

Circular Letter No. 070 /2020

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Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
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Colombo 7.
30 June 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 (CLINICAL ONCOLOGY) PART I EXAMINATION – AUGUST 2020

1. The above examination will commence on **24th August 2020**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the examination.
 - (a) Satisfactory completion of stage 1 of the training programme (at least one year of In-service Training) certified by the trainers, in accordance with the requirements of the Board of Study.
 - (b) More than 80% attendance in the lectures/tutorials in scheduled Teaching activities. This has to be certified by the Chairperson/Board of Study in Clinical Oncology.

Note :-

A certificate from the consultant, certifying satisfactory completion of the candidate's work and attendance in the training programme, must be submitted with the application.

3. There will be separate assessments for 06 subjects. They are: (1) Radiation Physics, (2) Medical Statistics, (3) Pathology, (4) Radiobiology, (5) Pharmacology, and (6) Cancer Biology.
4. In the first attempt at the MD Part I Examination the eligible candidates must sit for all six subjects.
5. The examination shall consist of:
 - i. A written paper – (structured essay type) – (total of 6 Papers)
 - ii. A viva voce examination – (Total of 6 viva stations)

6. **To pass the MD Part I Examination the candidate**

6.1 Should pass all six subjects in one single attempt.

6.2. **To pass each subject the candidate,**

(a) Should obtain an aggregate of 50% or more marks from the written and the viva components

AND

(b) Should obtain an aggregate of 50% or more marks for the written paper of that subject

AND

(c) Should obtain 45% or more marks for the viva voce examination of each subject.

7. **Referred candidates**

A candidate who has not fulfilled the above requirements to pass the examination will be considered as a Referred Candidate if the following criteria are fulfilled:

7.1 Should have passed three or more of the subjects as described in 6 above.

7.2 The candidate must have obtained for each of the remaining subjects (these will be referred to as the preferred subjects) an aggregate of 35% or more for the written paper and 35% or more for the viva voce examination.

8. The criteria that should be fulfilled by a referred candidate to pass the examination-

8.1 The candidate should sit all the referred subjects at the next available examination. Such referred candidate should be considered to have passed the MD Part I examination when they pass the referred subject(s) within three consecutive attempts of this examination, Inclusive of the first attempt. four attempts are allowed to pass the MD Part I examination.

8.2 Those candidates who fail in the first attempt of the MD part I examination will have to take all the six subjects in their next attempt at this examination.

8.3. If a candidate is unable to pass the entire examination within the four consecutive attempts, the candidate will have to leave the MD (Clinical Oncology) training Programme. If such a candidate wishes to re-enter the training Programme in Clinical Oncology that candidate will have to sit for the selection examination again.

9. The allocation of 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.

10. The relevant information of the training program, MD Examination, requirements for Board Certification are described in the Prospectus. However if amendments have been made following publishing the Prospectus, the circulars with such amendments may be collected from the Examinations Branch office of the PGIM. These circulars will also be handed over to the selected candidates at the commencement of the training programme.

11. The candidates who shall commence the pre- MD (Registrar) or Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after 1st August 2011 should pass the Pre- Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM.

12. 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.

13. 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 date of effective Board Certification.

14. 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.

15. Following the completion of prescribed requirements for Board Certification, including overseas training, the prospective trainee should apply 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.

16. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector as follows: -

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| (a) Registration fee | - Rs. 6 000/= (non- refundable) |
| (b) Examination fees | - Rs. 37,000/= |
| (c) Application fee | - Rs. 3,000/= (non-refundable) |

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

(Referred candidates need to pay the registration fee of Rs. 6,000/= Application fee Rs. 3,000.00 and 25,000.00 as the examination fees.)

Only online payment through the PGIM online portal will be accepted by the PGIM.

17. The application form can be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk

18. Completed 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 Assistant Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo 7 on or before **14th August 2020**. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

19. The selected candidates should 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.

20. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in MOH website.

21. There shall be no repeat or additional examinations which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2020.

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

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

24. 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.

25. Candidate who pass the Selection Examination and are selected for the MD programme should undergo the Professionalism Strand organized by the PGIM. Please note that this is a compulsory for all MD trainees and should be completed within first two years of pre-MD training. A certificate will be issued to trainees who completed this strand successfully

26. A trainee following a PG Certificate or PG Diploma or MSc or MD programme shall not be permitted to sit another selection examination for PG Certificate or PG Diploma or MSc or MD. If the trainee leaves the course before completion of programme/course of study, he/she shall not be permitted to sit another selection examination for a minimum period of two years from the date of leaving the programme/course of study. This rule shall not apply for online and part time courses.

27. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website for further updates.



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7. PGIM Branch Library, Kandy