

Circular Letter No.44/2016

My No. PGIM/EX/10/PgD/Ven(16)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Norris Canal Road,
Colombo 7.
22nd March 2016

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 Jayawardenepura

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN VENEREOLOGY EXAMINATION - JUNE 2016

1. The above examination will commence on **Tuesday 07th June 2016**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.
 - (a) Completion of Postgraduate Diploma in Venereology training course with at least 80% attendance in lectures and in-service clinical training appointments.
 - (b) Obtain satisfactory progress reports from assigned trainers for in service training (MOH and clinical)
 - (c) Please note that candidates are required to submit the Case Books on three Case Studies in consultation with Consultant Venereologist during their training on or before **18th April 2016** with the assessment fee of Rs.2, 000.00. **No extension of time will be allowed under any circumstances. A soft copy & Two hard copies** of the case book should be submitted in loose bound form in the first instance to enable the candidate to attend to any corrections and other deficiencies. The case book will undergo a plagiarism check by the PGIM. **Satisfactory completion of the case studies and acceptance of same by the Board of Study is a pre-requisite to sit the Postgraduate Diploma in Venereology examination.**
3. The examination consist of three parts,
 - i. Written Papers -
 - Paper I – Essay Type Questions (3 hours)
 - Paper II – Short Answer Questions (3 hours)
 - ii. Clinical - Two cases(45 minutes/case)
 - iii. OSPE - 20 Stations (2 hours)

4. In order to pass the exam a candidate should obtain 50% or more of the total 1000 marks, 50% or more for written, 50% or more for clinical cases and 50% or more OSPE
5. Past question papers are available for sale in the PGIM Library.
6. Candidates who are eligible to sit the Postgraduate Diploma examinations 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 examination for reasons not acceptable to the Board of Study the examination will be counted as an attempt.
7. Please note that **candidates are allowed 6 attempts only in the Postgraduate Diploma Examination which must be made 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 permitted the sixth attempt.
8. 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
(c) Case Book Assessment fee	- Rs. 2,000.00

(Private candidates will be charged 50% more on each fee of the PGIM)
9. 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/-..
10. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department. The applications should reach the Assistant Registrar/ Examinations, PGIM. No. 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 **on or before 23rd May 2016.** The envelope should be marked "Application for Postgraduate Diploma in Venereology Examination" at the top left hand corner **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
11. Please refer the new regulations laid down by the Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health web site – www.health.gov.lk
12. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
13. **There shall be no repeat or additional examinations which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2016.**
14. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University

15. 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 H Janaka de Silva
Director, PGIM

- c.c. 1. Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition
2. Director General of Health Services.
3. DDGHS/Ministry of Healthcae & Nutrition
4. Registrar, Sri Lanka Medical Council.
5. Secretary of Board of Study in Community Medicine/Venereology.
6. Hony. Secretary, GMOA.
7. National STD/AIDS Control Programme, Central VD Clinic.
8. Director, FHB
9. Director, Health Education Bureau
10. Director, Anti Malaria Campaign
11. Director, National Blood Transfusion Service