

Circular Letter No. 94... /2019

My No. PGIM/EX/10/MD/Oph (19)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Professor Nandadasa Kodagoda Mw,
Colombo 7.
06th August 2019

To : Director/NHSL,
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,
Director/Eye Hospital, Colombo.
Heads of Eye Units, General/Teaching Hospitals,
Kandy/Peradeniya/Jaffna/Galle

MD (OPHTHALMOLOGY) EXAMINATION – OCTOBER 2019

1. The above examination will commence on **Monday, 21st October 2019.**
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.
 - (a) Successful completion of the 2 years Registrar training period of clinical appointments in Ophthalmology in an approved institution after successful completion of Ophthalmic Basic Sciences examination.
 - (b) Successful completion of MD (Ophthalmology) Optics & Refraction examination.
 - (c) Satisfactory progress reports acceptable to the BOS
 - (d) Satisfactory Peer Team Ratings acceptable to the BOS
 - (e) A duly completed Pre MD training Portfolio which is accepted by the BOS
 - (f) Successful completion of Continuous Assessments.
 - (g) Successful completion of Professionalism & Ethics in Medical Practice Strand conducted by the PGIM. (Certificate should be attached along with the application)
3. The examination consist of 3 sections as follows: -
 - I. Theory – this section consists of 2 components
 - i. MCQ Paper – 2 hours
 - ii. Structured Essay Questions – 3 hours
 - II. Clinicals in Ophthalmology - this section consists of 2 components
 - i. Clinicals in Anterior Segment – 30 minutes
 - ii. Clinicals in Posterior Segment – 30 minutes

- III. Clinico – Orals - this section consists of 3 components
- i. Clinicals in Neurology & Medicine in relation to Ophthalmology – 30 minutes
 - ii. Viva voce examination – Ophthalmic Medicine/Ophthalmic Surgery – 20 minutes
 - iii. This section consists of 2 sub components
 - a. Viva voce examination – Basic Sciences in relation to Ophthalmology– 20 minutes
 - b. Viva voce examination – Ophthalmic Pathology – 20 minutes

Candidates shall refer to the relevant prospectus for details and marking scheme of the examination.

4. When a trainee is unsuccessful at one of the prerequisites/module examinations/assessments during Pre MD training, and it is therefore not be eligible to sit for the next MD Examination, the said MD Examination shall be counted as an attempt.
5. Past question papers, other than the MCQ Papers, are available for sale in the PGIM Library or can be downloaded from our website. (www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk)
6. 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.
7. Please note that candidates are allowed only 6 attempts at the MD examination which must be completed within a period of 8 years from the date of first examination. These requirements 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 in a different training centre before being permitted to sit the sixth attempt.
8. The allocation of post MD training units will be done as described in “General Regulations & Guidelines– 2019” and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. **The allocated training units shall not be changed for personal reasons.**
9. 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.
10. 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.

11. 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 sub specialties and the information is available in the prospectus.
12. The candidates who shall commence the Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after January 2010 should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.
13. Following the completion of prescribed requirements for Board Certification including overseas training the prospective trainee should apply 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.
14. The prescribed fees for the examinations are as follows:

(a) Application fee	- Rs. 3,000.00	(non refundable)
(b) Registration fee	- Rs. 6,000.00	(non refundable)
(c) Examination fee	- Rs. 29,500.00	

(Only online payments through the PGIM online portal will be accepted by the PGIM)

(Private candidates will be charged 50% more on each fee of the PGIM)

15. The application form can be downloaded from the website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk>.
16. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department. The applications should reach the Senior Assistant Registrar/Examinations, PGIM. No. 160, Professor Nandadasa Kodagoda Mw, Colombo 7 **on or before 27th September 2019**. The envelope should be marked “**MD Ophthalmology Examination**” at the top left hand corner **incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances**.
17. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter 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. Please refer to the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health website – <http://www.health.gov.lk/en/>
20. The results will be valid and official only after they are approved by the **Senate of the University of Colombo**.

21. 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.
22. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website for further updates.

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Director, PGIM

- c.c. 1. Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition.
2. Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition.
3. Registrar, Sri Lanka Medical Council
4. Secretary, Board of Study in Ophthalmology.
5. Secretary, College of Ophthalmologists of Sri Lanka.
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