

Circular Letter No. 84/2020

My No. PGIM/EX/13/MD/Med/Viro (20)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha,
Colombo 7.
31st August 2020

To: Director/NHSL, Colombo,
Directors/MS 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, EUSL/KDA
Director/MRI,

MD (MEDICAL VIROLOGY) EXAMINATION – NOVEMBER 2020

1. The above examination will commence on **04th November 2020**
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the MD (Medical Virology) examination. Candidates must -
 - (a) Show at least 80% attendance in each of the following training components -
 - (i) Hospital Microbiology Laboratory appointments
 - (ii) Infection Control training workshop
 - (iii) Virology appointments at MRI
 - (iv) Each special appointment
 - (v) Completion of Research project and submission of the dissertation before a stipulated date
 - (vi) Tutorials in Medical Virology and Medical Microbiology
 - (b) Obtain a satisfactory progress report from each hospital laboratory trainer and from each laboratory trainer at MRI
 - (c) Submit 2 sets of Peer Team Rating forms.
 - (d) Submit a duly completed portfolio.
 - (e) Submit the dissertation.
 - (f) Submit the certificate of the Professionalism & Ethics in Medical Practice Strand conducted by the PGIM.
3. The examination shall consist of three parts with six components, as set out below:
Part 1 - Theory with two components - Written Paper I and Paper II
Part 2 - Practical with two components - Laboratory examination 1 and 2
Part 3 - Oral with two components - Portfolio and Dissertation.
4. To pass the MD in Virology Examination, a candidate is required to obtain the following:
 - (a) A total average of a minimum of **60%** or more for the entire examination;
AND
 - (b) A minimum of 50% or more for the Practical part of the examination (Laboratory examinations 1 and 2);

AND

(c) Obtain a minimum of 50% or more for the theory part of the examination
(Written Papers I and II)

5. Candidates shall refer to the relevant prospectus for details of the examination.
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 examination for reasons not acceptable to the Board of Study the examinations will be counted as an attempts.
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 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 under a minimum period of one year further training in a different training centre before being permitted to sit the sixth attempt.
8. The allocation of post MD training units will be done as described in “General Regulations & 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.
9. 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.
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 a 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 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.
14. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows: -

(a) Application fee	- Rs. 3000.00 (Non refundable)
(b) Registration fee	- Rs. 6,000.00 (Non refundable)
(c) Examination fees	- Rs. 59,000.00
(d) Dissertation assessment fee	- Rs. 6,000.00

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

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

15. The application form also could be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk.
16. Past question papers are available for sale in the PGIM Library or can be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk.
17. Applications with every **case duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department to reach the Senior Assistant Registrar/Examinations, PGIM, 160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mw, Colombo 7, on or before **04th October 2020**. The envelope should be marked as “**Application for the MD (Medical Microbiology) Examination**” at the top left-hand corner. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
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 (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.
19. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
20. There shall be **no repeat or additional examinations** which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2020.
21. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical officers of Department of Health in MOH web site - www.health.gov.lk/.
22. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
23. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk for further updates.


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2. Director General of Health Services
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4. Secretary of Board of Study in Medical Microbiology
5. Hony. Secretary, GMOA
6. PGIM Library
7. PGIM Branch Library, Kandy