

**Circular Letter No. 85/2018**

My No. PGIM/EX/13/MD/Med/Viro (18)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
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To: Director/NHSL, Colombo,  
Directors/MS 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, EUSL/KDA  
Director/MRI,

**MD (MEDICAL VIROLOGY) EXAMINATION – NOVEMBER 2018**

1. The above examination will commence on **02<sup>nd</sup> November 2018**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the MD (Medical Virology) examination. Candidates must -
  - (a) Show at least 80% attendance in each of the following training components -
    - (i) Hospital Microbiology Laboratory appointments
    - (ii) Infection Control training workshop
    - (iii) Virology appointments at MRI
    - (iv) Each special appointment
    - (v) Completion of Research project and submission of the dissertation before a stipulated date
    - (vi) Tutorials in Medical Virology and Medical Microbiology
  - (b) Obtain a satisfactory progress report from each hospital laboratory trainer and from each laboratory trainer at MRI
  - (c) Submit 2 sets of Peer Team Rating forms.
  - (d) Submit a duly completed portfolio.
  - (e) Submit the dissertation.
3. The examination shall consist of three parts with six components, as set out below:  
**Part 1 - Theory with two components - Written Paper I and Paper II**  
**Part 2 - Practical with two components - Laboratory examination 1 and 2**  
**Part 3 - Oral with two components - Portfolio and Dissertation.**
4. To pass the MD in Virology Examination, a candidate is required to obtain the following:
  - (a) A total average of a minimum of **60%** or more for the entire examination;  
**AND**
  - (b) A minimum of 50% or more for the Practical part of the examination (Laboratory examinations 1 and 2);  
**AND**
  - (c) Obtain a minimum of 50% or more for the theory part of the examination (Written Papers I and II)

### Repeat attempts

5. A candidate who has obtained a total average of at least 60% for the examination but has failed the examination because he / she has not obtained the requisite minimum percentage either for the practical part (Components 3 and 4) or theory part (Components 1 and 2), shall be permitted to sit for that part alone. In such a case, the total mark for the repeat examination shall be calculated using the marks from the passed part of the previous examination, the oral examination of the dissertation and oral examination of the portfolio, along with marks obtained for the repeated part. A candidate shall be given this concession only for one repeat examination. In the event that a candidate does not pass the repeat examination, he / she shall have to sit for the entire examination again at the next occasion.
6. Candidates who are eligible to sit the MD 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 examination 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 Part II 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 Selection/Part I examinations before 1998. However after failing the fifth attempt the candidate should under 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 – 2018” 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 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.
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 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) Application fee	- Rs. 2000.00 (Non refundable)
(b) Registration fee	- Rs. 5,000.00 (Non refundable)
(c) Examination fees	- Rs. 51,000.00
(d) Dissertation assessment fee	- Rs. 5,000.00

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15. The application form also could be downloaded from our website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk). **Only online payment through the PGIM online portal will be accepted by the PGIM.**
16. Applications with every **case duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department, confirming that the applicant if selected would be released for postgraduate training in the PGIM. The applications should reach the Senior Assistant Registrar/Examinations, PGIM, 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7, on or before **02<sup>nd</sup> October, 2018. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
17. Past question papers are available for sale in the PGIM Library or can be downloaded from our website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk).
18. There shall be **no repeat or additional examinations** which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2018.
19. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
20. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
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 [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) for further updated details.

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- c.c. 1. Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition  
2. Director General of Health Services  
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