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Postgraduate Institute of Medicine  
160, Norris Canal Road  
Colombo 7  
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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,

**POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN HISTOPATHOLOGY EXAMINATION– JUNE 2016**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **06 June 2016**. 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) have passed the Course in Basic Laboratory Sciences (CBLs) Examination;
  - (b) have satisfactorily completed the 2 year training period in Histopathology at a training center approved by the Board of Study in Pathology;
  - (c) a minimum of 80% attendance during the training period; and
  - (d) Submission of a record book confirming the satisfactory completion of the training programme in each module certified by the Supervisor/Co-ordinator and Tutor of the respective Training Centres with the application.
3. The examination consists of 02 components as follows :
  - (a) **Theory**

Each theory paper I & II shall consist of 4 questions.  
One of the 4 questions will be a Structured Essay Question.  
Each paper is to be answered within 3 hours. Candidates should answer all questions.
  - (b) **Practical**
    1. Surgical Pathology - 20 slides.Duration 3 hours.
    2. Cytology (8) and Special Stains (2) - 10 Slides.Duration 2 hours

4. A close marking system is used. For each question in the two theory papers and each slide / case in the surgical pathology and cytology / special stain practicals one of the following grades will be given.

- M - Merit
- P - Pass
- B - Borderline
- F - Fail

5. To pass the examination each candidate must obtain –

- i. a minimum of **Five M or P grades** and **two B grades** for the two theory papers (A candidate can afford to fail in only one question)  
**and ;**
- ii. a minimum of **15 M or P grades** for the Surgical Pathology and Cytology/Special stain components taken together (30 slides/cases)

To make the merit order a score will be given to each grade. (4 for M, 3 for P, 2 for B and 1 for attempted but fail)

6. Past question papers are available for sale in the PGIM Library.

7. Candidates who are eligible to sit the Postgraduate Diploma 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.

8. Please note that **candidates are allowed 6 attempts only in the Postgraduate Diploma 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.

9. The prescribed fees for the examination shall be as follows:

- a) Registration fee - Rs. 4,000.00 (non refundable)
- b) Examination fees - Rs.26,000.00

10. 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 <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/> on payment of Rs. 1000/-.

11. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of the Department. The applications should reach the Assistant Registrar/ Examinations, PGIM. No. 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **06 May 2016**. The envelope should be marked **“Application for Postgraduate Diploma in Histopathology Examination”** at the top left hand corner. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

12. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health website – [www.health.gov.lk/](http://www.health.gov.lk/)
13. Please bring the contents of the Circular to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
14. There shall be **no repeat or additional examinations** which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar year 2016.
15. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
16. 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 Senaka Rajapakse  
Deputy Director / PGIM

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