

My No. PGIM/EX/8/MD/TM ('16)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine
160, Norris Canal Road
Colombo 7
15 February 2016

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 (TRANSFUSION MEDICINE) EXAMINATION– APRIL, 2016

1. The above examination will commence on **04 April 2016**. The examination will be held in Colombo.
2. Applications are invited from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination:
 - (a) possess the Postgraduate Diploma in Transfusion Medicine certificate obtained from the PGIM ;
 - (b) a report of for satisfactory completion of the 2 - year in-service training in MD with 80% attendance under a Consultant in a centre approved by the Board of Study, PGIM;
 - (c) satisfactory completion and acceptance of the dissertation;

Note:- Candidates are required to submit a certificate from the Trainer/ Supervisor certifying the satisfactory completion of the training programme.

3. The examination shall consist of three components, ie-

a) **Theory Papers**

Paper I – 3 hr Paper covering the following fields

- Basic Sciences
- Immunohaematology

Paper II – 3 hr Paper covering the following fields

- Blood Centre Operations
- Clinical Transfusions/Rec.Adv.

b) **Practical**

- Clinical Case Discussion (Paper work) – 3 hrs
- Haematology Exercises related to transfusion – 3 hrs
- IH Exercise – Red Cell Serology exercise – 3 hrs

c) **Viva Voce** – Duration 20 minutes

4. A candidate has to obtain a minimum mark of 50% for each component (i.e. Theory, Practical & Viva) **and** 50% for each of the above sub-components of Theory & Practical (i.e. Paper I & Paper II and Hematology Exercises, Clinical Case Discussion and IH Exercise) **and** 50% (i.e. 300 marks) of the total aggregate to pass the examination

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5. Past question papers are available for sale in the PGIM Library.
6. Candidates who are eligible to sit the MD 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 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.
8. The allocation of Post MD training units will be done as described in “General Regulation and Guidelines – 2016 and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. The allocated training units shall not be changed for personal reasons.
9. The candidates should commence the overseas training within five years after passing the MD Examination and if not the date of Board Certification will be delayed.
10. 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
11. 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.
12. The candidates who shall commence the Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after January 2010 should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.
13. 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.
14. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows:-

(a) Registration fee	-	Rs. 4,000/- (Non Refundable)
(b) Examination fee	-	Rs.44,000/-

(candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)
15. 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 www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk on payment of Rs. 1000/-.
16. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of the Department. The envelope should be marked “**Application for MD Transfusion Medicine**” at the top left hand corner. The applications should reach the Assistant Registrar/ Examinations, PGIM. No. 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **08 March 2016. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

17. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health website - <http://www.health.gov.lk/en/>
18. Please bring the contents of the Circular to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
19. There shall be **no repeat or additional examinations** which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2016.
20. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
21. 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 H. Janaka de Silva
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