

Circular Letter No. 114 / 2019

PGIM/EX/2/MD/Med (20/1)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Professor Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha,
Colombo 7.
1st November, 2019

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 Jaywardenepura.

MD (MEDICINE) EXAMINATION – FEBRUARY/MARCH, 2020 (PROSPECTUS 2005)

1. The above examination will commence on **06th February, 2020.**
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.

- (a) Successful completion of the Selection Examination MD in Medicine
- (b) Successful completion of 2 ½ years clinical training programme as prescribed in the prospectus.
- (c) Having a satisfactory mark at the continuous assessment during the General Medical training Record of In Service Training Assessment. (RITA programme) and the completed Appraisal forms.
- (d) Satisfactory completion and submission of the Case Book
- (e) Those who are eligible in terms of the above requirements should submit the **“Log Book”** with the application which provides evidence of their successful completion of the said training. (The signature of the relevant Consultant trainers should be obtained before submission of the Log Book).
- (f) **A certificate of the Professionalism and Ethics in Medical Practice Strand organized by the PGIM should be submitted along with the application.**

Note :- A minimum of 80% attendance at organized lecture courses, modules, practicals, field work, and satisfactory completion of prescribed clinical training are requirements to be granted permission to sit examinations.

3. The examination will consist of 3 parts as follows.

1. Written Papers -

Paper I

Paper II - Three Parts - Part-A Slide Interpretation/
Part-B Data Interpretation/
Part-C Case History

2. Clinicals - Two Parts - Long Case/Short Cases

3. Viva - (Each candidate will be examined by
2 sets of examiners)

4. Candidates are also informed that only those who obtain **59.5 %** and above in the written papers are allowed to proceed for the **Clinical** and **Viva** Components. The Pass/Fail criteria is available at PGIM office for perusal by candidates. The clinical and oral components of the examination will commence on **Monday, 16th March, 2020.** To pass a candidate must obtain a total aggregate of 360 or more out of 600 with a minimum of 60% in the clinical component and a minimum of 50% in viva component.

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5. Candidates who fail the examination but obtain 60% for the written papers will be given exemption from sitting the theory paper for a maximum number of two (02) more attempts or for a maximum period of two (02) years whichever is the earlier, from the date of commencement of the examination where the candidate passes the theory component. These candidates are required to submit a fresh application together with a letter indicating whether they would sit again for the theory component or wish to appear only for the clinical and oral components of the examination before the closing date of applications. Candidates who opt for the clinical and orals need to pay the application fee Rs. 3,000/-, registration fee of Rs. 6,000/- and Rs. 29,500.00/- as the examination fees.
(Only online payment through the PGIM online portal will be accepted by the PGIM).
6. Past question papers are available for sale in the PGIM Library or can be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk.
7. When a Trainee is unsuccessful at one of the prerequisites/module examination/assessments during pre MD training, and is therefore not be eligible to sit for the next scheduled MD Examination, the said MD Examination shall be counted as an attempt.
8. Candidates are also informed that the Board of Study will allocate Senior Registrar appointments in General Medicine and subspecialties listed in the prospectus (according to merit and the requirements of the Ministry of Health). In addition the subspecialty of Pharmacology / Therapeutics and Critical Care will be available. The requirements of the Ministry of Health shall be confirmed only after the release of the results. Such numbers shall be conveyed to the successful candidates at or before the Allocation Committee Meeting.
9. Candidates who are eligible to sit the MD (Medicine) 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 examinations will be counted as an attempts.
10. Please note that candidates are allowed only 6 attempts at the MD examination 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 requirements will not apply to those candidates who have sat the Selection/Part I examinations before 1998.
11. The allocation training units will be done as described in “General Regulation and Guidelines – 2019 and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. The allocated training units shall not be changed for personal reasons.
12. 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 date of effective Board Certification. 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.
13. There should be no delay in submitting the dissertation or research report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. If there is delay, the Board Certification will be delayed accordingly.
14. 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.
15. The candidates who shall commence the Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after 1st August, 2011 should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.

16. 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.

17. The prescribed fees for the examination, are as follows :-

(a) Application fee	- Rs. 3,000.00 (non refundable)
(b) Registration fee	- Rs. 6,000.00 (non refundable)
(c) Examination fee	- Rs. 59,000.00

(Private candidates will be charged 50% more from the above listed fees)

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The application form also could be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk Candidates are required to pay Rs. 3,000.00 application fee, Rs. 6000.00 the registration fee and Rs. 29,500.00 for the examination entry fee for the written component in the first instance. Those who qualify to proceed for the rest of the examination, ie. Clinical and Oral components will have to pay the balance examination fee of Rs. 29,500.00.

18. The applications should reach the Assistant Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Professor Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha on or before **8th February, 2020**. The envelope should be marked "**Application for the MD (Medicine) Examination**" at the top left hand corner. **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 – www.health.gov.lk.

20. There shall be no repeat or additional examinations which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2020.

21. **The results will be valid and official after confirmation of the Senate of the University.**

22. 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.

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

24. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website (<http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk>) for further updates.



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- c.c. 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 Medicine.
5. Secretary, College of Physicians of Sri Lanka.
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7. PGIM Library