Circular Letter No. 20 /2020

My No. PGIM/EX/3/MD/A/2 (20/1) Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo 7. 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020

To: Director/NHSL,

Directors of Teaching/General Hospitals,
Regional Directors of Health Services,
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya/ Rajarata/
Sri Jayewardenepura/EUSL/KDU.

## MD (ANAESTHESIOLOGY) FINAL EXAMINATION – FEBRUARY/MARCH 2020

The above examination will commence on **27**<sup>th</sup> **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) Passed the MD (Anaesthesiology) Part IA and MD(Anaesthesiology) Part IB (Basic Sciences) examinations;
  - (b) Satisfactory completion of the 2 ½ years full time clinical training programme as prescribed prospectus 2009.

and

(c) Should have completed Professionalism and Ethics in Medical Practice Strand- (certificate to be submitted along with the application.)

Note:-

- (a) Candidates possessing recognized foreign specialist qualification/should make a formal application with documentations in order to be considered for exemption from the Parts IA and 1B and the Clinical training period, to sit the Final examination. Certified copies of the clinical appointments completed as prescribed in the regulations and the certified copies of primary/final examination certificates must be forwarded for scrutiny by the Board of Study.
- (b) Only those whose Case Books have been already accepted and approved by the Board of Study would be eligible to sit the Final examination. Case Books should have been submitted at least 6 months before the examination.

- 3. To be eligible for enrolment to the Stages IV and V training programme applicants should pass the MD (Anaesthesiology) Final examination. The current format of the MD (Anaesthesiology) final examination is described in the Prospectus 2009.
- 4. The MD (Anaesthesiology) examination shall consist of five components. ie Essay Paper, Short Answer Question Paper, Viva I, Viva 2 and Clinicals.
- 5. In order to pass the examination a candidate must obtain a minimum closed mark of 3, 3, 3, 3 in each of the above five separate components of the examination.
- 6. The following special training will be offered to the candidates who pass the MD final examination. Cardio-thoracic Anaesthesia (3 slots), Neuro Anaesthesia (3 slots), Paediatrics Anaesthesia (3 slots), Obstetrics Anaesthesia (3 slots), Intensive Care (10 slots) Transplant Anaesthesia and Intensive Care (3 slots), Pain Management (1 slot). The details of above special training programmes are available in MD (Anaesthesiology) Prospectus- 2009. The selection will be based on merit.
- 7 Training leading to Board certification in Critical Care (4 slots) will be offered to candidates who pass the MD final examination and who may wish to do so. The details of the above programme is available in Prospectus Board Certification in Critical Care-2013. The selection will be based on merit.
- 8. Past question papers are available for sale in the PGIM Library.
- Candidates who are eligible to sit the MD final 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.
- 10. Please note that candidates are allowed only 6 attempts at the final examination which must be made 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 (Anaesthesiology) Part IB examination before 1998.
- 11. The allocation of training units will be done as described in "General Regulation & Guidelines 2020" which is available on PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk The allocated training unit/s 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.
- 13. 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.

- 14. 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.
- 15. 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.
- 16. The candidates who shall commence the pre MD (Registrar) or 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.
- 17. 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.
- 18. 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) Case book Ass. Fee

- Rs. 3,000/= (non refundable)

(d) Application fee - Rs. 3,000/= (non refundable)

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

- 19. The application form can be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk
- 20. Applications with every cage duly filled should be forwarded through the Head of Department confirming that the applicant if selected would be released for Postgraduate training in the PGIM. The applications should reach the Asst. Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo 7 on or before 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.
- 21 Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in MOH website.
- 22. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
- 23. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.

- 24. 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.
- 25. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website (www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) for further updates.

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- 2. SAR Academic
- 3. Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare.
- 4. Director General of Health Services.
- 5. Registrar, Sri Lanka Medical Council
- 6. Secretary of Board of Study in Anaesthesiology.
- 7. Hony. Secretary, Sri Lanka College of Anaesthesiologists.
- 8. Hony. Secretary, GMOA.
- 9. PGIM Library
- 10. PGIM Branch Library, Peradeniya