

My No. PGIM/EX/8/PDTM ('20)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine  
160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mw,  
Colombo 7  
01<sup>st</sup> January 2020

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,

**POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN TRANSFUSION MEDICINE EXAMINATION**  
**FEBRUARY, 2020**

1. The above examination will commence on **17 February 2020**. The examination will be held in Colombo.
2. Applications are invited from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination:
  - (a) Satisfactory completion of the 1 year in-service training programme in the training centre to which the trainee has been assigned by the Board of Study in Pathology.
  - (b) Acceptance of all progress reports by the BOS.
  - (c) A minimum of 80% attendance for each clinical/practical appointments and lectures.
  - (d) Submission of the Portfolio and acceptance by the BOS.
3. The examination shall consist of three components, i.e.
  - a) Written Papers – Paper I & Paper II  
Paper I- 8 questions of short answer type - duration - 3 hrs  
Paper II- 12 questions based on Data Interpretation - duration – 2 hrs
  - b) Practical – One Problem based wet practical on a clinical case scenario  
duration - 3 hrs
  - c) Structured Viva – Duration 15 minutes
4. Requirement to pass the PG Diploma in Transfusion Medicine Examination is a minimum total aggregate of 50% (50 marks) and a minimum mark of 50% for each written (30/60 marks) and the practical components (15/30 marks).
5. Past question papers are available for sale in the PGIM Library.
6. Candidates who are eligible to sit the Postgraduate Diploma 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 examinations will be counted as attempts.
7. Please note that **candidates are allowed 6 attempts only, in the MD which must be completed within a period of 8 years from the date of the first examination**. However after failing the fifth attempt the candidate should undergo a minimum period of one year further training before permitted the sixth attempt. These requirement will not apply to those candidates who have sat the Selection/Part I examinations before 1998.

8. Post-MD trainees should commence post-MD overseas training within two (02) years after the expected date of completing local post-MD training. Any delay will be added to the effective date of Board Certification.
9. Post-MD trainees who delay commencing overseas post-MD training by more than four (04) years after the expected date of completing local post-MD training will have their trainee status terminated.
10. The prescribed fees for the examination are as follows:-
  - (a) Registration fee - Rs. 6,000/- (non refundable)
  - (b) Examination fees - Rs.34,500/-
  - (c) Application fee - Rs. 2,500/- (non refundable)

**Only online payment through the PGIM online portal will be accepted by the PGIM.**

(candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)

11. The Application form could be download from our website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk)
12. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded to the Senior Assistant Registrar/ Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, No. 160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo 7 on or before **17 January 2020**. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
13. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in PGIM website – [www.health.gov.lk/](http://www.health.gov.lk/)
14. Please bring the contents of the Circular to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
15. There shall be **no repeat or additional examinations** which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2020.
16. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
17. The candidates will be issued an “**Examination Feedback Form**” with the admission documents. Feedback in Part II should be limited to concerns, if any, regarding the conduct of the examination (eg. perceived biases, discriminatory behaviour, harassment, intimidation) and **NOT** regarding the format or content of the examination. The form should be sent back to Director/PGIM under confidential cover **within 48 hours after conclusion of the examination**. **No 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.
18. The candidate who pass the Selection Examination and are selected for the MD programme should undergo the Professionalism & Ethics in Medical Practice Strand organized by the PGIM. Please note that this is compulsory for all MD trainees and should be completed within the first two years of pre-MD training. A certificate will be issued to trainees who complete this strand successfully.
19. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) for further details.

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