Circular Letter No. 24 / 2020

My No. PGIM/EX/7/MSc/MedToxi(20)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Prof Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha,
Colombo 7.
4th March 2020

To: Director/NHSL, Colombo,
Directors/MSS of Teaching/General Hospitals,
Regional Directors of Health Services,
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences
University of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffn,/Ruhuna/Kelaniya/Sri Jayawardenapura

MSc IN MEDICAL TOXICOLOGY (PART - 1) EXAMINATION – MAY 2020

1. The above examination will commence on 26th May 2020.

2. Applications are invited from Medical Officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination

   a. A candidate should obtain a minimum of 80% participation for online discussion forums of core modules.

   b. A candidate who is deemed ineligible to sit the Part 1 Examination due to less than 80% participation in online discussion forums would have to submit one or more assignment(s) designated by the Specialty Board and obtain “Pass” grade(s) (50 marks or more for each assignment) in order to be considered as eligible for sitting the exam.

3. The first year assessment comprises of two components:

   (a) Continuous Assessment of the Core Modules (50% of the final mark)
       i. Discussion Forums (50/150 of the Continuous Assessment)
       ii. Mid Module Assignments (50/150 of the Continuous Assessment)
       iii. End Module Assignments (50/150 of the Continuous Assessment)

   (b) Part 1 Examination (50% of the final mark)
       • Multiple Choice Questions Paper (2 ½ hours duration)
         > 30 Single Best Answer Questions
         > 30 True/False Type Questions

   The Part 1 Examination will consist of a Multiple-Choice Question Paper, based on 4 core modules. This can be attempted in any PGIM - approved center, one of which will be in Colombo.

4. In order to pass the First Year Assessment, a candidate should obtain,
   1. 50% or more for the continuous assessments and
   2. 50% or more for the Part 1 Examination

5. Candidates who are eligible to sit the MSc 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 schedule examination or subsequent schedule examinations for reason not acceptable to the Board of Study, the examinations will be considered as attempts.

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6. Please note that candidates are allowed only 6 attempts at the Msc Part I 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 being permitted to sit the sixth attempt.

7. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows :-

   I. Registration Fee - Rs. 6,000.00 (Non refundable)
   II. Application Fee - Rs. 2,500.00 (Non refundable)
   III. Examination Fee - Rs. 34,500.00 (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

8. The Application form can be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/.

9. The applications with every cage duly filled should be forwarded to the Assistant Registrar/Examinations, PGIM, 160, Prof Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo 7 on or before 20th April 2020 through the Head of Department/Course Coordinator. Late applications will not be considered under any circumstances. The envelope should be marked “Application for MSc in Medical Toxicology (Part I) Examination 2020 (Prospectus – 2016)” at the top left hand corner.

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

11. There shall be no repeat or additional examinations which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar.

12. The results to be valid and official only after they are approved by the Senate of the University of Colombo.

13. 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.

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

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Director, PGIM

C.c. 1. Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition.
2. Director General of Health Services.
3. Deputy Director General of Health Services/Dental Services.
4. Registrar, Sri Lanka Medical Council.
5. Secretary of Specialty Board in Medical Toxicology