

My No. PGIM/EX/8/MD/TM/New ('18)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine  
160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha,  
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,

**MD IN TRANSFUSION MEDICINE EXAMINATION (NEW PROSPECTUS) –  
JULY/AUGUST, 2018**

1. The above examination will commence on **30 July 2018**. The examination will be held in Colombo.
2. Applications are invited from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination:
  - (a) Over 80% attendance in all training activities
  - (b) Satisfactory progress report
  - (c) Satisfactory PTR reports
  - (d) Satisfactory completion and acceptance of the dissertation
  - (e) Satisfactory completion and acceptance of portfolio
3. The examination shall consist of three components, ie-
  - a) **Theory Papers – Essay Type**

Paper I – 3hours. 5 to be answered out of 6 questions. The type of question will be either a single question or in parts or short notes.

    - Basic Sciences (Immunology, Genetics, Haematology, Microbiology, Parasitology)
    - Immunohaematology (Red cells/Platelets/White cells)

Paper II – 3 hours. 5 to be answered out of 6 questions. The type of questions will be either a single question or in parts or short notes)

    - Blood Centre Operations
    - Clinical Transfusions/Recent Advances
  - b) **Practical – The Practical examination has 3 components**
    - Clinical Case Discussion (Paper work) – 3 hours (Problem based 14 data interpretation questions)
    - Haematology Exercises related to transfusion – 3 hours (Consists of three parts each carrying equal marks
      - Part 1: morphology, slides or pictures
      - Part 2-A wet practical on quality assessment on blood products
      - Part 3-A wet Practical on coagulation on a case based scenario
    - Immunohaematology exercise –Red cell serology exercise – 3 hours. (A wet practical on a problem based case scenario)
  - c) **Viva Voce** – Duration 30 minutes (two panels with at least two examiners in each)

4. A candidate should score 50% or more of the total mark given for the examination **AND** 50% or more for theory **AND** 50% or more for practical **AND** 50% or more for each of the Clinical Case Discussion and Immunohaematology exercise components of the Practical **AND** 45% or more for the Haematology exercises related to transfusion **AND** 40% or more for the viva voce examination
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 attempts.
7. Please note that **candidates are allowed 6 attempts only in the MD 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 Regulation and Guidelines – 2018 and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. 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. The minimum duration of Post MD training required to be eligible for Board Certification shall be one year local and one year overseas.
11. The candidates who shall commence the Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after January 2010 should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.
12. 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.
13. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows:-
  - (a) Application fee - Rs. 2,000/- (Non Refundable)
  - (b) Registration fee - Rs. 5,000/- (Non Refundable)
  - (c) Examination fee - Rs.51,000/-

**Only online payment through the PGIM online portal will be accepted by the PGIM.**  
(candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)

14. The Application form could be download from our website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk)

15. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of the Department confirming that the applicant if selected would be released for the Postgraduate training in the PGIM. The applications should reach the Assistant Registrar/ Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, No. 160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo 7 on or before **29 June 2018. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
16. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health website - <http://www.health.gov.lk/en/>
17. Please bring the contents of the Circular to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
18. There shall be **no repeat or additional examinations** which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2018.
19. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
20. 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
21. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) for further updated details.

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