

My No. PGIM/EX/8/PDTM ('21)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine
160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mw,
Colombo 7
11th January 2021

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,

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN TRANSFUSION MEDICINE EXAMINATION
FEBRUARY, 2021

1. The above examination will commence on **21 February 2021**. The examination will be held in Colombo.
2. Applications are invited from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination:
 - (a) Satisfactory completion of the 1year in-service training programme in the training centre to which the trainee has been assigned by the Board of Study in Pathology.
 - (b) Acceptance of all progress reports by the BOS.
 - (c) A minimum of 80% attendance for each clinical/practical appointments and lectures.
 - (d) Submission of the Portfolio and acceptance by the BOS.
3. The examination shall consist of three components, i.e.
 - a) Written Papers – Paper I & Paper II
Paper I- 8 questions of short answer type - duration - 3 hrs
Paper II- 12 questions based on Data Interpretation - duration – 2 hrs
 - b) Practical – One Problem based wet practical on a clinical case scenario
duration - 3 hrs
 - c) Structured Viva – Duration 15 minutes
4. Requirement to pass the PG Diploma in Transfusion Medicine Examination is a minimum total aggregate of 50% (50 marks) and a minimum mark of 50% for each written (30/60 marks) and the practical components (15/30 marks).
5. Past question papers are available in the PGIM Library.
6. Candidates who are eligible to sit the Postgraduate Diploma 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 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.

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8. 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.
 9. 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 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 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.
 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 are as follows:-
 - (a) Registration fee - Rs. 8,000/- (non refundable)
 - (b) Examination fees - Rs.43,500/-
 - (c) Application fee - Rs. 3,500/- (non refundable)
- 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 could be download from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk
 16. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of the Department to reach the Assistant Registrar/ Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, All the candidates **should send the scan copy of your application** after obtaining all the signatures of relevant authorities to exam@pgim.cmb.ac.lk and application are recommended to send the hard copy of the application to the Assistant Registrar, Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, No. 160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo 7 on or before **22nd January 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.**
 17. 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
 18. There shall be **no repeat or additional examinations** which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2021.
 19. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.

20. 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.
21. 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.
22. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk for further 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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 8. PGIM Library
 9. PGIM Branch Library, Kandy