

My No. PGIM/EX/4/PG/DFM (2020)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mw.,
Colombo 7.
24th June 2020

To : Directors of Teaching/General Hospitals,
Provincial Regional Directors of Health Services,
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya,
Sri Jayewardenepura/EUSL/KDU

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN FAMILY MEDICINE EXAMINATION
- AUGUST, 2020

1. The above examination will commence on **Tuesday 18th August, 2020**. 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.
 - I. Satisfactory completion of the PG DFM course conducted by the PGIM
 - II. Obtain a minimum mark of 50% the Portfolio Viva
 - III. Attendance of 80% or more for clinical and practical training, tutorials and seminars/workshops.
 - IV. Competence in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and other skills certified by the respective trainers – (documentary evidence should be submitted along with the application)
3. The examination will be conducted in two stages. (Stage 1 and stage 2)

Stage 1

* The Multiple Choice Question paper with 60 questions

40 true/false type and 20 single best answer type (SBA), to be answered in a total of 3 hours.

Candidates who obtain 40% for stage 1 only will be eligible to proceed to stage 2.

Stage 2

- * Written Paper (MEQ/SEQ) – 1 hour and 30 minutes
 - Two problem solving MEQ exercises
 - One SEQ on the principles and practice of Family Medicine
- * Clinical examination
 - a) OSCE – 8 stations (10 minutes at each station)
 - b) OSPE - 10 stations (3 minutes at each station)

4. In order to pass the examination a candidate should obtain,
50% or more of the total aggregate
AND
40% or more for all of the following

- * MCQ
- *MEQ/SEQ.
- *Clinical Examination (OSCE+OSPE)

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 examination for reasons not acceptable to the Board of Study the examination will be counted as an attempt.

6. Please note that candidates are allowed a maximum of six(6) attempts only within a period of 8 years from the date of first attempt.

7. The candidates who pass the examination and who may wish to register for the MD training programme (by training and by thesis) should follow the training and examination as stipulated in the new prospectus, 2013 available at the point of registration.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. The candidates who shall commence the Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after August 2011 should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.

11. 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.

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

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| (a) Registration Fee | - Rs. 6,000.00 (Non-Refundable) |
| (b) Examination Fee | - Rs 34,500.00 |
| (c) Application Fee | - Rs. 2,500.00 (Non-Refundable) |
| (d) Assessment fee | - Rs. 6,000.00 (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

At the first instance candidates are required to pay Rs. 6,000/- (the Registration fee), Rs. 2,500/- (Application fee), Assessment fee Rs. 6,000.00 and Rs. 22,500/- the entry fee for the MCQ Paper. Those who qualify to proceed for the rest of the examination, i.e. the Written Paper and the Clinical component will have to pay the balance Examination fee of Rs. 12,000/-

13. The application form could be downloaded from the PGIM website www.cmb.ac.lk/pgim

14. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded to the Senior Assistant Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo 7 on or before **10th July 2020. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

15. There shall be **no repeat or additional examinations** which are not schedule in the approval examinations calendar for the year 2020.

16. 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

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

18. 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 of 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.**

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

20. The candidate who pass the Selection Examination and are selected for the MD programme should undergo the Professionalism & Ethics in Medical Practice Strand organized by the PGIM. Please note that this is compulsory for all MD trainees and should be completed within the first two years of pre MD training. A certificate will be issued to trainees who completed this strand successfully.

21. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website <https://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/> for further updates.



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