

**Circular Letter No. 115 / 2020**

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Postgraduate Institute of Medicine  
160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha,  
Colombo 7.  
20<sup>th</sup> 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 Jayewardenepura,

**MD HISTOPATHOLOGY PART II EXAMINATION– JANUARY 2021**

1. The above examination will commence on **12 January 2021**.

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

2. Applications are invited from medical officers possessing the following minimum requirements to sit the above Examination.

- (a) Satisfactory completion of Pre MD Part II training with a minimum 80% attendance
- (b) Submission of the Portfolio
- (c) Satisfactory progress reports
- (d) Completion of the cut-up assessment
- (e) Candidates are required to submit **Professionalism and Ethics in Medical Practice Strand Certificate issued by the PGIM along with the application.**

3. The examination consists of 04 practical components as follows:-

- (1) 15 Histopathology Slides      3 hours
- (2) 15 Cytology Slides              2 hours 30 minutes
- (3) 15 OSPE cases                      3 hours including 30 minutes question time
- (4) (i) Postmortem                      20 minutes
- (ii) Clinico-Pathological Conference – two cases      2 hours including 20 minutes viva
- (iii) Viva Voce                        20 minutes
- (iv) Cut-up assessment              45 minutes

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5. Requirement to pass the MD Part II Examination in Histopathology

- (i) An overall aggregate mark of 50% or more from Components 1,2,3 & 4 **AND**
- (ii) 50% or more for each slides, for at least 10 out of 15 slides of Components 1 (Histopathology Slides) **AND**
- (iii) 50 % or more for each slides, for at least 10 out of 15 slides/cases of Components 2 (Cytology) **AND**
- (iv) 50% or more for each station, in at least 10 out of 15 station of Component 3 (OSPE) **AND**
- (v) 50% or more for Component 4

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 examinations for reasons not acceptable to the Board of Study, the examinations will be counted as attempts.
7. Please note that **candidates are allowed 6 attempts only in the MD which must be made 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.
8. The allocation of Post MD training units will be done as described in “General Regulation 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.
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 date of effective Board Certification.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. The candidates who shall commence the Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after 01 August 2011 should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.
14. 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 Board Certification will be delayed.

15. 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 fees - Rs. 59,000.00

**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)

16. The Application form could be download from our website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk)

17. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of the Department to reach the Senior Assistant Registrar/ Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, No. 160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo 7 on or before **11 December 2020. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

**(Please send the advance copy of your exam application along with the payment slip to [exam@pgim.cmb.ac.lk](mailto:exam@pgim.cmb.ac.lk) on or before the deadline. You are permitted to send soft copies without the signatures of relevant authorities. However, you are required to send the duly completed application to be eligible to sit for the examination once the situation normalizes.)**

18. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in PGIM website – [www.health.gov.lk/](http://www.health.gov.lk/)

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

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

21. 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.

22. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) for further updated details.

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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Professor Senaka Rajapakse  
Director PGIM

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