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My No. PGIM/EX/4/MD/For.Med (20)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mw.,
Colombo 7.
10th July 2020

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 (FORENSIC MEDICINE) EXAMINATION (NEW PROSPECTUS) – AUGUST 2020

1. The above examination will commence on 20th 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.
 - (1) Satisfactory completion of three years training in all components of the in-service training programme.
 - (2) Satisfactory progress reports acceptable to the BOS
 - (3) Satisfactory Multisource Feedback System (4) acceptable to the BOS
 - (4) A duly completed training Portfolio accepted by the examiners
 - (5) Satisfactory completion of “LOG BOOK”(included-in Training Portfolio) containing record of work carried out and signed by supervisor/trainer.
 - (6) Satisfactory professional conduct and attendance during the training period certified by the trainers ((80% attendance at both in-service three year training appointment and training course)
 - (7) Acceptance of the research project or journal publication.
 - (8) Obtain the minimum marks required for all components of the continuous assessments
3. The examination will consist of,
 - (a) Written Papers (MCQ/SEQ)
 - (b) Clinical examination(long case & four short cases)
 - (c) OSPE
 - (d) Histopathological examination

In order to pass the MD Forensic Medicine examination, a candidate must obtain

- A. An overall mark of 350 (50%) or more out of 700, and
- B. 150 or more out of 300 marks for the written component, and
- C. 75 or more out of 150 marks for the clinical component, and
- D. 60 or more out of 150 marks for the OSPE and
- E. 40 or more out of 100 marks for the Histopathology examination

4. Candidates who are unsuccessful at the examination shall attempt the next scheduled examination. A candidate who has obtained an overall mark of 350(50% of 700) or more for the examination, but has failed the examination because he/she has not obtained the requisite minimum mark for not more than two components of the examination, shall be permitted to attempt only the failed component(s) at the next scheduled examination. In such a case, the total mark shall be calculated using the marks obtained for the successful components, along with marks from the repeated component(s). A candidate shall be given this concession for only one repeat attempt. In the event that a candidate does not pass in this attempt, the candidate shall be required to sit for the examination again on the next occasion.
5. 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.
6. 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 the 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 undergo a minimum period of one year further training before permitted the sixth attempt.
7. The allocation of Post MD training units will be done as described in “General Regulations and Guidelines– 2020” and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. The allocated training units shall not be changed for personal reasons.
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. 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.
9. The candidates who shall commence the Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after 01st August 2011 should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.
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 the 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. 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.
13. The prescribed fees for the examination shall be as follows:-
 - (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
 - (d) Portfolio Assessment fee - Rs. 6,000.00 (Non Refundable)
 - (e) Dissertation fee - Rs. 6,000.00 (Non Refundable)

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

14. The application form can be downloaded from the website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk.
15. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department, to the Snr. Asst. Registrar/ Examinations, PGIM. No. 160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mw., Colombo 7 on or before **24th July 2020**. The envelope should be marked “ Application for the MD(Forensic Medicine) Examination” at the top left hand corner. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.
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. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
18. There shall be **no repeat or additional examinations** which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2020.
19. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the **Senate of the University of Colombo**.
20. 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.**
21. 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.

22. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk for further updated details.


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 7. PGIM Library
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