

Circular Letter No.119/2020

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Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha,
Colombo 7.
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To : Director/NHSL,
Directors of Teaching/General Hospitals,
Regional Directors of Health Services,

Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya/ Rajarata/
Sri Jayewardenepura/EUSL/KDU,

**MD (ANAESTHESIOLOGY) PART IB (BASIC SCIENCES) EXAMINATION –
JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **29th January 2021**.

“The date given in the circular is subject to change due to the current COVID –19 situation of the country. You will be given two 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 in the state and non-state sectors possessing the following requirements to sit the MD (Anaesthesiology) Part IB Examination.

- (a) A medical degree registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council;
- (b) Satisfactory completion of internship acceptable to the Sri Lanka Medical Council;
- (c) Satisfactory completion of one year of post internship in medical/clinical practice in a University/Public Sector Institution /Private sector in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM as at the date of closure of applications, i.e. **31st December 2020**; and
- (d) Any other requirement/s stipulated by the Board of Study concerned that has/have been approved by the Board of Management.

Notes :-

- i. The criteria prescribed in paragraph (c) must have been satisfied by the applicants as at the date of closure of applications provided that where a short-fall has occurred due to any reasons including sick, maternity or other leave, the doctor concerned should complete such shortfall in order to become eligible to apply for the Selection Examinations.
- ii. Candidates successful at the examination will be registered as PG trainees for the Part II in-service training programme provided they have successfully completed the MD (Anaesthesiology) Part IA.

3. To be eligible for enrolment to the training programme, applicants should pass the MD (Anaesthesiology) Part IA & Part IB examinations. The current format of the Part IB examination is described in the prospectus 2009.
4. In the MD (Anaesthesiology) Part IB (Basic Sciences) Examination, subjects of Physiology, Pharmacology and Physics & Clinical Measurements shall be assessed. In each Subject, there shall be 3 components. i.e. Multiple-Choice Question (MCQ) paper, Essay Type Question paper and Oral examination.
5. Candidates should first obtain a minimum mark of 50% or more for the MCQ paper in each of the three subjects (Prospectus 2009 page 3) in order to proceed to the rest of the examination, which will commence on 5th **March 2021**. All candidates will be informed in writing of their performance at the MCQ paper.
6. Only the Candidates who pass the Part IB examination by obtaining minimum individual closed marks of 3,3,3,3,3,2 in each of the six separate components in the Essay Type Question paper and Oral examination of the three subjects shall be considered for enrollment in the course.
7. **22 Candidates** from the **Ministry of Health (MOH)** who pass the Part IB Examination as prescribed in Section 6 will be enrolled in the training programme. Placements will be made purely in the order of merit. The details are available at the Examination Branch office of the PGIM and on the PGIM website under “General Regulations and Guidelines 2020”. The **22nd MOH candidate’s marks will be taken as a cut-off line and the candidates in sections 9, 10, 11 and 12 will have to obtain a mark similar to this or above to be offered a place in the training programme.**
8. The final number of available training placements will be determined based on the total number of candidates above the cut-off line.
9. All candidates attached to **Other Government Ministries** who are above the cut- off line will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit.
10. All candidates from **State Universities** who are above the cut- off line will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit.
11. All candidates from the **Armed Forces (including Police)** who are above the cut- off line will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit.
12. All **Non-State Sector** candidates who are above the cut- off line will be enrolled in the training programme. They will be placed below the order of merit for candidates from the MOH, Other Government Ministries, State Universities and Armed Forces (including Police) based on the merit within the non-state sector category.

13. Following the examination and release of results the above numbers shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained.
14. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examinations in the approved examination calendar shall be held. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.
15. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “General Regulation & Guidelines 2020” which is available on PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons.
16. At the point of post MD allocation, the base specialty and any available subspecialties which are approved at the time of the post MD allocation will be offered to candidates, according to merit. The number of available base specialty and subspecialty training vacancies offered for Post MD training if any will be determined based on the vacancy list provided by the MOH prior to the post MD allocation.
- 17. The permitted number of attempts of an eligible candidate at a particular MD Selection Examination is limited to six (06). However, candidates who have already exhausted four (04) or more attempts would be allowed only two (02) more attempts. Those who have sat less than four (04) attempts would be allowed up to a maximum total six (06) attempts. This regulation comes in to effect from 27.05.2020.**
18. When a candidate is selected, he/she should register in the same year. If this is not done another candidate will be selected. And the candidate, who refused, will not be permitted to register in the programme in a subsequent year with the same results unless a valid medical certificate from a consultant acceptable to the PGIM is submitted.
19. For all fulltime training programmes fulltime release from Ministry of Health is a prerequisite for enrollment. It may be necessary to sign a bond before enrollment if such a requirement has been decided by the Ministry of Health, University, Armed Forces or Other Government Ministries.
20. The relevant information of the training program, MD Examination, requirements for Board Certification are described in the Prospectus and other relevant documents. However if amendments have been made following printing of the Prospectus they can be downloaded from the website.
21. 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.

22. 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 for perusal.
23. 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.
24. 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.
25. 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.
26. 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.
27. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector as follows: -

(a) Registration fee	- Rs. 6 000/= (Non-Refundable)
(b) Examination fees	- Rs. 29 000/=
(c) Application fee	- Rs. 3 000/= (Non-Refundable)

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

Candidates are required to pay Rs. 3,000/= the application fee, Rs. 6,000/= the registration fee and Rs. 14,500/- the examination fee for the MCQ paper, at the first instance. Those who qualify the MCQ Examination will have to pay the balance examination fee of Rs. 14,500/- in order to proceed for the rest of the examination. **Only online payment through the PGIM online portal will be accepted by the PGIM.**

28. The application form could be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk
29. 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 **31st December 2020**. **Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
30. The selected candidates should report to the training unit allocated to him/her within one month on receipt of the letter of selection.

31. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
32. 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/
33. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
34. 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.
35. Candidates 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 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
36. 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.
37. 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.
38. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website for further updates.



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