal reasons.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. The candidates who shall commence the Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after 1st August, 2011 should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.
16. 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.

17. The prescribed fees for the examination, are as follows :-

(a) Application fee	- Rs. 1,000.00
(b) Registration fee	- Rs. 4,000.00 (non refundable)
(c) Examination fee	- Rs. 44,000.00
(d) Case Book assessment fee	- Rs. 2,000.00

(Private candidates will be charged 50% more on each fee of the PGIM)

Candidates are required to pay Rs. 4000.00 the registration fee for the examination and Rs. 22,000.00 the entry fee for the written component in the first instance. Those who qualify to proceed for the rest of the examination, ie. Clinical and Oral components will have to pay the balance examination fee of Rs. 22,000.00.

18. Eligible candidates should obtain the prescribed application forms from the Examinations Branch, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine on payment of Rs. 1000/-. It also can be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk for which Rs. 1000/- should be paid together with other payments to the Bank. 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 MD (Medicine) Examination**" at the top left hand corner.

19. The applications should reach the Assistant Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **7th July, 2015. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

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

21. There shall be no repeat or additional examinations which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2015.

22. **The results will be valid and official only after they are approved by the Senate of the University of Colombo.**

23. 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.

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

Professor H. Janaka de Silva
Director, PGIM

- c.c. 1 Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition
2. Director General of Health Services.
3. Registrar, Sri Lanka Medical Council.
4. Secretary of Board of Study in Medicine.
5. Secretary, College of Physicians of Sri Lanka.
6. Hony. Secretary, GMOA.
7. PGIM Library
8. PGIM Branch Library, Peradeniya.