

**Circular Letter No.07/2015**

My No. PGIM/EX/13/MD/Med/Parasito ('16)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
160, Norris Canal Road,  
Colombo 7.  
31<sup>st</sup> December, 2015

To: Director/NHSL, Colombo,  
Directors/MS 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, EUSL/KDA  
Director/MRI,

**MD (MEDICAL PARASITOLOGY) EXAMINATION – FEBRUARY, 2016**

1. The above examination will commence on **15<sup>th</sup> February, 2016**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the MD (Medical Parasitology) examination. Candidates must -
  - (a) Show at least 80% attendance in each of the following training components -
    - (i) In-service training appointments
    - (ii) Tutorials
    - (iii) Research project
  - (b) Obtain a satisfactory progress report from trainers for each module
  - (c) Submit Peer Team Rating forms as required by the PGIM
  - (d) Submit the dissertation
3. The examination shall consist of four parts with five components, as set out below:  
**Part 1 – Theory examination with two components - Paper I and Paper II**  
**Part 2 - Laboratory examination**  
**Part 3 - Oral examination on Dissertation**  
**Part 4 - Oral examination on Medical Parasitology**
4. To pass the MD in Parasitology Examination, a candidate will be required to obtain the following:
  - (a) A final percentage mark of 60% or more  
**AND**
  - (b) A minimum of 50% or more for the Theory part of the examination  
(Theory papers I and II together)  
**AND**
  - (c) A minimum of 50% or more for the Laboratory part of the examination  
(Laboratory Examinations I & II had been conducted during the training programme)  
**AND**
  - (d) A Minimum of 50% or more for the dissertation

5. Candidates who are eligible to sit the MD 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.

6. Please note that **candidates are allowed only 6 attempts at the Part II which must be made within a period of 8 years from the date of 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 under a minimum period of one year further training in a different training centre before being permitted to sit the sixth attempt.

7. The allocation of post MD training units will be done as described in “General Regulations & Guidelines – 2016” and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. The allocated training units shall not be changed for personal reasons.

8. 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.

9. There should be no delay in submitting the dissertation or research report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. If there is a delay, the Board Certification will be delayed accordingly.

10. 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.

11. The candidates who shall commence the post MD (Senior Registrar) training after January 2010 should pass the pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.

12. 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.

13. 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
(c) Dissertation assessment fee	- Rs. 4,000.00

14. Eligible candidates should obtain the prescribed application forms from the Examinations Branch, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine on payment of Rs. 1000/-. The application form also could be downloaded from our website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) on payment of Rs. 1000/-.

15. Applications with every **case duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department, confirming that the applicant if selected would be released for postgraduate training in the PGIM. The applications should reach the Senior Assistant Registrar/Examinations, PGIM, 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7, on or before **20<sup>th</sup> January, 2016**. (The envelope should be marked **“Application for the MD (Medical Parasitology) Examination”** at the top left hand corner.) **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

16. Past question papers are available for sale in the PGIM Library or can be downloaded from our website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/>.

17. There shall be **no repeat or additional examinations** which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2016.

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

19. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.

20. 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

- 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 Medical Microbiology  
5. Hony. Secretary, GMOA  
6. PGIM Library  
7. PGIM Branch Library, Kandy