

To : Deputy Director General/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/Rajarata/Sabaragamuwa/Wayamba/KDU

MD IN TRANSFUSION MEDICINE EXAMINATION – JUNE, 2022

1. The above examination will commence on **20 June 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) Over 80% attendance in all training activities
 - (b) Satisfactory progress report
 - (c) Satisfactory PTR reports
 - (d) Satisfactory completion and acceptance of the dissertation
 - (e) Satisfactory completion and acceptance of portfolio
 - (f) Submission of **Professionalism and Ethics in Medical Practice Strand Certificate issued by the PGIM along with the application.**
3. The examination shall consist of three components, ie-
 - a) **Theory Papers – Essay Type**
Paper I – 3hours. 5 to be answered out of 6 questions. The type of question will be either a single question or in parts or short notes.
 - Basic Sciences (Immunology, Genetics, Haematology, Microbiology, Parasitology)
 - Immunohaematology (Red cells/Platelets/White cells)Paper II – 3 hours. 5 to be answered out of 6 questions. The type of questions will be either a single question or in parts or short notes)
 - Blood Centre Operations
 - Clinical Transfusions/Recent Advances
 - b) **Practical – The Practical examination has 3 components**
 - Clinical Case Discussion (Paper work) – 3 hours (Problem based 14 data interpretation questions)
 - Haematology Exercises related to transfusion – 3 hours (Consists of three parts each carrying equal marks
 - Part 1: morphology, slides or pictures
 - Part 2-A wet practical on quality assessment on blood products
 - Part 3-A wet Practical on coagulation on a case based scenario
 - Immunohaematology exercise –Red cell serology exercise – 3 hours. (A wet practical on a problem based case scenario)
 - c) **Viva Voce** – Duration 30 minutes (two panels with at least two examiners in each)

4. A candidate should score 50% or more of the total mark given for the examination **AND** 50% or more for theory **AND** 50% or more for practical **AND** 50% or more for Clinical Case Discussion (Paper Work) and obtain 50% or more for at least 7 of the 14 data interpretation questions **AND** 45% or more for the Haematology exercises related to transfusion **AND** 50% or more for the immunohaematology exercise – red cell serology exercise.
5. Past question papers are available in the PGIM Library. (library.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/)
6. 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.
7. 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 permitted the sixth attempt.
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.
9. 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
10. 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.
11. 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
12. The candidates should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available on the PGIM website.
13. 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.
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. 74,000.00candidates 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 also could be download from the website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk

16. All examination Applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form. <https://forms.gle/BZ2wWD43zJwZ68yY8> on or before 20 May 2022. 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. There shall be **No repeat or additional examinations** which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2022.
18. 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.
19. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the **Senate of the University.** \
20. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk For further updates.
21. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health—www.health.gov.lk/
22. Please bring the contents of this Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.



Professor Senaka Rajapakse
MBS, MB, FRCP, FRCPE, FRCR, FACP, FNAS(SL)
Director
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine
University of Colombo

Professor Senaka Rajapakse
Director PGIM