

My No. PGIM/EX/8/MD/TM ('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,

MD IN TRANSFUSION MEDICINE EXAMINATION – JULY, 2021

1. The above examination will commence on **05 July 2021**. 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 from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination:
 - (a) Over 80% attendance in all training activities
 - (b) Satisfactory progress report
 - (c) Satisfactory PTR reports
 - (d) Satisfactory completion and acceptance of the dissertation
 - (e) Satisfactory completion and acceptance of portfolio
 - (f) Submission of **Professionalism and Ethics in Medical Practice Strand Certificate issued by the PGIM along with the application.**
3. The examination shall consist of three components, ie-
 - a) **Theory Papers – Essay Type**
Paper I – 3hours. 5 to be answered out of 6 questions. The type of question will be either a single question or in parts or short notes.
 - Basic Sciences (Immunology, Genetics, Haematology, Microbiology, Parasitology)
 - Immunohaematology (Red cells/Platelets/White cells)Paper II – 3 hours. 5 to be answered out of 6 questions. The type of questions will be either a single question or in parts or short notes)
 - Blood Centre Operations
 - Clinical Transfusions/Recent Advances
 - b) **Practical – The Practical examination has 3 components**
 - Clinical Case Discussion (Paper work) – 3 hours (Problem based 14 data interpretation questions)
 - Haematology Exercises related to transfusion – 3 hours (Consists of three parts each carrying equal marks
 - Part 1: morphology, slides or pictures
 - Part 2-A wet practical on quality assessment on blood products
 - Part 3-A wet Practical on coagulation on a case based scenario
 - Immunohaematology exercise –Red cell serology exercise – 3 hours. (A wet practical on a problem based case scenario)
 - c) **Viva Voce** – Duration 30 minutes (two panels with at least two examiners in each)

4. A candidate should score 50% or more of the total mark given for the examination **AND** 50% or more for theory **AND** 50% or more for practical **AND** 50% or more for Clinical Case Discussion (Paper Work) and obtain 50% or more for at least 7 of the 14 data interpretation questions **AND** 45% or more for the Haematology exercises related to transfusion **AND** 50% or more for the immunohaematology exercise – red cell serology exercise.
5. Past question papers are available in the PGIM Library www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk
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. Please note that **candidates are allowed only 6 attempts at the MD examination 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.
8. The allocation of Post MD training units will be done as described in “General Regulation and Guidelines – 2021 which is available on the PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk The allocated training units shall not be changed for personal reasons.
9. 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.
10. 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 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) Application fee - Rs. 4,000.00 (non refundable)
 - b) Registration fee - Rs. 8,000.00 (non refundable)
 - c) Examination fees - Rs. 74,000.00

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)

16. The Application form could be download from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk
17. 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 Assistant Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Professor Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo 07 on or before **04 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.**
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. Please bring the contents of the Circular to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
22. Please refer 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/>
23. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk for further updates



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