

My No. PGIM/EX/6/MD/Ortho/S (18/1)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
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To: Director/NHSL,  
Directors 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/ Rajarata,

**MD (ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY) EXAMINATION –FEBRUARY 2018**

The above examination will commence on **26<sup>th</sup> February 2018**. The examination will be held in Colombo.

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

- (1) Passed the Selection Examination in (Surgery) or exempted from Selection Examination.
- (2) Completion of specific training programme to the satisfaction of the Board of Study in Orthopaedic Surgery.
- (3) Participation in a Basic Skill Course approved by the Board of Study
- (4) Participation in a recognized Fracture Management Course approved by the Board of Study
- (5) Obtain the required number of CME Points – As indicated at the beginning of training programme
- (6) Completed the required evaluations satisfactory – As indicated at the beginning of the training Programme
- (7) Performed the required number of Operations as indicated at the beginning of the training Programme
- (8) Done necessary number of Case Presentations and / or written specific number of case reports as indicated at the beginning of the training Programme
- (9) Any other requirements that are indicated at the beginning of the training Programme

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**Note:-**

Only those whose Case Books have been already accepted and approved by the Board of Study would be eligible to sit the final examination. Case Books should have been submitted at least 6 months before the examination.

3. The MD (Orthopaedic Surgery) examination shall consist of (1) two written Papers (Paper I and Paper II ) (2) Orals - Operative Surgery (3) Orals - Orthopaedic Principles and Basic Sciences (4) Clinicals (Long case and Short cases). The content areas from which the questions are based on is described in the Prospectus and relevant documents available at the PGIM.
4. The candidate will have to obtain a minimum mark of 9 in each component to pass the examination.
5. Past question papers are available for sale in the PGIM Library.
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 examination will be counted as an attempt.
7. 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 first examination.** This requirement will not apply to those candidates who have sat the MS (Surgery) Part I examination 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.
8. The allocation of Post MD training units will be done as described in "General Regulations and Guidelines -2018 which is available on the PGIM web site [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk). 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 a 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 specialties and the information is available in the prospectus.

