

Circular Letter No. 107/2020

My No. PGIM/EX/8/MD/His/Part I (20)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mw,
Colombo 7.
02 November 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 Jayawardanapura/Rajarata
EUSL/Sabaragamuwa/Wayamba/KDU

MD PART I IN HISTOPATHOLOGY EXAMINATION – DECEMBER 2020

1. The above examination will commence on **14 December 2020**.

*** The date given in the circular will subject to change due to the current covid 19 situations of the country. You will be given 2 weeks time with the notification of actual date with the examination once the normality of the country is restored.**

2. Applications are invited from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the examination.

- (a) A minimum of 80% attendance during the two years of training stipulated for MD Part I Histopathology
- (b) Sat the assessment of the Course in Basic Laboratory Sciences.
- (c) Satisfactory progress reports.
- (d) Submission of the Portfolio to the PGIM one month before the examination

3. The examination shall consist of three components i.e. Theory, Practical & CBLS Assessment

Component 1 - Theory - Paper I (40 MTF/15 SBA/15 EMI) – 3 hours
Paper II (04 Essay Questions) – 3 hours

Component 2 - Practical - Histopathology Slides (20 Slides) – 3 hours
Cytopathology and Special Stains (10 Cases) - 2 hours

Component 3 - CBLS - Assessment following CBLS Lecturer Course
Assessment

4. To pass the examination, the candidate should have:

- (i) 50% or more from the total aggregate mark AND
- (ii) 50% from Component 1 AND
- (iii) 50 % from Practical 1 of Component 2 AND
- (iv) 50 % from Practical 2 of Component 2

5. Please note that **candidates are allowed 6 attempts only in the Part I 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.

6. Candidates who are eligible to sit the MD Part I 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.

7. 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)
- b) Examination fees - Rs.37,000.00

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)

8. The Application form could be download from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk

9. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded to the Senior Assistant Registrar/ Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, No. 160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo 7 on or before **13 November 2020. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

10. 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.

11. 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.

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 delay, the Board Certification will be delayed accordingly.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health website – www.health.gov.lk/

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

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

19. 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.

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 complete this strand successfully.

21. A trainee following a PG Certificate or PG Diploma or MSc or MD programme shall not be permitted to sit another selection examination for a PG Certificate or PG Diploma or MSc or MD. If the trainee leaves the course before completion of a programme/course of study, he/she shall not be permitted to sit for 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.

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

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



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