

My No. PGIM/EX/7/MD/Derm (19)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
160, Prof Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha,  
Colombo 7.  
13<sup>th</sup> 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 Jayewardenepura,

**MD (DERMATOLOGY) EXAMINATION – JANUARY, 2020**

1. The above examination will commence on **20<sup>th</sup> January, 2020**. 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) Candidate must successfully complete the assessment I
  - (b) Candidate must successfully complete the assessment II
  - (c) Candidate must successfully complete one year period of training in Advanced and Applied Dermatology.
  - (d) Satisfactory progress reports from the trainers.
  - (e) Should have completed Professionalism and Ethics in Medical Practice Strand – **(certificate to be submitted along with the application.)**
3. The MD (Dermatology examination shall consist of Four components. ie **Written component** (Paper I (Long Questions) Paper II (Structured Questions) **OSCE, Clinical Component** (Long Case, Short Cases) and **Viva Voce**
4. In order to pass the MD examination, a candidate should obtain 60% or more from the final total mark and 60% or more for written examination and 60% or more for Objective Structured Clinical Examination and 60% or more for the clinical examination. In the event a candidate obtains 60% or more for the written examination and fails the clinical components (OSCE and Clinical Cases) he or she can be exempted from the theory paper for a maximum number of two more attempts or for a maximum period of two years whichever occurs earlier from the date of commencement of the examination where the candidate passed 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 viva components of the examination before the closing date of applications. Candidates who opt for the clinical and viva need to pay the application fee Rs. 3,000/- , registration fee of Rs. 6,000/-and Rs. 29,500.00/-as the examination fees.
5. Past question papers are available for sale in the PGIM Library.
7. Candidates who are eligible to sit for the MD Part II 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 examination will be counted as an attempt.

8. 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 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 MD (Dermatology) Selection/ Part I examinations before 1998.
9. The allocation of post MD training units will be done as described in “General Regulations 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
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. There should be no delay in submitting the dissertation or research report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. If there is a delay, the Board Certification will be delayed accordingly.
13. 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.
14. The candidates who shall commence the Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011 should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.
15. 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.
16. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows :-
  - (a) Registration fee - Rs. 6,000/= (non refundable)
  - (b) Examination fees - Rs. 59,000/=
  - (c) Application Fee - Rs. 3,000.00 (Non refundable)(Candidates from non state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)

**Only online payments through the PGIM Online portal will be accepted.**

17. Application form can download from our website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk).

18. Completed applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department, confirming that the applicants if selected would be released for postgraduate training in the PGIM. The applications should reach the Senior Assistant Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Prof Nandadasa Kodagoda Mw, Colombo 7 on or before **20<sup>th</sup> December 2019**. **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.
20. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
21. There shall be no repeat or additional examinations which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2020.
22. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
23. 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 behavior, 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.
24. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website ([www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.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 Dermatology  
5. Hony. Secretary, Sri Lanka College of Dermatologists.  
6. Hony. Secretary, GMOA.  
7. PGIM Branch Library, Peradeniya.