

My No. PGIM/EX/10/MD/Oph (16)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
160, Norris Canal Road,  
Colombo 7.  
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To : Director/NHSL,  
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,  
Director/Eye Hospital, Colombo.  
Heads of Eye Units, General/Teaching Hospitals,  
Kandy/Peradeniya/Jaffna/Galle

**OPHTHALMOLOGY MODULE IV EXAMINATION – OCTOBER 2016**

1. The above examination will commence on **Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016.**
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.
  - (a) Successful completion of the 2 years in-service training period of clinical appointments in Ophthalmology in an approved institution after successful completion of Module II examination; and
  - (b) Successful completion of Module III examination.

**Note:-**

A certificate from the Consultant trainer stating the completion of the training period should be submitted along with the application.

3. The examination shall consist of 9 components as follows:-
  - (i) MCQ Paper, (ii) Structured Essay Paper, (iii) Clinicals in Ophthalmology I, (iv) Clinicals in Ophthalmology II, (v) Clinicals in Neurology & Medicine in relation to Ophthalmology, (vi) Viva (Basic Sciences in relation to Ophthalmology) (vii) Viva (Ophthalmic Medicine/ Ophthalmic Surgery), (viii) Viva (Ophthalmic Pathology) (ix) Continuous Assessments (The component has already been completed)
4. To pass the examination a candidate should obtain either 9 or above in each of the 9 components or a minimum of 9 in seven out of nine components with a minimum of one 9+ in one of the remaining component and 8+ in the other remaining component. Also to pass the Examination candidates must obtain a minimum of 9 in each of the 3 compulsory Components, i.e. Clinicals in Ophthalmology I, Clinicals in Ophthalmology II, Clinicals in Neurology & Medicine in relation to Ophthalmology
5. The Ministry of Health shall inform the sub-specialties and the available training posts in each of the sub-specialties.

6. Past question papers, other than the MCQ 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 Part II 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 Selection/Part I examinations before 1998. However after failing the fifth attempt the candidate should under a minimum period of one year further training in a different training centre before being permitted to sit the sixth attempt.

9. The allocation of post MD training units will be done as described in “General Regulations & 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 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 January 2010 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 examinations are as follows:

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| (a) Registration fee | - Rs. 4,000.00 (non refundable) |
| (b) Examination fee  | - Rs.22, 000.00                 |

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

16. 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/-

17. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department. The applications should reach the Assistant Registrar/ Examinations, PGIM. No. 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 **on or before 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016**. The envelope should be marked “**Ophthalmology Module IV Examination**” at the top left hand corner **incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

18. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
19. There shall be no repeat or additional examinations which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2016.
20. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
21. Please refer to 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/>
22. The results will be valid and official only after they are approved by the **Senate of the University of Colombo.**
23. 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 release of results** nor will these be investigated by the PGIM.

Professor H Janaka de Silva  
Director, PGIM

- c.c. 1. Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition.  
2. Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition..  
3. Registrar, Sri Lanka Medical Council  
4. Secretary, Board of Study in Ophthalmology.  
5. Secretary, College of Ophthalmologists of Sri Lanka.  
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