

Circular Letter No. 008/2021

My No. PGIM/EX/14/MD/CN
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Norris Canal Road,
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To: Director, NHSL, Colombo,
Directors/MSS of Hospitals (GH/ TH),
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 (CLINICAL NUTRITION) EXAMINATION – MARCH 2021

1. The above examination will commence on Monday 22nd March 2021. 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) Completion the two-year clinical training, satisfactorily, with 80% attendance in each component.
 - (b) Submission of logbook and portfolio at least eight weeks before the MD Clinical Nutrition Examination for the purpose of assessment.

Note: The candidates are required to **submit a one soft copy of the completed portfolio** and one soft copy of the portfolio without references with the logbook on or before 01st February 2021 as specified in the prospectus. The portfolio will undergo a plagiarism check by the PGIM. No extension of time will be allowed under any circumstances.
 - (c) Candidates are required to submit a certified copy of **Professionalism and Ethics in Medical Practice Strand Certificate** issued by the PGIM.
3. The examination will consist of 03 components as follows:

(1) Written Component

Paper I	Structured Essay Question Paper	03 hours
Paper II	Data interpretation Paper	02 hours

(2) Clinical Component

Segment I	Long Case	75 Minutes
Segment II	Short Cases	40 Minutes
Segment III	OSCE	75 Minutes

(3) The Viva Voce Component

Portfolio and Portfolio based Viva

20-30 Minutes

4. Requirements to pass the examination: -
 - A total aggregate minimum of 50% and
 - Minimum of 50% in the theory component, with at least 40% in each paper
 - Minimum of 50% in the clinical component, with a minimum of 40% in the long case and a minimum of 50% in the short cases
 - Minimum of 40% in the viva component
5. When a trainee is unsuccessful at one of the prerequisites/ module examination/ assessments during pre MD training, and is therefore not be eligible to sit for the next scheduled MD Examination, the said MD Examination shall be counted as an attempt.
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. Passed theory or clinical component carried over only for one subsequent attempt. In such situation portfolio marks will be carried to subsequent examinations indefinitely. In the event that a candidate does not pass the repeat examination, he/ she shall have to sit for the entire MD end-of -course examination.
8. Please note that candidates are allowed only six (06) attempts at the MD Examination which must be completed within a period of eight (08) years from the date of the first Examination. However, after failing fifth (05) attempt the candidate should undergo a minimum period of one year further training before permitted the sixth (06) attempt. These requirements will not apply for those candidates who have sat the Selection/ Part I examinations before 1998.
9. 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.
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. 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 pre MD (Registrar) or 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.
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 date of Board Certification will be delayed.
15. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows:-

(a) Registration fee	Rs. 8,000/= (Non Refundable)
(b) Examination fee	Rs. 74,000/=
(c) Application fee	Rs. 4,000/= (Non Refundable)
(c) Assessment fee	Rs. 8,000/= (Non Refundable)

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

Only online payments through the PGIM online portal will be accepted
16. The application form can be downloaded from the website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk>
17. Complete 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. All the candidates are required to send the scan copy of your application **after obtaining all the signatures of relevant authorities** to exam@pgim.cmb.ac.lk and applications should reach the Assistant Registrar, Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Prof Nandadasa Kodagoda Mv., Colombo 07 on or before **01st March 2021**. **If you are unable to send the hard copy of the application, please mention the fact in the same email. Incomplete, handwritten and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
18. There shall be no repeat or additional examinations which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2021.
19. 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
20. The results will be valid and official only after confirmation of the Senate of the University of Colombo.

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 (e.g. perceived biases, discriminatory behavior, 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. 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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