

To : DDG-PHS,

Directors/Epidemiological Unit/MCH/Special Campaigns,
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 (COMMUNITY MEDICINE/COMMUNITY DENTISTRY) PART II
(BY THESIS) EXAMINATIONS – OCTOBER, 2021 (2009 PROSPECTUS)**

1. The above examinations will commence on **18th October 2021** and be held at the PGIM.

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 surgeons who have satisfactorily completed the MD (Community Medicine/Community Dentistry) Part II training programme of 1 year and 9 months by **10th August 2021**.
3. Candidates are required to submit Professionalism & Ethics in Medical Practice Strand Certificate issued by the PGIM along with the application.
4. **You are required to give notice of your intention to enter the examination through your supervisor/s on or before 15th July 2021.**The final title of your thesis and the name/s of your supervisor/s should also be indicated for consideration by the Board of Study. **You should submit the letter of intention to <https://forms.gle/K4RkDXF25GnJuzdUA>**
5. Please note that candidates are required to submit the MD thesis **on or before 3.00 p.m. by 15th August 2021** with the completed application. **No extension of time will be allowed under any circumstances.** The thesis has to be submitted in triplicate in loose bound form and a soft copy (The submission link will be informed once you submit the letter of intention)
6. Please note that **candidates are allowed only 6 attempts at the MD examination which must be completed within a period of 7 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 before permitted the sixth attempt. These requirements will not apply to those candidates who have sat the MD (Com Med/Com Dent) Selection/ Part I examinations before 1998.
7. Please note that the minimum period allowed for submission of the thesis shall be two (02) years from the date of registration for the MD part I training programme. The maximum period allowed for successful completion of the MD examination will be seven (7) years from the date of registration for the MD Part 1 training programme.
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.
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. The allocation of Post MD training units will be done as described in “General Regulation and Guidelines – 2021 and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. The allocated training units shall not be changed for personal reasons.
11. 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.
12. For candidates who entered the MSc in Community Medicine/ Dentistry training programme after 2010, the minimum duration of Post MD training required to be eligible for Board Certification shall be one year local and one year overseas.
13. Following the completion of prescribed requirement for Board Certification including overseas training, the prospective trainee should apply 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, shall be as follows :-
 - (a) Registration fee - Rs. 8,000.00 (Non refundable)
 - (b) Application fee - Rs. 4,000.00 (Non refundable)
 - (c) Examination fees - Rs. 74,000.00
 - (d) Assessment fee - Rs. 34,500.00(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.

15. Candidates who are submitting notice of intention to enter the examination **should pay the Registration and Examination fees** and produce the receipt **with the “Notice of your intention to enter the examination on or before 15th July 2021.**
16. If the PGIM does not receive the payment slip before the said date it will be assumed that you will not be sitting the forthcoming examination that will be scheduled from **18th October 2021.**
- 16 The assessment fee of Rs. 34,500.00 and Application fee of Rs. 4,000.00 should be paid and receipt submitted along with the Application form on or before **10th August 2021.**
- 17 The application form can be downloaded from the website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk.
- 18 All examination applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form. The link will be sent only to the candidates who have submitted their letter of intention on time. All applicants should have a Gmail Account to log into the google form. PGIM trainees have to use the email account created by the PGIM. You should attach your exam application with all the relevant documents as a single PDF document since this portal does not allow to attach multiple documents. **Please note that incomplete, handwritten, late submissions and applications sent via email will not be accepted.**
- 19 Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers/Dental Surgeons of Department of Health. website - <http://www.health.gov.lk/en/>
- 20 **There shall be no repeat or additional examinations which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2021.**
- 21 The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.

- 22 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 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.
- 23 Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website (www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) for further updates.
- 24 Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers/dental surgeons concerned in your department/division/faculty.



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