

Circular Letter No. 014/2022

My No. PGIM/EX/8/MD/His/Part I (22)
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 Jayawardanapura/Eastern/Rarata/Sabaragamuwa/Wayamba/KDU

MD PART I IN HISTOPATHOLOGY EXAMINATION – MARCH 2022

1. The above examination will commence on **07 March 2022**
2. Applications are invited from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the examination.
 - (a) A minimum of 80% attendance during the two years of training stipulated for MD Part I Histopathology
 - (b) Sat the assessment of the Course in Basic Laboratory Sciences.
 - (c) Satisfactory progress reports.
 - (d) Submission of the Portfolio to the PGIM one month before the examination
3. The examination shall consist of three components i.e. Theory, Practical & CBLS Assessment
 - Component 1 - Theory - Paper I (40 MTF/15 SBA/15 EMI) – 3 hours
Paper II (04 Essay Questions) – 3 hours
 - Component 2 - Practical - Histopathology Slides (20 Slides) – 3 hours
Cytopathology and Special Stains (10 Cases) - 2 hours
 - Component 3 - CBLS - Assessment following CBLS Lecturer Course
Assessment
4. To pass the examination, the candidate should have:
 - (i) 50% or more from the total aggregate mark AND
 - (ii) 50% from Component 1 AND
 - (iii) 50 % from Practical 1 of Component 2 AND
 - (iv) 50 % from Practical 2 of Component 2
5. Candidates who are eligible to sit the MD Part I 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.

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6. Please note that **candidates are allowed 6 attempts only in the Part I examination 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 permitted the sixth attempt.

7. Each year only the MD Part I Examination in the approved examination calendar will be held. **no repeat or additional examinations will be held.**

8. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “General Regulation and Guidelines 2022” which is available on the PGIM web site: www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk. The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons. The number of available subspecialty training vacancies offered for post MD training, if any, will be determined based on the vacancy list provided by the MOH prior to the allocation.

9. 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.

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. The trainee status of trainees will be terminated in those who delay commencing overseas post-MD training by more than four (04) years after the expected date of completing local post-MD training

11. There should be no delay in submitting the research report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. Any delay will be added to the effective date of Board Certification.

12. The trainees must, within one (1) calendar month of satisfactory completion of the prescribed requirements, apply for Board Certification. All relevant documents must be submitted with the application. Failure to do so will result in a delay of effective date of Board Certification.

13. The candidates should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available on the PGIM website.

14. 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.46,500.00

candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above specified fees

Only payments made through the PGIM online portal will be accepted.

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

16. All examination Applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form. <https://forms.gle/6zJMsByNKGuZRgji8> on or before 04 February 2022. The Candidates have a use the email account created by the PGIM. The exam application with all relevant documents must be attached as a single PDF document since this portal does not allow uploading of 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 website – www.health.gov.lk/ Contd...../3-

18. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
19. 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. The candidate who pass the Selection Examination and are selected for the MD Programme should undergo the Professionalism & Ethics in Medical Practice Strand organized by the PGIM. Please note that this is compulsory for all MD trainees and should be completed within the first two years of pre-MD training. A certificate will be issued to trainees who complete this strand successfully.
21. “The orientation programme on **‘PGIM library resources and services’** is mandatory for all postgraduate trainees who enter PGIM training programmes. Please refer library.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/ for more information”
22. A trainee following a PG Certificate or PG Diploma or MSc or MD programme shall not be permitted to sit another selection examination for a PG Certificate or PG Diploma or MSc or MD. If the trainee leaves the course before completion of a programme/course of study, he/she shall not be permitted to sit for another selection examination for a minimum period of two years from the date of leaving the programme/course of study. This rule shall not apply for online and part time courses.
23. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk
24. Please bring the contents of this Circular to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.

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