

**Circular Letter No. 92/2019**

My No. PGIM/EX/4/MD/FM (2019)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mw.,  
Colombo 7.  
03<sup>rd</sup> September, 2019

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 (FAMILY MEDICINE) EXAMINATION(BY CLINICAL TRAINING) – OCTOBER  
2019**

The above examination will commence on **01<sup>st</sup> October 2019**. The examination will be held in Colombo.

2. Applications are invited by me from Medical Officers possessing the following criteria in order to be eligible for the MD (Family Medicine) by Clinical training examination:-

- Satisfactory completion of the training programme (Stages 1,2 and 3 )
- Satisfactory progress reports (8 reports from 8 rotations) acceptable to the BOS
- Satisfactory peer Team Ratings acceptable to the BoS
- A duly completed Training Portfolio which is accepted and passed by the examiners
- Completed dissertation which is accepted and passed by the examiners
- Satisfactory professional conduct and attendance during the training period certified by the trainers
- Good health certified by a specialist approved by the PGIM
- Obtain a pass grade for Continuous Assessments as stipulated under section 12.1 of prospectus 2013.
- All eligibility criteria need to be fulfilled by the candidate before the date of closing applications for the MD examination.
- Successfully completion of Professionalism & Ethics in Medical Practice Strand conducted by the PGIM (certificate should be attached along with the application)

3. The examination shall consist of two components.

**1. Written Papers**

- SEQ – 06 questions to be answered in 3 hrs
- MCQ – 60 questions to be answered in 2 ½ hrs  
(40 true false type MCQs & 20 single best Answer type)

**2. Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) – 10 stations/10 minutes each**

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4. In order to pass the examination a candidate should obtain :-

Total mark of 636 or more out of 1060 (60% or more)

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50% (150 marks out of 300) or more for SEQ

AND

50 % (130 marks out of 260) or more for MCQ

AND

50% (250 marks out of 500) or more for OSCE

If a candidate fails the MD examination, the candidate will have to re-sit all components of the MD examination in the next attempt. Candidate shall refer to the relevant prospectus for details of the examination.

5. 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).

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 examinations will be counted as an attempt.

7. Please note that **candidates are allowed only 6 attempts at the MD examination which must be completed within a period of 8 years from the date of the first examination.** These requirements 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.

8. The allocation of Post MD training units will be done as described in "General Regulations & Guidelines – 2019 which is available on the PGIM website [www.cmb.ac.lk/pgim](http://www.cmb.ac.lk/pgim). 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 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 **01<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

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| (a) Application fee  | - Rs. 3,000.00 (Non Refundable) |
| (b) Registration fee | - Rs. 6,000.00 (Non Refundable) |
| (c) Examination fee  | - Rs. 59,000.00                 |

(Private candidates will be charged 50% more on each fee of the PGIM)

**(ONLY ONLINE PAYMENT THROUGH THE PGIM ONLINE PORTAL WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE PGIM)**

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

17. Applications with every **case duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department to reach the Senior Asst. Registrar/ Examinations, PGIM. No. 160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mw., Colombo 7 on or before **30<sup>th</sup> September 2019**. The envelope should be marked as “ **Application for the MD(Family Medicine) Examination**” at the top left-hand corner. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

18. The selected candidates shall report to the training unit allocated to him/her within one month on receipt of the letter of selection to the training programme and allocation to the training unit.

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

20. 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)

21. The results will be valid and official only after they are approved by the Senate of the University of Colombo.

22. There shall be **no repeat or additional examinations** which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2019.

23. 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.

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



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1. Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition
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  5. Secretary, College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka.
  6. Hony. Secretary, GMOA.
  7. PGIM Library
  8. PGIM Branch Library, Peradeniya.