

**Circular Letter No. 86 /2015**

My No. PGIM/EX/14/MSc/MedToxi(16)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
160, Norris Canal Road,  
Colombo 7.  
28<sup>th</sup> September 2015

To : Director/NHSL,Colombo,  
Directors/MSS of Teaching/General Hospitals,  
Regional Directors of Health Services,  
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences  
University of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffn,/Ruhuna/Kelaniya/Sri Jayawardenapura

**MSc IN MEDICAL TOXICOLOGY EXAMINATION – JANUARY - 2016**

1. The above examination will commence on **29<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.**
2. Applications are invited from Medical Officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination
  - a. Candidate should obtain a minimum of 80% participation for online discussion forums.
  - b. Should successfully complete the Portfolio and obtain a 'Pass' grading.

**Notes:-**

- i. Candidates are expected to submit the completed portfolio 3 months before the final examination,ie.on or before **29<sup>th</sup> October 2015.**
  - ii. The candidates are expected to obtain 50% or more out of 100 marks at a face to face Viva Voce to receive a 'Pass' grading in order to become eligible to sit the final exam.
  - iii. A candidate who obtains less than 50%for the portfolio is expected to re- submit the portfolio according to the examiner's recommendations 1 month before the exam for re-evaluation. The candidates who obtains 50% or more for the re-submitted portfolio, would be eligible to sit the final exam.
3. The course evaluation will consist of the following three components :-
    - i. Portfolio assessment
    - ii. Continues assessment (50% of the final mark)
    - iii. Final Assessment (50% of the final mark)
      - 40 Multiple Choice Questions (2 hours duration)
      - Structured Essay Questions (3 hours duration)
  4. To pass the examination a candidate should obtain 50% or more from the total marks given for the Continuous Assessments and 50% or more from the total mark given for the Final Assessment.
  5. Candidates who are eligible to sit the MSc 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 schedule examination or subsequent schedule examinations for reason not acceptable to the Board of Study, the examinations will be considered as an attempt.

6. Please note that **candidates are allowed 6 attempts only in the MSc 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 examination 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.
7. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows :-
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| (a) Registration fee             | - Rs. 4,000.00 (non refundable) |
| (b) Examination fee              | - Rs. 26,000.00                 |
| (c) Assessment fee for Portfolio | - Rs. 2,000.00                  |
- (Private candidates will be charged 50% more on fees stated above.)
8. Completed applications with every page duly filled should be forwarded through the Head of Department. The applications should be submitted to the Asst. Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **29<sup>th</sup> December, 2015.** **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
9. 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](http://www.health.gov.lk)
10. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
11. There shall be no repeat or additional examinations which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar.
12. The results to be valid and official only after they are approved by the **Senate of the University of Colombo.**
13. 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 Senaka Rajapakse  
Deputy Director, PGIM

- c.c. 1. Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition.  
2. Director General of Health Services.  
3. Deputy Director General of Health Services/Dental Services.  
4. Registrar, Sri Lanka Medical Council.  
5. Secretary of Specialty Board in Medical Toxicology