

My No. PGIM/EX/8/PDTM ('22)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine  
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Colombo 7  
21<sup>st</sup> February 2022

To :DDG/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/Eastern/Rajarata/Sabaragamuwa/Wayamba/ KDU

**POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN TRANSFUSION MEDICINE EXAMINATION**  
**MARCH 2022**

1. The above examination will commence on **21 March 2022**. The examination will be held in Colombo.
2. Applications are invited from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination:
  - (a) Satisfactory completion of the 1year in-service training programme in the training centre to which the trainee has been assigned by the Board of Study in Pathology.
  - (b) Acceptance of all progress reports by the BOS.
  - (c) A minimum of 80% attendance for each clinical/practical appointments and lectures.
  - (d) Submission of the Portfolio and acceptance by the BOS.
3. The examination shall consist of three components,i.e-
  - a) Written Papers – Paper I & Paper II  
Paper I- 8 questions of short answer type - duration - 3 hrs  
Paper II- 12 questions based on Data Interpretation - duration – 2 hrs
  - b) Practical – One Problem based wet practical on a clinical case scenario  
duration - 3 hrs
  - c) Structured Viva – Duration 15 minutes
4. Requirement to pass the PG Diploma in Transfusion Medicine Examination is a minimum total aggregate of 50% (50 marks) and a minimum mark of 50% for each written (30/60 marks) and the practical components (15/30 marks).
5. Past question papers are available in the PGIM Library.
6. Candidates who are eligible to sit the Postgraduate 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 6 attempts only in the PG Diploma 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.
8. Each year only the scheduled PG Diploma examination in the approved examination calendar will be held. **No repeat or additional examinations will be held.** Contd.../2-

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 are as follows:-
  - (a) Registration fee - Rs. 8,000/- (non refundable)
  - (b) Examination fees - Rs.43,500/-
  - (c) Application fee - Rs. 3,500/- (non refundable)candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees  
**Note that only payment made through PGIM online will be accepted.**
15. The Application form could 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 . **(Form Link)** on or before 07 March 2022 . The Candidates have to 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– [www.health.gov.lk/](http://www.health.gov.lk/)
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/](http://library.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/) for more information
22. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) for further details.
23. Please bring the contents of the Circular to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.

  
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