

My No. PGIM/EX/8/PD/Cli.Haem ('21)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine
160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha,
Colombo 7
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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 CLINICAL HAEMATOLOGY EXAMINATION
- JULY 2021

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **Thursday, 01 July 2021 - Written Papers and Monday, 19 July 2021 - Practicals**. The examination will be held in Colombo.

*** 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 by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.

Trainees must have at least 80% attendance during

- (a) each of the 5 components of the period of in-service training PG Diploma in Clinical Haematology (general haematology, paediatric haematology, haemato oncology, blood transfusion and haemostasis and thrombosis) AND
- (b) the seminars conducted during the period of in-service training

3. Candidates are also informed that **only those who qualify in the theory component are allowed to proceed for the Practical Component**. All candidates will be informed in writing of their performance in the written component whether they are permitted or not, to proceed for the rest of the examination.

4. The examination consists of 03 components as follows;

- (a) **Theory Component**

Theory Paper I – The essay question paper - 5 questions out of which 4 questions must be answered in 3 hours. All questions shall carry equal marks

Theory Paper II – The Structured essay question paper – 7 questions out of which 6 must be answered within 3 hours. All questions shall carry equal marks.

Theory Paper I & II will carry equal weight.

Candidates who obtain a minimum of **50% marks** and above for the Theory Component will be eligible for Practical Examination and Viva Voce

- (b) **Practical Component :**

- Transfusion - One - problem based wet practical and 04 to 06 short questions. Duration - 3 hours -all questions to be answered
- Coagulation - One problem based wet practical and 04 to 06 data interpretation questions. Duration – 3 hours all questions to be answered
- Short Cases - 15 to 20 cases of morphology & special investigations. Duration - 3 hours - all questions to be answered
- Long Case - 05 to 08 cases of morphology and data interpretation questions. Duration – 3 hours - all questions to be answered

(c) **Viva Voce:**

Duration - 30 minutes. 15 minutes each with two Panels.

To pass the Practical component of the examination the candidate should fulfill all following criteria.

- An overall 50% of the entire practical component.
- Minimum of 45% marks for each sub component of the practical examination (Transfusion, Coagulation, Short Cases & Long Case)
- Minimum of 50% should be obtained from the combined short and long cases.

5. To pass the examination each candidate must obtain a **minimum of 50% for entire examination & a minimum of 50% for the theory component & pass the practical component.**

6. **A candidate who has passed the theory component and failed to obtain the required 50% in the practical component will be allowed to sit the next subsequent practical examination and viva voce. In such cases the mark previously obtained at the theory component will be considered in the final computation of the marks. If such a candidate fails this attempt, he or she will be required to sit the entire examination at the next subsequent attempt. Candidates who opt for the practicals need to pay the application fee Rs. 3,500/- registration fee Rs. 8,000/- and Rs. 15,000/- the examination fee.**

7. Past question papers (Theory) are available in the PGIM Library. www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk

8. 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.

9. Please note that **candidates are allowed 6 attempts only in the Postgraduate Diploma which must be made within a period of 8 years from the date of the first examination.**

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 effective date of Board Certification.

11. 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.

12. There shall 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.

13. 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 is more than two years in sub specialties and the information is available in the prospectus.

14. 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.

15. Following the component 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.

16. The prescribed fees for the examination shall be as follows:

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| a) Application fee | - | Rs. 3,500.00 (non refundable) |
| a) Registration fee | - | Rs. 8,000.00 (non refundable) |
| b) Examination fees | - | Rs.43,500.00 |

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)

At the first instance candidates are required to pay Rs. 3,500/- (application fee) Rs. 8,000/-, (the registration fee) and Rs.28,500/- the entry fee for the written component. Those who qualify to proceed for the rest of the examination, i.e. the Practical component will have to pay the balance Examination fee of Rs.15,000/-.

17. The Application form could be download from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk

18. 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 applicants are recommended to send the hard copy of the application to the Assistnat Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Professor Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo 07 on or before **01st 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.**

19. 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/

20. Please bring the contents of the Circular to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.

21. There shall be **no repeat or additional examinations** which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar year 2021.

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

23. 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.

20. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk for further updated details.



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