

Circular Letter No. 042/2021

My No. PGIM/EX/14/MD/OG
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
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11th May 2021

To: Director/NHSL, Colombo,
Directors/MSS of Teaching/General Hospitals,
Provincial Directors of Health Services,
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya,
Sri Jayewardenepura,

MD OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY EXAMINATION – JUNE/ JULY 2021

1. The above examination will commence on Tuesday **22nd 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 possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.
- (a) Satisfactory completion of 27 months of training (Stage 1,2 and 3) in Obstetrics & Gynaecology in main training units.
 - (b) Satisfactory completion of one Obstetrics and Gynaecology appointment of 6 months duration in a unit in the peripheral circuit (Stage 3).
 - (c) Satisfactory completion of one Gynaecological Oncology appointment of 3 months duration in an approved unit (Stage 3)
 - (d) Obtain a "Pass grade" for both ISTA 1 and 2.
 - (e) Satisfactory progress reports acceptable to the BOS.
 - (f) Satisfactory Peer Team Ratings (six) acceptable to the BOS
 - (g) A duly completed Training Portfolio which is accepted ("Pass" grade) by the assessors.
 - (h) Satisfactory progress reports of the Research project.
 - (i) Satisfactory professional conduct and attendance during the training period certified by the trainers
 - (j) Good health certified by a specialist approved by the PGIM
 - (k) Candidates are required to submit **Professionalism and Ethics in Medical Practice Strand Certificate** issued by the PGIM.

Note : It is a requirement by the Board of Study for the candidates to present the Portfolio maintained by them during the training period as a Registrar **for the examination** with the necessary certifications by the Supervisory Consultants.

3. The examination will consist of 3 sections:

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| (1) Written Papers | - | 06 questions SEQ (04 questions) SAQ (02 questions) | 03 hours |
| MCQ | - | 60 questions 30 SBA 30 EMI | 02 hours |
| (2) OSCE | - | 09 stations | 135 minutes |
| (3) Clinical | - | Obs. Case Gyn. Case | 60 minutes 60 minutes |

Requirements to pass the examination: -

The candidate must obtain a total mark of 1200 (60%) or more out of 2000.

AND

50% (500 marks) or more out of 1000 marks for Theory (Written & MCQ)

AND

60% (240 marks) out of 400 or more for OSCE

AND

60% (360 marks) out of 600 or more for Clinical

4. The application form can be downloaded from the website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk>
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 examinations will be counted as attempts.
6. 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.
7. The allocation of training units will be done as described in "General Regulation & Guidelines 2021" which is available on PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk The allocated training unit/s 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 specialties and the information is available in the prospectus.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows:-

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

14. The application form can be downloaded from the website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk>
15. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department, confirming that the applicant 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 and applicants are recommended to send hard copy of the application to the Asst. Registrar/ Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 07 on or before **10th June 2021**. The envelope should be marked “**Application for MD (Obstetrics & Gynaecology)**” at the top left hand corner. If you are unable to send the hard copy of the application, please mention the fact in the same email. **Incomplete, handwritten applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
16. There shall be no repeat or additional examinations which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2021.

18. 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
19. The results will be valid and official only after they are approved 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 (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.
21. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
22. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk for further details.



Director
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Professor Senaka Rajapakse
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