

**Circular Letter No. 85 /2016**

My No. PGIM/EX/3/MD/Psych(16)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
160, Norris Canal Road,  
Colombo 7.  
15<sup>th</sup> August 2016

**MD (PSYCHIATRY) EXAMINATION – OCTOBER, 2016**

1. The above examination will commence on **3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2016**.
2. Applications are invited from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.
  - (a) have completed satisfactorily the 3 years clinical training under the supervision of a Consultant Psychiatrist in a Psychiatry Unit recognized by the Board of Study;
  - (b) Successful Completion of OSCE examination;
  - (c) Approval of the Casebook;
  - (d) Approval of the portfolio completed and submitted on or before 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016;

**Notes :-**

- (a) Candidates who hold an overseas postgraduate qualification (CCST or equalant) in Psychiatry acceptable to the Board of Study in Psychiatry could apply for exemption from the Selection Examination in MD (Psychiatry) and the stipulated training in Stage I. They should apply in the first instant to the Board of Study with supportive documentation of their training programme.
  - (b) Only those whose Case Books have been accepted and approved by the Board of Study would be eligible to sit the examination. No candidate will be allowed to attempt the examination if his/her Case Records Book has not been duly accepted and approved by the Board of Study. The Case Book should have been submitted at least 6 months before the examination.
3. The MD (Psychiatry) examination shall consist of Two components. ie **Written component** ( MCQ Paper, Essay Paper and Structured Essay Paper), and **Clinical Component** (Long Case, Short Cases and Patient Management Problems).
4. A score of 50% is required in each component of the examination i.e. in the written and clinical components to pass the examination.

5. The Ministry of Health shall inform the subspecialties and the available training posts in each of the subspecialties.

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

7. 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 examination will be counted as an attempt.

8. Please note that **candidates are allowed only 6 attempts at the MD examination which must be made within a period of 8 years from the date of first examination.** This requirement will not apply to those candidates who have sat the MD (Psychiatry) Part I examination 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.

9. The allocation of post MD training units will be done as described in “General Regulations and Guidelines -2016” and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. The allocated training units shall not be changed for personal reasons.

10. 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.

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

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

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

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| (a) Registration fee   | - Rs. 4,000/= (non refundable) |
| (b) Examination fees   | - Rs. 44,000/=                 |
| (c) Case book Ass. Fee | - Rs. 2,000/=                  |

16. Eligible candidates should obtain the prescribed application forms from the Examinations Branch, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine on payment of Rs.1,000/-. The application form also could be downloaded from our website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/> on payment of 1,000/-.

17. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department confirming that the applicant if selected would be released for Postgraduate training in the PGIM. The applications should reach the Senior Asst. Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016**. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

18. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in MOH website.

19. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.

20. There shall be no repeat or additional examinations which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2016.

21. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.

22. 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

- c.c. 1. Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare.  
2. Director General of Health Services.  
3. Registrar, Sri Lanka Medical Council.  
4. Secretary of Board of Study in Psychiatry.  
5. Secretary, Sri Lanka Psychiatrists Association.  
6. Hony. Secretary, GMOA.  
7. PGIM Library  
8. PGIM Branch Library, Peradeniya