

My No. PGIM/EX/8/CBLS ('16)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine  
160, Norris Canal Road  
Colombo 7  
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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,

**COURSE IN BASIC LABORATORY SCIENCES EXAMINATION – JULY 2016**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **01 July 2016**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following minimum requirements to sit the Course in Basic Laboratory Sciences Examination.
  - (a) a minimum of 80% attendance during the training period; and
  - (b) a report of satisfactory completion of the training programme certified by the Trainer Supervisor.
3. The examination shall consist of 60 multiple choice questions to be answered in 3 hours. Candidates need to obtain a minimum of 50% to pass the Course in Basic Laboratory Sciences (CBSLS) Examination.
4. Those who are not successful at the CBLS examination could also proceed with the Postgraduate Diploma training. However, such trainees need to pass the CBLS examination to be eligible to sit the Postgraduate Diploma examination in the respective disciplines.
5. Candidates are allowed a maximum of three (03) attempts at the CBLS examination. Those who are unsuccessful at the 03<sup>rd</sup> attempt will have to leave the training programme.
6. The prescribed fees for the examination shall be as follows:

a) Registration fee	-	Rs. 4,000.00 (non refundable)
b) Examination fees	-	Rs.11,500.00
7. 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/-.
08. 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 **27 May 2016**. The envelope should be marked **“Application for Course in Basic Laboratory Sciences Examination”** at the top left hand corner. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
09. 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/](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. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
12. 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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