

Circular Letter No33/2022

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To: Deputy Director General/NHSL, Colombo,
Directors/MSS of Teaching/General Hospitals,
Provincial Regional Directors of Health Services,
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya,
Sri Jayewardenepura/Rajarata/Eastern/Sabaragamuwa/ Wayamba/KDU.

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN VENEREOLOGY EXAMINATION - JUNE 2022

1. The above examination will commence on **Monday 20th June 2022**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.
 - (a) Completion of Postgraduate Diploma in Venereology training course with at least 80% attendance in lectures and in-service clinical training appointments.
 - (b) Obtain satisfactory progress reports from assigned trainers for in service training (MOH and clinical)
 - (c) Please note that candidates are required to submit the Case Books on three Case Studies in consultation with Consultant Venereologist during their training on or before **20th April 2022** with the assessment fee of Rs. 12,000.00. **No extension of time will be allowed under any circumstances.** In keeping with the above requirement, you are hereby informed to submit one soft copy of completed Portfolio and one softcopy of Portfolio (without reference) collected through a Google Form <https://forms.gle/aAXQ4ZBjdkscAm717> **Satisfactory completion of the case studies and acceptance of same by the Board of Study is a pre-requisite to sit the Postgraduate Diploma in Venereology examination.**
3. The examination consist of three parts,
 - i. Written Papers -
 - Paper I – Essay Type Questions (3 hours)
 - Paper II – Short Answer Questions (3 hours)
 - ii. Clinical - Two cases (45 minutes/case)
 - iii. OSPE - 20 Stations (2 hours)

4. Requirements to pass the Pg. Diploma in Venereology Examination;
 - candidate should obtain;
50% or more (500 marks or more) of the total 1000 marks
And
50% or more for written components (250 marks or more)
And
50% or more for clinical cases (150 marks or more)
And
50% or more for OSPE (100 marks or more)
 5. Past question papers are available for sale in the PGIM Library or can be downloaded from our website (library.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/)
 6. Candidates who are eligible to sit the Postgraduate Diploma examinations 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 examination for reasons not acceptable to the Board of Study the examination will be counted as an attempt.
 7. Please note that **candidates are allowed 6 attempts only in the Postgraduate Diploma 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.
 8. The prescribed fees for the examination shall be, as follows:

(a) Application fee	- Rs. 3,500.00 (Non Refundable)
(b) Registration fee	- Rs. 8,000.00 (Non Refundable)
(c) Examination fees	- Rs. 43,500.00
(d) Case Book Assessment fee	- Rs. 12,000.00 (Non Refundable)
- (Only payments made through the PGIM online portal will be accepted by the PGIM)***
(Private candidates will be charged 50% more on each fee of the PGIM)
9. The application form can be downloaded from the website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk>
 10. All examination applications and other documents will be collected through a Google form <https://forms.gle/BAAdwPbpQSizboRH89> on or before **20th May 2022**. Candidates have to use the email accounts created by the PGIM to access the Google form. 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.**

11. There shall be **no repeat or additional examinations** which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2022.
12. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University .
13. Please refer the new regulations laid down by the Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health web site – www.health.gov.lk
14. 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.
15. The candidates who pass the Postgraduate Diploma in Venereology Examination and are enrolled for the MD (Venereology) 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 02 years of Pre MD training. A certificate will be issued to trainees who complete this strand successfully.
16. The candidates who pass the Postgraduate Diploma in Venereology Examination and are enrolled for the MD (Venereology) programme should undergo 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
17. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website (www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) for additional details.
18. Please bring the contents of this Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.

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