

My No. PGIM/EX/8/MD/Cli.Haem ('19)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine  
160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha,  
Colombo 7  
20<sup>th</sup> June 2019

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,

**MD CLINICAL HAEMATOLOGY EXAMINATION – SEPTEMBER 2019**

1. The above examination will commence on **Monday, 02 September 2019**. 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) At least 80% attendance in the period of in-service training in each of the specified clinical training rotations.
  - (b) Submitted the completed portfolio documenting the training during the Postgraduate Diploma & MD training period.
  - (c) Satisfactory progress reports.
  - (d) Satisfactory peer team rating reports.
  - (e) Submission of **Professionalism and Ethics in Medical Practice Strand Certificate issued by the PGIM along with the application.**
3. The examination components as follows;
  - (a) **Theory Component** – two essay papers (Each paper will have 5 questions, out of which 4 questions must be answered in 3hrs)
  - (b) **Practical Component** -
    - OSPE: 10-15 stations in 2.5 hrs. All questions to be answered.
    - Two Clinical Cases – (at least one will be haemato oncology) 1.5 hrs
    - Data Interpretation with case discussions including morphology – 3 hrs
    - Coagulation and transfusion data interpretation – 3 hrs
  - (c) **Viva Voce Component**- 40 minutes - 20 minutes each by two panels
4. The candidates should obtain minimum marks as follows to be successful at the examination
  - **A minimum of 50% overall for the entire examination**
  - AND**
  - **A minimum of 50% for the theory component (Essay Papers)**
  - AND**
  - **An overall 50% for the entire practical component and minimum of 45% marks for each of the four sub components of the practical examination.**

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 examinations will be counted as attempts.
6. Please note that **candidates are allowed only 6 attempts at MD 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 the sixth attempt.
7. The allocation of Post MD training units will be done as described in “General Regulation and Guidelines – 2019” which is available on the PGIM website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) 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 specialties and the information is available in the prospectus.
11. The candidates who shall commence the Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after August 2011 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 applies 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 examination shall be as follows:
 

a) Application fee	-	Rs. 3,000.00 (non refundable)
b) Registration fee	-	Rs. 6,000.00 (non refundable)
c) Examination fees	-	Rs. 59,000.00

**Only online payment through the PGIM online portal will be accepted by the PGIM.**  
 (candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)

14. The Application form can be download from our website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk).
15. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of the Department to reach the Assistant Registrar/ Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, No. 160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo 7 on or before **03<sup>rd</sup> August 2019.** **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
16. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in MOH website – [www.health.gov.lk/](http://www.health.gov.lk/)

17. Please bring the contents of the Circular to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
18. There shall be **no repeat or additional examinations** which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2019.
19. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
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 updated details.



Professor Senaka Rajapakse  
Acting Director / PGIM

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