

Circular Letter No 22

My No. PGIM/EX/10/MD/Oph/Optics (17)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Norris Canal Road,
Colombo 7.
06th March 2017

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 (OPHTHALMOLOGY) OPTICS AND REFRACTION EXAMINATION – APRIL 2017

1. The above examination will commence on **24th April, 2017.**
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.
 - (a) Should possess six months of training in a recognized training unit after successful completion of MD (Ophthalmology) Ophthalmic Basic Sciences Examination. During this period the trainee is expected to gain proficiency in theoretical and clinical aspects of Optics and Refraction.
 - (b) There will be two assessments by a panel of examiners before MD (Ophthalmology) Optics and Refraction examination. The performance in both assessments should be satisfactory for candidates to be eligible to sit the examination

Note :-

A certificate from the Consultant trainer, stating the completion of six months training in Ophthalmology must be submitted along with the application.

3. Past question papers are available for sale in the PGIM Library.
4. Candidates who are eligible to sit the MD (Ophthalmology) Optics and Refraction 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 examination for reasons not acceptable to the Board of Study the examination will be counted as an attempt.
5. Candidates are allowed a maximum of four (4) attempts within a period of 5 years from the date of first attempt.
6. This examination shall consist of three components
 - I. MCQ Paper (45 questions – 1 ½ hours)
 - II. Structured Essay Paper (4 questions – 2 hours)
 - III. Refraction Clinicals (2 Cases – 30 minutes)
& Structured Oral/Viva Voce examination (15 minutes) } Compulsory Component
7. In order to pass **the examination**, a candidate must:

Obtain a minimum final closed mark of 20 (a grade of **PASS - P** or an **EXCELLENT PASS – EP**)

And

Obtain a minimum closed mark of 20 for Refraction-Clinicals and Structured Oral / Viva voce examination component

And

Not obtain more than one closed mark of less than 20 in the other two components (MCQ, and Structured Essay)

And

Not obtain a closed mark of less than 15 in either the MCQ or the Structured Essay component.

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

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| (a) Application fee | - Rs. 2,000/- | (Non Refundable) |
| (b) Registration fee | - Rs. 5,000/- | (Non Refundable) |
| (c) Examination fee | - Rs. 13,500/- | (Non Refundable) |

Only online payments will be accepted by the PGIM

9. Eligible candidates should obtain the prescribed application forms from the Examinations Branch, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine on payment of Rs. 2000/-. The application form also could be downloaded from the website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk> on payment of Rs. 2000/-
10. 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 27th March 2017**. The envelope should be marked **“MD (Ophthalmology) Optics and Refraction examination”** at the top left hand corner **incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances**.
11. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
12. There shall be no repeat or additional examinations which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2017.
13. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
14. 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/>
15. The results will be valid and official only after they are approved by the **Senate of the University of Colombo**.
16. 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 Senaka Rajapakse
Acting Director, PGIM

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