

My No. PGIM/EX/8/PD/Cli.Haem ('20)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine  
160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha,  
Colombo 7  
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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**  
**- JUNE / JULY 2020**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **Tuesday, 23 June 2020 - Written Papers and Monday, 13 July 2020 - Practicals**. The examination will be held in Colombo.

**\* The date given in the circular will subject to change due to the current covid 19 situation of the country. You will be given 2weeks time with the notification of actual date of the examination once the normalcy of the country is restored.**

2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.

Trainees must have at least 80% attendance during

(a) each of the 5 components of the period of in-service training (general haematology, paediatric haematology, haemato oncology, blood transfusion and haemostasis and thrombosis) AND

(b) the seminars conducted during the period of in-service training

3. Candidates are also informed that **only those who qualify in the theory component are allowed to proceed for the Practical Component**. 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 Component**

Theory Paper I – The essay question paper - 5 questions out of which 4 questions must be answered in 3 hours. All questions shall carry equal marks

Theory Paper II – The Structured essay question paper – 7 questions out of which 6 must be answered within 3 hours. All questions shall carry equal marks.

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

(b) **Practical Component :**

Transfusion - One - problem based wet practical and 04 to 06 short questions.

Duration - 3 hours

Coagulation - One problem based wet practical and 04 to 06 data interpretation questions. Duration – 3 hours

Short Cases - 15 to 20 cases of morphology & special investigations. Duration - 3 hours

Long Case - 05 to 08 cases of morphology and data interpretation questions.

Duration – 3 hours

(c) **Viva Voce:**

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

To pass the Practical component of the examination the candidate should fulfill all following criteria.

- An overall 50% of the entire practical component.
- Minimum of 45% marks for each sub component of the practical examination (Transfusion, Coagulation, Short Cases & Long Case)
- Minimum of 50% should be obtained from the combined short and long cases.

5. To pass the examination each candidate must obtain a **minimum of 50% for entire examination & a minimum of 50% for the theory component & pass the practical component.**

6. **A candidate who has passed the theory component and failed to obtain the required 50% in the practical component will be allowed to sit the next subsequent practical examination and viva voce. In such cases the mark previously obtained at the theory component will be considered in the final computation of the marks. If such a candidate fails this attempt, he or she will be required to sit the entire examination at the next subsequent attempt. Candidates who opt for the practicals need to pay the application fee Rs. 2,500/- registration fee Rs. 6,000/- and Rs. 12,000/- the examination fee.**

7. Past question papers are available 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.**

10. Post-MD trainees should commence post-MD overseas training within two (02) years after the expected date of completing local post-MD training. Any delay will be added to the effective date of Board Certification.

11. Post-MD trainees who delay commencing overseas post-MD training by more than four (04) years after the expected date of completing local post-MD training will have their trainee status terminated.

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

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| a) Application fee  | - | Rs. 2,500.00 (non refundable) |
| a) Registration fee | - | Rs. 6,000.00 (non refundable) |
| b) Examination fees | - | Rs.34,500.00                  |

**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)

At the first instance candidates are required to pay Rs. 2,500/- (application fee) Rs.6,000/-, (the registration fee) and Rs.22,500/- 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.12,000/-.

13. The Application form could be downloaded from our website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk)

14. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of the Department to reach the Senior Assistant Registrar/ Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, No. 160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo 7 on or before **05 June 2020. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

**(Please send the advance copy of your exam application along with the payment slip to [exam@pgim.cmb.ac.lk](mailto:exam@pgim.cmb.ac.lk) on or before the deadline. You are permitted to send soft copies without the signatures of relevant authorities. However, you are required to send the duly completed application to be eligible to sit for the examination once the situation normalizes.)**

15. 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/)

16. Please bring the contents of the Circular to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.

17. There shall be **no repeat or additional examinations** which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar year 2020.

18. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.

19. 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 behavior, 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.

20. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) for further updated details.



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