

Circular Letter No. 31 / 2016

My No. PGIM/EX/8/PD/ChemPath ('16)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine
160, Norris Canal Road
Colombo 7
02 March 2016

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,

**POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CHEMICAL PATHOLOGY EXAMINATION–
JUNE 2016**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **Monday, 13 June 2016**. The examination will be held in Colombo.

2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following minimum requirements to sit the above Examination.

- (a) Have passed the Course in Basic Laboratory Sciences (CBLs) Examination;
- (b) Have satisfactorily completed the 2 year of training period in Chemical Pathology at a training center approved by the Board of Study in Pathology;
- (c) A minimum of 80% attendance during the training period; and
- (d) Submission of a record book confirming the satisfactory completion of the training programme in each module certified by the Supervisor/Co-ordinator and Tutor of the respective Training Centre with the application.

3. The examination consists of 03 components

a) **Theory -**

Paper I - Multiple Choice Questions – 20 questions
Duration - 1 hour

Paper II - Essay Type 4 Question. These questions will be given

Clinical - 1 Essay
1 short notes
Analytical - 1 Essay
1 short notes

Duration - 2 hours.

(b) **Practical:**

Practical Paper I

Structured questions, data interpretation 10 - 12 questions

Duration - 2 hours

Practical Paper II

Wet Practical. Duration - 3 hours

(c) **Viva Voce**

Duration – 20 minutes

4. Candidates need to obtain a minimum of 40% for theory and 50% for practical and a total aggregate of **50%** to pass.
5. Past question papers are available for sale in the PGIM Library.
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) Registration fee - Rs. 4,000.00 (non refundable)
 - b) Examination fees - 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/-. The application form also could be downloaded from the website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/> on payment of Rs. 1000/-.
10. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of the Department. The applications should reach the Assistant Registrar/ Examinations, PGIM. No. 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **13 May 2016**. The envelope should be marked **“Application for Postgraduate Diploma in Chemical Pathology Examination”** at the top left hand corner. **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 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 year 2016.

14. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by 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 Senaka Rajapakse
Deputy Director / PGIM

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 2. Director General of Health Services
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 4. Secretary, of Board of Study in Pathology
 5. Secretary, Sri Lanka College of Pathologists
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 7. PGIM Library
 8. PGIM Branch Library, Kandy

