

My No. PGIM/EX/8/MD/Cli.Haem ('16)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine
160, Norris Canal Road
Colombo 7
15 August 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,

MD CLINICAL HAEMATOLOGY EXAMINATION – SEPTEMBER 2016 –

1. The above examination will commence on **Thursday, 15 September 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) successful completion of the Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Haematology Examination.
 - (b) at least 80% attendance in the period of in-service training in each of the specified clinical training rotations.
 - (c) submitted the completed portfolio documenting the training during the Postgraduate Diploma & MD training period.
 - (d) satisfactory progress reports.
 - (e) satisfactory Peer team rating reports.
3. The examination components as follows
 - (a) **Theory Component** – two essay papers (Each Paper have 5 questions, out of which 4 questions must be answered in 3hrs)
 - (b) **Practical Component -**
 - OSPE: 10-15 stations in 2.5 hrs. All questions to be answered.
 - Two Clinical Cases – (atleast one will be haemato oncology) 1.5 hrs
 - Data Interpretation with case discussions including morphology – 3 hrs
 - Coagulation and transfusion data interpretation – 3 hrs
 - (c) **Viva Voce Component-** 40 minutes - 20 minutes each by two panels
4. The candidates should obtain minimum marks as follows to be successful at the examination
 - **A minimum of 50% overall for the entire examination**
AND
 - **A minimum of 50% for the theory component (Essay Papers)**
AND
 - **An overall 50% for the entire practical component and Minimum of 45% marks for each of the four sub components of the practical examination.**

5. 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.
6. 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.** However after failing the fifth attempt the candidate should undergo a minimum period of one year further training before being permitted the sixth attempt.
7. The allocation of Post MD training units will be done as described in “General Regulation and Guidelines – 2016” which is available on the PGIM website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/> The allocated training units shall not be changed for personal reasons.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. The candidates who shall commence the Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after August 2011 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) Registration fee - Rs. 4,000.00 (non refundable)
 - b) Examination fees - Rs. 44,000.00
14. 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 www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk on payment of Rs. 1000/-. The envelope should be marked “**Application for MD Clinical Haematology Examination**” at the top left hand corner.
15. 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 **02 September 2016. 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 in MOH website – www.health.gov.lk/
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 2016.
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

Professor H. Janaka de Silva
Director / PGIM

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