

Circular Letter No. 115/2016

My No. PGIM/EX/4/PG/DFM (2016)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Norris Canal Road,
Colombo 7.
14th January 2016

To : Directors of Teaching/General Hospitals,
Provincial Regional Directors of Health Services,
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya,
Sri Jayewardenepura/EUSL/KDU

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN FAMILY MEDICINE EXAMINATION
- MARCH, 2016

1. The above examination will commence on **Monday 28th March, 2016.**
2. Applications are entertained by me from medical officers who have satisfactorily completed the PgDFM course conducted by the PGIM to sit the Postgraduate Diploma in Family Medicine examination.

Note :-

- (a) All candidates should submit a Portfolio in duplicate (with a photocopy) on or before 15th February 2016.
No extension of time will be allowed under any circumstances. Please note that the candidate has to retain a photocopy with them for the viva voce.
3. Eligibility to sit the Postgraduate Diploma Examination
 - I. Satisfactory completion of the course
 - II. Obtain a minimum mark of 50% the Portfolio Viva
 - III. Attendance of 80% or more for clinical and practical training, tutorials and seminars/workshops.
 - IV. Competence in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and other skills certified by the respective trainers – (documentary evidence should be submitted along with the application)

4. The examination will be conducted in two stages. (Stage 1 and stage 2)

Stage 1

* The Multiple Choice Question paper with 60 questions

40 true/false type and 20 single best answer type (SBA), to be answered in a total of 3 hours.

The candidates who obtain 40% for stage 1 only will be eligible to proceed to stage 2.

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Stage 2

- * Written Paper (MEQ/SEQ) – 1 hour and 30 minutes
 - Two problem solving MEQ exercises
 - One SEQ on the principles and practice of Family Medicine
- * Clinical examination
 - a) OSCE – 8 stations (10 minutes at each station)
 - b) OSPE - 10 stations (3 minutes at each station)

5. In order to pass the examination a candidate should obtain,

50% or more of the total aggregate

AND

40% or more for all of the following

- * MCQ
- *MEQ/SEQ.
- *Clinical Examination (OSCE+OSPE)

6. Candidates who are eligible to sit the 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 examination for reasons not acceptable to the Board of Study the examination will be counted as an attempt.

7. The candidates who pass the examination and who may wish to register for the MD training programme (by training and by thesis) should follow the training and examination as stipulated in the new prospectus, 2013 available at the point of registration.

8. Please note that candidates are allowed a maximum of six (6) attempts only within a period of 8 years from the date of first attempt.

9. The prescribed fees for the examination shall be as follows :-

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| (a) Registration | - Rs. 4,000.00 (non-refundable) |
| (b) Entry to Examination | - Rs 26,000.00 |

(Candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)

At the first instance candidates are required to pay Rs. 4,000/-(the registration fee) and Rs.17,000/- the entry fee for the MCQ Paper. Those who qualify to proceed for the rest of the examination, i.e. the Written Paper and the Clinical component will have to pay the balance Examination fee of Rs. 9,000/-

10. 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 the PGIM website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/> on payment of Rs. 1,000/-.

11. Completed 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, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **08 February 2016. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

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

13. 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

14. The results will be valid and official the Senate of the University.

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.**

Professor SenakaRajapakse
Acting Director, PGIM

Copy: 1. Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition.
2. Director General of Health Services.
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4. Secretary of Board of Study in Family Medicine
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