

My No. PGIM/EX/10/MD/HI (21)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
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Colombo 7.  
12<sup>th</sup> May 2021

To : Director/NHSL,  
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,  
Director/Eye Hospital, Colombo.  
Heads of Eye Units, General/Teaching Hospitals,  
Kandy/Peradeniya/Jaffna/Galle

**MD (HEALTH INFORMATICS) EXAMINATION – JUNE 2021**

1. The above examination will commence on **21<sup>st</sup> June 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 two weeks' time with the notification of actual date of the examination once the normality of the country is restored.**
2. Applications are invited by me from Medical Officers/Dental Surgeon possessing the following requirements as specified in the Prospectus to sit the above examination :-
  - (a) Satisfactory progress in assigned local training
  - (b) Obtaining more than 50 marks for the Portfolio assessment
  - (c) Satisfactory completion of 80% attendance in each assigned local training appointments
  - (d) Certification by supervisors in all training units to which the trainee was attached that he/she has successfully completed training
  - (e) Should submit a completed thesis
  - (f) Candidates are required to submit Professionalism & Ethics in Medical Practice Strand Certificate issued by the PGIM along with the application.
3. The examination consist of 3 components as follows: -
  - I. Written paper – 04 Essay questions to be answered in 3 hours
  - II. Viva voce examination based on the thesis
  - III. Viva voce examination based on the portfolio (Candidates who have scored more than 50 for portfolio assessment will be eligible to sit the examination)
4. In order to pass the MD Examination a candidate should obtain 50% (200 marks out of 400) or more for the *written examination*, 50% (200 marks out of 400) or more for the *viva voce examination based on thesis and 50% (100 marks out of 200) or more for the viva voce examination based on the portfolio*. The overall pass mark will be 50% (500 marks out of 1000)
5. 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 examination will be counted as an attempt.

6. Please note that candidates are allowed a maximum of six (6) attempts (including attempts at one or more exam components) within a period of 8 years from the date of first examination. However, after failing the fifth attempt the candidate should undergo a minimum period of one year further training in a different training center before being permitted to sit the sixth attempt.
7. The allocation of post MD training units will be done as described in “General Regulations & Guidelines– 2021” which is available on PGIM website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk). **The allocated training units shall not be changed for personal reasons.**
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 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.
9. 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.
10. 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 sub specialties and the information is available in the prospectus.
11. The candidates who shall commence the Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after August 2011 should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.
12. Following the completion of prescribed requirements for Board Certification including overseas training the prospective trainee applies for Board Certification with the relevant document within one month following the completion of such requirements. If this is not followed, the date of Board Certification will be delayed.
13. The prescribed fees for the examinations are as follows:

(a) Application fee	- Rs. 4,000.00	(non refundable)
(b) Registration fee	- Rs. 8,000.00	(non refundable)
(c) Assessment fee	- Rs. 34,500.00	(non refundable)
(d) Examination fee	- Rs. 74,000.00	

***(Only online payments through the PGIM online portal will be accepted by the PGIM)***

***(Private candidates will be charged 50% more on each fee of the PGIM)***

14. The application form can be downloaded from the website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk>.
15. 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. 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](mailto:exam@pgim.cmb.ac.lk) and applicants are recommended to send the hard copy of the application to the Senior Assistant Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160 Professor Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo 07 on or before **01<sup>st</sup> June 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.**
16. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
17. There shall be no repeat or additional examinations which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar.
18. Please refer to the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health website – <http://www.health.gov.lk/en/>
19. The results will be valid and official only after they are approved by the **Senate of the University of Colombo.**
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. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) for further updates.



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