

**Circular Letter No. 046/2019**

My No. PGIM/EX/14/MD/OG  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
160, Norris Canal Road,  
Colombo 07.

30<sup>th</sup> April 2019

To: Director, NHSL, Colombo,  
Directors/MSS of Hospitals (GH/ TH),  
Regional Directors of Health Services,  
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,  
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/ Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya,  
Sri Jayewardenepura/Rajarata/EUSL/ KDU

**POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PALLIATIVE MEDICINE EXAMINATION**  
**JULY 2019**

1. The above examination will commence on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019. 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.
  - (a) Trainees are expected to show attendance of 80% or more in each of the clinical and the taught components.
  - (b) Trainees must obtain a 'satisfactory' grade for the clinical portfolio and the log book (attendance diary)

Note: (01) Candidates are required to submit a soft copy and two hard copies of the Portfolio on or before 03<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 as specified in the prospectus. The portfolio will undergo a plagiarism check by the PGIM. No extension of time will be allowed under any circumstances.

(02) Candidates are required to submit the log book on or before 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019 as specified in the prospectus. No extension of time will be allowed under and circumstances.

3. The examination will consist of 02 components as follows:

(1) Written Examination

MCQ Paper	SBA (20 Questions)	02 hours
	MTF (50 Questions)	
SEQ Paper	05 questions	02 hours

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(2) Clinical Examination

Clinical Viva

20 minutes

OSCE (20 stations) – 05 Live stations 10 minutes each and 15 Non-live stations 03 minutes each

4. A candidate who obtain 50% or more marks for each of the two components of the final assessment (Written & clinicals) will be considered successful at the examination and will be eligible for award of the Postgraduate Diploma in Palliative Medicine by the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo.
5. Candidates who are eligible to sit the 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.
6. A candidate who obtains less than 50% in either or both components of the final examination is considered a failed candidate. Such candidates shall repeat the failed components of the examination at the immediate next attempt. A candidate who fails to pass at this next attempt will be required to take both exam components at the 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt. A maximum of six attempts within eight years will be allowed for completion of the postgraduate diploma.
7. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows:-

(a) Registration fee	Rs. 6,000/= (Non Refundable)
(b) Examination fee	Rs. 34,500/=
(c) Application fee	Rs. 2,500/= (Non Refundable)
(c) Assessment fee	Rs. 6,000/= (Non Refundable)

(candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)

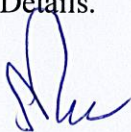
**Only online payments through the PGIM online portal will be accepted**

8. The application form can be downloaded from the website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk>
9. Complete applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department, confirming that the applicants if selected would be released for postgraduate training in the PGIM. The applications should reach the Asst. Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 07 on or before **20<sup>th</sup> June 2019**. The envelope should be marked **“Application for Postgraduate Diploma in Palliative Medicine Examination”** at the top left hand corner. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

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10. There shall be no repeat or additional examinations which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar.
11. 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)
12. The results will be valid and official only after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
13. 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 (e.g. 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.
14. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
15. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) for further Details.



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- Cc:
1. Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition
  2. Director General of Health Services.
  3. Registrar, Sri Lanka Medical Council.
  4. Secretary of Specialty Board in Palliative Medicine
  5. Hony. Secretary, GMOA.
  6. PGIM Branch Library, Peradeniya.