

**Circular Letter No. 119/2016**

My No. PGIM/EX/6/MD/S/II (17/1)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
160, Norris Canal Road,  
Colombo 7.  
18<sup>th</sup> November 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/Rajarata,  
Sri Jayewardenepura/EUSL/KDA

**MD (SURGERY) EXAMINATION - FEBRUARY 2017**

The above examination will commence on **14<sup>th</sup> February 2017**. The examination will be held in Colombo.

2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.

- (a) Passed the Selection Examination in Surgery;
- (b) Should have participated and successfully completed the training programmes approved by the Board of Study in Surgery on basic surgical skills and trauma care- **certificates to be provided;**
- (c) Should have completed the clinical training appointments in Basic Surgical Training Programme satisfactorily and accepted by the Board of Study – appointment cards to be checked;.
- (d) Should have passed the OSCE;
- (e) Portfolio assessment should be satisfactory;

**and**

- (f) Research components accepted by the Board of Study in Surgery.

**Note :-**

Only those whose Case Books have been already accepted and approved by the Board of Study would be eligible to sit the MD examination. Case Books should have been submitted at least 6 months before the examination .The case book will undergo a plagiarism check by the PGIM.

3. The examination shall consist of (1) Written Papers (2) Objective Structured Viva Examination (OSVE) and (3) Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE). The content areas from which the questions are based on are described in the Prospectus 2012 and relevant documents available at the PGIM. .

Marking would be based on the following format.

Failure	7
Borderline failure	8
Pass	9
Good pass	10
Excellent pass	11

4. **Requirements to pass the MD examination.**

Candidate should obtain a minimum total of **27 marks**

**AND**

Not obtain a mark of 8 for any two components

**AND**

Not obtain a mark of 7 for any single components

**AND**

Obtain a minimum of 9 at four out of six OSVE stations

**AND**

Obtain a minimum of 9 at five out of seven OSCE stations

5. The following sub-specialties will be offered to the candidates who pass the examination

A. **In General Surgery with special interest in**

- (a) **Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery,**
- (b) **Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Surgery,**
- (c) **Lower Gastrointestinal Surgery,**
- (d) **Vascular Surgery,**
- (e) **Breast Surgery,**
- (f) **Endocrine Surgery,**
- (g) **Trauma Surgery,**

B. **In Gastroenterological Surgery, Paediatric Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Orthopaedic Surgery, Genito-Urinary Surgery, Thoracic Surgery, Urology, Vascular and Transplant Surgery, Neuro Surgery, Cardio Thoracic Surgery and Cancer Surgery,**

The Ministry of Health shall inform the sub-specialties and the available training posts in each of the above sub-specialties before the results of the MD Examinations are released or after. The selection will be based on merit. The details/Prospectus of the subspecialties are available at the PGIM for perusal.

6. Those who opt to do General Surgery will be required to select an area of special interest with General Surgery according to the 2012 prospectus available at the PGIM academic department. The total period of senior registrar training according to this programme will be 3 years. This option of General Surgery with special interest will be offered only for those who sit for MD Part II for the first time from February 2012 onwards.

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

8. 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 attempts.

9. Please note that the **candidates are allowed 6 attempts only in the MD (Surgery) 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.

10. The allocation of Post MD training units will be done as described in “General Regulations 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. The candidates who shall commence the Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011 should pass the Pre- Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.

15. 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.

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

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| (a) Registration fee         | - Rs. | 5,000/= (Non Refundable) |
| (b) Examination fee          | - Rs. | 51,000/=                 |
| (c) Case Book assessment fee | - Rs. | 2,500/=                  |

17. Eligible candidates should obtain the prescribed application forms from the Examinations Branch, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine on payment of Rs.2,000/-. The application form also could be downloaded from our website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/> on payment of 2,000/-.

18. 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 Asst. Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **6<sup>th</sup> January 2017**. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

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

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

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.

Professor H. Janaka de Silva  
Director

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2. Director General of Health Services.  
3. Registrar, Sri Lanka Medical Council.  
4. Secretary of Board of Study in Surgery  
5. Secretary, Sri Lanka College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka. .  
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7. PGIM Branch Library, Kandy