

**Circular Letter No. 082/2020**

My No. PGIM/EX/12/MD/GM (20)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
160, Professor Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha,  
Colombo 7.  
31 August 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/Rajarata/EUSL/KDU

**MD IN GERIATRIC MEDICINE EXAMINATION –OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2020**

1. The above examination will commence on **15<sup>th</sup> October 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:
  - (a) Satisfactory completion of the **30-month** pre-MD training programme, with documentary proof of same, including the satisfactory evaluation from all respective trainers (altogether 14 trainers);
  - (b) Satisfactory performance at the RITA;
  - (c) Submission of the case book or approved exemptions for cases;
  - (d) Submission of the up-to-date, competed Portfolio;and
  - (e) Candidates are required to submit **Professionalism and Ethics in Medical Practice Strand Certificate issued by the PGIM along with the application.**
3. The MD examination consists of 3 components. The written component, the clinical component and the viva voce component.

### 3.1 The written component

- (i) Paper 1 : Structured essay questions (SEQ) – 2 hours
- (ii) Paper 2 : Case histories - 2½ hours
- (iii) Paper 3 : Data Interpretation - 2½ hours
- (iv) Paper 4 : Slide Interpretation – 1 hour

**To pass the written component, the candidate must obtain a minimum of 50% of the total.**

**Note:** Candidate who obtain a minimum of 50% in the written component will be allowed to attempt the clinical and viva voce components on four consecutive attempts or over two years from the date of passing the written component with the mark, whichever expires first.

### 3.2 The clinical component

The clinical component consists of the following 4 subcomponents: the long case, the short cases, the observed history – taking / communications component.

- The long case (Geriatric long case) – consist of 1 patient, who will be allocated to a candidate for 45 minutes. Comprehensive holistic discussion with two examiners over 30 minutes.
- The short cases – consist of 5 stations, 10 minutes in each station
- The observed history taking & Communication station - consist of 2 stations, 20 minutes in each station

**3.3 The Viva Voce component** – 2 panels, 20 minutes in each panel.

**The criteria to pass the MD Examination are as follows:**

- Overall mark must be 50% or more
- And minimum of 50% in the written component
- And minimum of 50% in the clinical component

4. 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 attempts.

5. 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.** However, after failing the fifth attempt the candidate should undergo a minimum period of one year further training before permitted the sixth attempt. These requirements will not apply to those candidates who have sat the Selection/Part I examination before 1998.

6. The allocation of Post MD training units will be done as described in “General Regulations and Guidelines -2020 which is available on the PGIM website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk). The allocated training units shall not be changed for personal reasons.

7. 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.
8. 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. There shall be no delay in submitting the research project report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. If there is delay, the Board Certification will be delayed accordingly.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. Following the completion of prescribed requirement 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) Registration fee	- Rs. 6,000.00 (non refundable)
(b) Examination fees	- Rs. 59,000.00
(c) Application fee	- Rs. 3,000.00 (non refundable)

(Private candidates will be charged 50% more of the above stated fee)

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

Candidates are required to pay **Rs. 6,000/- as registration fee, Rs. 3,000/- as application fee and Rs. 29,500/- for the examination entry fee** for the written component in the first instance. Those who qualify to proceed for the rest of the examination, ie. Clinical and Viva Voce Components will have to pay the **balance examination fee of Rs. 29,500/-**.

14. The application form can be downloaded from the website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk).
15. The applications should reach the Assistant Registrar/ Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, No. 160, Professor Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo 7 on or before **23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020**. The envelope should be marked **“Application for the MD in Geriatric 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](http://www.health.gov.lk).
17. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all Medical Officers / Dental Surgeons 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**.
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 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.
21. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/> for further updates.



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