

Circular Letter No. 97/2016

My No. PGIM/EX/4/PG/DLM(16/2)

Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Norris Canal Road,
Colombo 7.

21st September 2016

To : All candidates who sat the examination under 2008 prospectus

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LEGAL MEDICINE
EXAMINATION(PROSPECTUS 2008) – NOVEMBER 2016

1. The above examination will commence on **28th November 2016**. The examination will be held in Colombo. Post Mortem Examination will be held in Colombo South Teaching Hospital, Kalubowila.

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

(a) completion of 24 months in-service training conducted by the PGIM in a training centre recognized by the Board of Study.

(b) submission of a case book of 10 cases, four in clinical Forensic Medicine and six in Forensic Pathology, by the prospective candidate at least 6 months before the date of the examination. Only those candidates whose Case Books have been accepted and approved will be permitted to attempt the examination. A soft copy & two hard copies of the case book should be submitted in loose bound form in the first instance to enable the candidate to attend to any corrections and other deficiencies. The case book will undergo a plagiarism check by the PGIM. Satisfactory completion of the case studies and acceptance of same by the Board of Study is a pre-requisite to sit the Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Medicine Examination.

3. The examination will consist of,

- (a) Theory Papers (Essay Paper I & Essay Paper II)
- (b) Postmortem
- (c) Clinical
- (d) Objectively Structured Practical (OSPE)
- (e) Viva Voce
- (f) Spots consisting of 06 Histopathology Slides and Viva on Pathology

A candidate must obtain 50% in each of the above components to be successful at the examination.

4. Candidates who are eligible to sit the Postgraduate Diploma examinations 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.

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5. Please note that **candidates are allowed 6 attempts only in the Postgraduate Diploma Examination 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.

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

- (a) Registration fee - Rs. 4,000.00 (Non Refundable)
- (b) Examination fees - Rs. 26,000.00

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

7. 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/-.

8. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department. The applications should reach the Asst. Registrar/ Examinations, PGIM. No. 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **18th October 2016. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

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

10. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in website – www.health.gov.lk

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 a repeat examination.

13. The results will be valid and official only after confirmation by the **Senate of the University of Colombo.**

14. 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 of following the release of results nor will these be investigated by the PGIM.**

H. D. Silva

Prof. H. Janaka de Silva
Director, PGIM

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