

My No. PGIM/EX/8/MD/Cli.Haem ('21)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine  
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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 CLINICAL HAEMATOLOGY EXAMINATION – AUGUST 2021**

1. The above examination will commence on **Monday, 23 August 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 2weeks 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 minimum requirements to sit the above Examination.

- (a) Successful completion of the Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Haematology Examination.
- (b) At least 80% attendance in the period of in-service training in each of the specified clinical training rotations.
- (c) Submitted the completed portfolio documenting the training during the Postgraduate Diploma & MD training period.
- (d) Satisfactory progress reports.
- (e) Satisfactory peer team rating reports.
- (f) Candidates are required to submit **Professionalism and Ethics in Medical Practice Strand Certificate issued by the PGIM along with the application.**

3. The examination components as follows;

- (a) **Theory Component** – two essay papers (Each paper will have 5 questions, out of which 4 questions must be answered in 3hrs)
- (b) **Practical Component** –  
**This will consist of the following four subcomponents.**
  - OSPE/OSCE 15 stations in 2.5 hrs. All questions to be answered.
  - Two Clinical Cases – (one will be in haemato oncology) 1.5 hrs
  - Data Interpretation with case discussions including morphology – 3 hrs
  - Coagulation and transfusion data interpretation – 3 hrs
- (c) **Viva Voce Component**- 40 minutes - 20 minutes each by two panels

4. The candidates should obtain minimum marks as follows to be successful at the examination
  - **A minimum of 50% overall for the entire examination**
  - AND**
  - **A minimum of 50% for the theory component (Essay Papers)**
  - AND**
  - **An overall 50% for the entire practical component and a minimum of 50% for each of the four sub components of the practical examination.**
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 6 attempts only in the MD which must be made 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 being permitted the sixth attempt.
7. 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](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.
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. 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.
11. 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.
12. The candidates who shall commence the Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after 01<sup>st</sup> August 2011 should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.
13. 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.

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

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| 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)

15. The Application form can be download from our website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk)

16. All examination Applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form. <https://forms.gle/ifexgYhwVEHQKHW7> on or before 23 July 2021. All applicants should have a Gmail Account to log in to a 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 you to attach multiple documents. **Please note that incomplete, handwritten, late submission and application sent via email will not be accepted.**

17. 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/](http://www.health.gov.lk/)

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

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

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

21. 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.

22. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) for further updated details.

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