

**Circular Letter No 106/2022**

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To: Deputy Director General, NHSL, Colombo,  
Directors/MSS of Hospitals (GH/ TH),  
Regional Directors of Health Services,  
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,  
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/ Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya,  
Sri Jayewardenepura/Rajarata/EUSL/ KDU

**MD (FORENSIC MEDICINE) EXAMINATION – NOVEMBER 2022**

1. The above examination will commence on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The examination will be held in Colombo.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.
  - (a) Satisfactory completion of three years training in all components of the in service training programme.
  - (b) Satisfactory progress reports acceptable to the BOS.
  - (c) Satisfactory Multisource Feedback System(4) acceptable to the BOS.
  - (d) A duly completed training Portfolio accepted by the Examiners
  - (e) Satisfactory completion of “**LOGBOOK**” and portfolio containing record of work carried out and signed by supervisor/trainer.
  - (f) Satisfactory professional conduct and attendance during the training period certified by the trainers (80% attendance at both in-service three year training appointment and training course.)
  - (g) Acceptance of the research project or journal publication in a board of study in Forensic Medicine approved journal. .
  - (h) Obtain the minimum marks required for all components of the continuous assessments.
3. The examination will consist of:
  - (1) Written Papers
  - (2) Clinical examination (long case& four short cases)
  - (3) OSPE
  - (4) Histopathological examination

4. Requirements to pass the examination: -
  - An overall mark of 350(50%) or more out of 700, and
  - 150 or more out of 300 marks for the written component, and
  - 75 or more out of 150 marks for the clinical component, and
  - 60 or more out of 150 marks for the OSPE , and
  - 40 or more out of 100 marks for the Histopathology examination
  
5. When a trainee is unsuccessful at one of the prerequisites/ module examination/ assessments during pre MD training, and is therefore not be eligible to sit for the next scheduled MD Examination, the said MD Examination shall be counted as an attempt.
  
6. Candidates who are unsuccessful at the examination shall attempt the next scheduled examination. A candidate who has obtained an overall mark of 350(50% of 700) or more for the examination, but has failed the examination because he/she has not obtained the requisite minimum mark for not more than two components of the examination, shall be permitted to attempt only the failed component(s) at the next scheduled examination.in such a case, the total mark shall be calculated using the marks obtained for the successful components, along with marks from the repeated component(s). A candidate shall be given this concession for only one repeat attempt. In the event that a candidate does not pass in this attempt, the candidate shall be required to sit for the examination again on the next occasion.
  
7. 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.
  
8. Please note that candidates are allowed only six (06) attempts at the MD Examination which must be completed within a period of eight (08) years from the date of the first Examination. However, after failing fifth (05) attempt the candidate should undergo a minimum period of one year further training before permitted the sixth (06) attempt.
  
9. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “General Regulation & Guidelines 2022” which is available on PGIM website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons.
  
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 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 dissertation or 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 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
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 trainees must , within one (01) calendar month of satisfactory completion of the prescribed requirements, apply for Board Certification. All documents must be submitted with the application . Failure to do so will result in a delay of effective date of Board Certification.
15. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows:-
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| (a) Registration fee | Rs. 12,000/= (Non Refundable) |
| (b) Application fee  | Rs. 6,000/= (Non Refundable)  |
| (c) Assessment fee   | Rs. 12,000/= (Non Refundable) |
| (d) Examination fee  | Rs. 111,000/=                 |
- (Candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)
- Only payments made through the PGIM online portal will be accepted**
16. All examination applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form <https://forms.gle/BCBJSjbqAWb7Lj5Z9> on or before 02<sup>nd</sup> November 2022. Candidates have to use the email account created by the PGIM. The exam application with all the relevant documents must be attached as a single PDF document since this portal does not allow you to attach multiple documents. **Please note that incomplete, handwritten, late submissions and applications sent via email will not be accepted.**
17. Each year only the scheduled selection examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.
18. The results will be valid and official only after confirmation of the **Senate of the University of Colombo.**

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 (e.g. 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.
20. The application form can be downloaded from the website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/>
21. 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)
22. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) for further updates.
23. Please bring contents of this Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.

  
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