

**Circular Letter No. 23/2020**

My No. PGIM/EX/10/MD/HI (20)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
160, Professor Nandadasa Kodagoda Mw,  
Colombo 7.  
20<sup>th</sup> February 2020

To : Director/NHSL,  
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,  
Director/Eye Hospital, Colombo.  
Heads of Eye Units, General/Teaching Hospitals,  
Kandy/Peradeniya/Jaffna/Galle

**MD (HEALTH INFORMATICS) EXAMINATION – APRIL 2020**

1. The above examination will commence on **02.04.2020**.
2. Applications are invited by me from Medical Officers/Dental Surgeon possessing the following requirements as specified in the Prospectus to sit the above examination :-
  - (a) Satisfactory progress in assigned local training
  - (b) Obtaining more than 50 marks for the Portfolio assessment
  - (c) Satisfactory completion of 80% attendance in each assigned local training appointments
  - (d) Certification by supervisors in all training units to which the trainee was attached that he/she has successfully completed training
  - (e) Should submit a completed thesis
  - (f) Candidates are required to submit Professionalism & Ethics in Medical Practice Strand Certificate issued by the PGIM along with the application.

**Note :** candidates are required to submit a soft copy and three hard copies of the Thesis in loose bound form in the first instance on or before 28.02.2020 as specified in the Prospectus. The thesis will undergo a plagiarism check by the PGIM. No extension of time will be allowed under any circumstances.

3. The examination consist of 3 components as follows: -
  - I. Written paper – 04 Essay questions to be answered in 3 hours
  - II. Viva voce examination based on the thesis
  - III. Viva voce examination based on the portfolio (Candidates who have scored more than 50 for portfolio assessment will be eligible to sit the examination)

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4. In order to pass the MD Examination a candidate should obtain 50% (200 marks out of 400) or more for the *written examination*, 50% (200 marks out of 400) or more for the *viva voce examination based on thesis and* 50% (100 marks out of 200) or more for the *viva voce examination based on the portfolio*. The overall pass mark will be 50% (500 marks out of 1000)
5. 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 examination will be counted as an attempt.
6. Please note that candidates are allowed a maximum of six (6) attempts (including attempts at one or more exam components) 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 in a different training centre before being permitted to sit the sixth attempt.
7. The allocation of post MD training units will be done as described in “General Regulations & Guidelines– 2020” and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. **The allocated training units shall not be changed for personal reasons.**
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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 sub specialties and the information is available in the prospectus.
11. 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.
12. Following the completion of prescribed requirements for Board Certification including overseas training the prospective trainee should apply 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.
13. The prescribed fees for the examinations are as follows:

(a) Application fee	- Rs. 3,000.00	(non refundable)
(b) Registration fee	- Rs. 6,000.00	(non refundable)
(c) Assessment fee	- Rs. 26,500.00	(non refundable)
(d) Examination fee	- Rs. 59,000.00	

***(Only online payments through the PGIM online portal will be accepted by the PGIM)***  
(Private candidates will be charged 50% more on each fee of the PGIM)

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14. The application form can be downloaded from the website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk>.
15. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department. The applications should reach the Senior Assistant Registrar/ Examinations, PGIM. No. 160, Professor Nandadasa Kodagoda Mw, Colombo 7 **on or before 06.03.2020**. The envelope should be marked "**MD (Health Informatics) Examination**" at the top left hand corner **incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances**.
16. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
17. There shall be no repeat or additional examinations which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar.
18. Please refer to 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/>
19. The results will be valid and official only after they are approved by the **Senate of the University of Colombo**.
20. 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.
21. 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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4. Commanders of Armed Forces  
5. Registrar, Sri Lanka Medical Council.  
6. Secretary of Specialty Board in Biomedical Informatics  
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