

**Circular Letter No.34 /2017**

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Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
160, Professor Nandadasa Kodagoda Mw,  
Colombo 7.  
18<sup>th</sup> April, 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) OPHTHALMIC BASIC SCIENCES**  
**EXAMINATION – JUNE 2017**

1. The above examination will commence on **22<sup>nd</sup> June 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) Satisfactory completion of the in-service training in a recognized training unit of one year.

Note:-

A certificate from the Consultant trainer, stating the completion of one year training in Ophthalmology must be submitted along with the Application.

3. Candidates are allowed a maximum of four (4) attempts within a period of 5 years from the date of first attempt.
4. This examination shall consist of the following two subjects & there will be 3 Components in each subject:

**A. Ocular Anatomy, Radiology and Genetics**

**B. Ocular Physiology, basics in ophthalmic Pathology and Epidemiology & Statistics**

**A. Ocular Anatomy, Radiology and Genetics (Considered as one)**

- I. MCQ – 30 questions to be answered in 1 hour
- II. Structured Essay Paper – 3 questions to be answered in 1 ½ hours
- III. Structured Oral / Viva voce examination – 20 minutes duration

**B. Ocular Physiology, basics in ophthalmic Pathology and Epidemiology**  
(Considered as one)

- I. MCQ – 30 questions to be answered in 1 hour
- II. Structured Essay Paper – 3 questions to be answered in 1 ½ hours
- III. Structured Oral / Viva voce examination – 20 minutes duration

MCQs in both subjects will be given as one paper. And Structured Essay questions pertaining to the two subjects shall be given as one paper, to be answered in 3 hours.

5. Requirements to Pass the Ophthalmic basic Sciences examination
  - a) **In order to pass a subject**, a candidate must:
 

Obtain a minimum closed mark of 20 for that subject (a grade of **PASS – P** or an **EXCELLENT PASS – EP**)

And

Not obtain more than one closed mark of less than 20 in the 3 components (MCQ, Essay and Viva.)

And

Not obtain a closed mark of less than 15 in either the essay or the MCQ Component.
  - b) **To pass the examination**, a candidate must obtain passes in the two subjects in one and the same examination.
6. Past question papers are available for sale in the PGIM Library.
7. Candidates who are eligible to sit the Ophthalmic Basic Sciences 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.
8. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows :
 

(a) Application fee	- Rs. 2,000/-	(Non Refundable)
(b) Registration fee	- Rs. 5,000/-	(Non Refundable)
(c) Examination fee	- Rs. 12,000/-	(Non Refundable)

*(Only online payments will be acceptable by the PGIM)*
9. The application form can 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, Professor Nandadasa Kodagoda Mw, Colombo 7 **on or before 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017**. The envelope should be marked “Application for MD (Ophthalmology) Ophthalmic Basic Sciences” at the top left hand corner **incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

11. 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](http://www.health.gov.lk)
12. The results will be valid and official only after they are approved by the **Senate of the University of Colombo.**
13. 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 Janaka de Silva  
**Director/ PGIM**

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