

**Circular Letter No. 37 / 2017**

My No. PGIM/EX/8/PD/Cli.Haem ('17)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine  
160, Norris Canal Road  
Colombo 7  
17 April 2017

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 CLINICAL HAEMATOLOGY EXAMINATION**  
**(2008 PROSPECTUS) – JUNE / JULY 2017**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **Thursday, 15 June - Written Papers and Monday, 03 July 2017 - Practicals**. The examination will be held in Colombo.

2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following minimum 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 Clinical Haematology 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. Candidates are also informed that **only those who qualify in the theory component are allowed to proceed for the Practical Component, which is scheduled to be held two to four weeks after the written papers.** All candidates will be informed in writing of their performance in the written component whether they are permitted or not, to proceed for the rest of the examination.

4. The examination consists of 02 components as follows;

(a) **Theory**

Paper I - Essay Type Questions with a choice of 04 out of 05 to be answered. Duration - 3 hours.

Paper II -Structured Type Questions with a choice of 06 out of 07 to be answered. Duration - 3 hours

Candidates who obtain a minimum of **50% marks** and above will be called for Practical Examination.

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(b) **Practical:**

Transfusion - One - problem based wet practical and short questions. Duration - 3 hours

Coagulation - One - Wet Practical and Data Interpretation.  
Duration - 3 hours

Morphology - 15 to 20 short cases. Duration - 3 hours

Long Case - 06 to 08 cases - Morphology and Data Interpretation.  
Duration - 3 hours

(c) **Viva Voce:**

Duration - 30 minutes. 15 minutes each with two Panels.

5. To pass the examination each candidate must obtain a **minimum of 45% for each sub component of the Practical examination and overall total pass mark of 50%** and above.

6. **Candidates should sit for both theory and practical components of the examination. However in the case of candidates failing the practical component, they will be allowed to sit for the practical component alone at the next exam to complete the examination. But it has to be completed in two consecutive attempts. Candidates who opt for the practicals need to pay the registration fee Rs. 5,000/- and Rs. 10,000/- the examination fee.**

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

8. 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.

9. 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.

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

a) Application fee	-	Rs. 2,000.00 (non refundable)
a) Registration fee	-	Rs. 5,000.00 (non refundable)
b) Examination fees	-	Rs.30,000.00

**Only online payment through the PGIM online portal will be accepted.**

At the first instance candidates are required to pay Rs.5,000/-, (the registration fee) and Rs.20,000/- the entry fee for the written component. Those who qualify to proceed for the rest of the examination, i.e. the Practical component will have to pay the balance Examination fee of Rs.10,000/-.

11. The application form can be downloaded from the website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) on payment of Rs. 2000/-. The envelope should be marked “**Application for Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Haematology Examination (2008 Prospectus)**” at the top left hand corner. 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 **09 May 2017. 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 2017.
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

Dr. Himani Molligoda  
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