

**Circular Letter No. 96/2016**

My No. PGIM/EX/4/MD/For.Med (16)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
160, Norris Canal Road,  
Colombo 7.  
26<sup>th</sup> September 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 Jayewardenepura,

**MD (FORENSIC MEDICINE) EXAMINATION – DECEMBER 2016**

1. The above examination will commence on **28<sup>th</sup> November 2016**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination:
  - (a) Have passed the DLM examination conducted by the PGIM or an equivalent postgraduate medical degree and training in Forensic Medicine acceptable by the Board of Study and approved by the Board of Management.
  - (b) Have successfully completed 2 years in-service training of which one year should have been in a Department of Forensic Medicine of a University and one year in a JMO's office approved by the Board of Study after obtaining the qualification at (a) above.
  - (c) Candidates to be eligible for enrollment for the examination must submit a case book comprising of 10 cases of which 4 cases should be in Clinical Forensic Medicine and 6 cases in Forensic Pathology. Only those candidates whose Case Books have been accepted and approved will be permitted to attempt the examination.
  - (d) At the end of the training period, the trainee shall obtain a certificate of satisfactory completion of the training from each of the trainers which is a pre-requisite to sit the examination.
  - (e) The trainee shall maintain a Log book provided by the PGIM, which must be submitted along with the application to sit the MD examination.
3. The examination will consist of,
  - (a) Written Paper I & Paper II
  - (b) Autopsy
  - (c) Clinicals(Long & Short Cases)
  - (d) Production
  - (e) Histopathology
  - (f) Viva Voce

A candidate must obtain a minimum of 50% in each of the above components to be successful at the examination.

4. Past question papers are available for sale in the PGIM Library.
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 examination will be counted as an attempt.
6. Please note that **candidates are allowed only 6 attempts at the MD examination 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.
7. The allocation of Post MD training units will be done as described in “General Regulations and Guidelines – 2016” and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. 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. 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. 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 the 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. The prescribed fees for the examination shall be as follows:-
  - (a) Registration fee - Rs. 4,000.00 (Non Refundable)
  - (b) Examination fee - Rs. 44,000.00
  - (c) Assessment fee for the Case  
**Record Book** - Rs. 2,000.00

15. Eligible candidates should obtain the prescribed application forms from the Examinations Branch, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine on payment of Rs. 1000/- or can be downloaded from our website [www.cmb.ac.lk/pgim](http://www.cmb.ac.lk/pgim) on payment of Rs. 1000/-.
16. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department, to the Asst. Registrar/ Examinations, PGIM. No. 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **05<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
17. 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)
18. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
19. There shall be **no repeat or additional examinations** which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2016.
20. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the **Senate of the University of Colombo.**
21. 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.**



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1. Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition
  2. Director General of Health Services.
  3. Registrar, Sri Lanka Medical Council.
  4. Secretary of Board of Study in Forensic Medicine
  5. Secretary, Medico Legal Society of Sri Lanka
  6. Hony. Secretary, GMOA.
  7. PGIM Library
  8. PGIM Branch Library, Peradeniya.

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