

Circular Letter No.69/2016

My No. PGIM/EX/4/MD/FM (2016)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Norris Canal Road,
Colombo 7.
22nd June, 2016

To : All MD Family Medicine prospective Candidates

MD (FAMILY MEDICINE) EXAMINATION (BY CLINICAL TRAINING) – JULY 2016

The above examination will commence on the **20th July 2016**. The examination will be held in Colombo.

2. The trainee should fulfill the following criteria in order to be eligible for the MD by Clinical examination:-

- Satisfactory completion of the training programme (Stages 1,2 and 3)
- Satisfactory progress reports (8 reports from 8 rotations) acceptable to the BOS
- Satisfactory Peer Team Ratings acceptable to the BOS
- A duly completed Training Portfolio which is accepted and passed by the examiners
- Completed dissertation which is accepted and passed by the examiners
- Satisfactory professional conduct and attendance during the training period certified by the trainers
- Good health certified by a specialist approved by the PGIM
- Obtain a pass grade for Continuous Assessments as stipulated under section 12.1 of prospectus 2013.
- All eligibility criteria need to be fulfilled by the candidate before the date of closing applications for the MD examination.

3. The examination will consist of 2 components. ie.

1. Written Papers

- SEQ – 06 questions to be answered in 3 hrs
- MCQ – 60 questions to be answered in 2 ½ hrs
(40 true false type MCQs & 20 single best Answer type)

2. Objective Structured Clinical Examination – 10 stations/10 minutes each

4. In order to pass the examination a candidate should obtain :-

Total mark of 636 or more out of 1060 (60% or more)

AND

50% (150 marks out of 300) or more for SEQ

AND

50 % (130 marks out of 260) or more for MCQ

AND

50% (250 marks out of 500) or more for OSCE

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If a candidate fails the MD examination, the candidate will have to re-sit all components of the MD examination in the next attempt.

5. Past question papers are available for sale in the PGIM Library.

6. Candidates who are eligible to sit the MD 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 an attempt.

7. Please note that **candidates are allowed 6 attempts only in the Part II 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 allocation of Post MD training units will be done as described in "General Regulations & Guidelines – 2016 which is available on the PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk. The allocated training units shall not be changed for personal reasons.

9. 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.

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

11. 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 2008.

12. The candidates who shall commence the Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after **1st June 2010** should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.

13. 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.

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

(a) Registration fee	- Rs. 4,000.00 (Non Refundable)
(b) Examination fee	- Rs. 44,000.00
(c) Dissertation assessment fee	- Rs. 2,000.00

15. Eligible candidates should obtain the prescribed application forms from the Examinations Branch, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine on payment of Rs. 1000/- or can be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk.
16. 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 at the PGIM. The envelope should be marked marked **“Application for MD Family Medicine”** at the top left hand corner. The applications should reach the Senior Asst. Registrar/ Examinations, PGIM. No. 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **08th July 2016**. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
17. 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
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 only after they are approved by the Senate of the University Colombo.
20. The candidates will be issued an **“Examination Feedback Form”** with the admission documents. It should be sent 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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 7. PGIM Library
 8. PGIM Branch Library, Peradeniya.