

**Circular Letter No. 56/2016**

My No. PGIM/EX/4/PG/DLM (16)

Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
160, Norris Canal Road,  
Colombo 7.

24<sup>th</sup> May 2016

To : All candidates who completed the course

**POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LEGAL MEDICINE EXAMINATION(NEW SYLLABUS) – JULY 2016**

1. The above examination will commence on **18<sup>th</sup> July 2016**. The examination will be held in Colombo.

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

- Satisfactory completion of one year training in all components of the in-service training programme
- Satisfactory progress reports acceptable to the BOS
- Satisfactory Peer team ratings (3) acceptable to the BOS
- A duly completed training portfolio accepted by examiners
- Satisfactory completion of “LOG BOOK” (included –in TPF)containing record of work carried out and signed by supervisor/trainer
- Satisfactory professional conduct and attendance during training period certified by the trainers (80% attendance at both in-service one year training appointment and training course i.e. lecture/CBT/SGD/academic half days independent of each other)
- Minimum pass mark for continuous assessments

3. The examination will consist of,

- (a) Written examination  
MCQ – 40 questions / 2 hours  
SEQ - 6 questions / 3 hours

- (b) Clinical Examination  
\* One Long Case  
\* Four Short cases

(c) Objective Structured Practical Examination(OSPE) – 10 stations

- (d) Autopsy examination  
2 hours for dissection and additional  
½ hr for preparation of complete PMR  
½ hr for discussion

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(e) Structured Viva

(f) Continuous Assessments

**In order to pass the Pg.DLM examination, the candidate should fulfill all the following:**

- A total aggregate of 50% or more at the Final (Summative) Assessment (500/1000).
- Minimum of 50% for the combined theory (200/400)
- Minimum of 50% for the clinical examination (75/150)
- Minimum of 40% for the OSPE (40/100)
- Minimum of 40% for the autopsy (60/150)
- Minimum total aggregate of 50% for combined autopsy and OSPE
- Minimum of 30% for the structured viva (15/50)
- Continuous Assessments
  - minimum of 15 out of 50 Marks for Essay(SEQ),
  - minimum of 50 out of 100 Marks for Pg.DLM training portfolio

4. Candidates who are eligible to sit the Postgraduate Diploma examinations 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.

5. Please note that Candidates who are unsuccessful at the examination will sit for the examination held in the subsequent year as repeat candidates. Candidates need to sit only for the components they have not been successful in the main examination. The marks of the main examination will be considered when computing the final mark at the repeat examination.

6. 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
- (c) Assessment fee for the Portfolio - Rs. 2,000.00

(Private candidates will be charged 50% more on each fee of the PGIM)

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/-.

8. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department. The applications should reach the Asst. Registrar/ Examinations, PGIM. No. 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **15<sup>th</sup> June 2016. 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 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 for the year 2016.

12. The results will be valid and official only after confirmation 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.**

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Director, PGIM

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