

My No. PGIM/EX/8/MD/Chem.Path/Part I (23)  
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To : Deputy Director General NHSL, Colombo,  
Directors/MSS of Teaching/General Hospitals,  
Provincial 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

**MD PART I EXAMINATION IN CHEMICAL PATHOLOGY – FEBRUARY 2023**

1. The above examination will commence on **13 February 2023**.
2. Applications are invited from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the examination.
  - (a) Completion of two years of training leading to the MD in Chemical Pathology examination with a minimum of 80% attendance for the Course in Basic Laboratory Sciences and minimum of 80% attendance for the laboratory based training in Chemical Pathology of twenty one month's duration.
  - (b) Sitting the theory and practical assessment in the Course in Basic Laboratory Sciences.
  - (c) Satisfactory progress reports.
  - (d) Submission of the Portfolio **one month before** the examination.
3. The examination shall consist of three components i.e. Theory & Practical & CBLA Assessment
  - Component 1 –Theory Paper I – MCQ Paper– 2 hours (20 MTF,15 SBR, 15 EMQ)  
Theory Paper II (Short Answer Question) – 3 hours (20 compulsory SAQ's)
  - Component 2 - Practical Paper I  
(Consist of three questions on clinical data interpretation and two question on calculations related to Chemical Pathology. (1 hours)  
Practical Paper II  
(This Paper consists of bench practical work and will have two sessions of approximately 3 hours each) (6 hours)
  - Component 3 – CBLA Assessment
4. Candidates should obtain a minimum of 50% for the theory (Component 1) (20/40) and a minimum of 50% for the practical (component 2) (25/50) and 50% overall marks to pass the MD in Chemical Pathology Part I examination.
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.

6. 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 the fifth (05) attempt the candidate should undergo a minimum period of one year further training before permitted the sixth (06) attempt.
7. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “General Regulation and Guidelines 2022” which is available on the PGIM website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) and according to the approved procedures by the PGIM based on merit. The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons.
8. 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 date of effective Board Certification. Post-MD trainees who delay commencing overseas post-MD training by more than four (04) years after the expected date of completing local post-MD training will have their trainee status terminated.
9. There should be no delay in submitting the dissertation or research report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. If there is delay, the Board Certification will be delayed accordingly.
10. 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.
11. The candidates should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment as per PGIM regulations, to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available in the PGIM website for perusal.
12. Following the completion of prescribed requirements for Board Certification including overseas training the prospective trainee applies for Board Certification with the relevant documents within one month following the completion of such requirements. If this is not followed, the date of Board Certification will be delayed.
13. The prescribed fees for the examination shall be as follows:
  - a) Application fee - Rs. 6,000.00 (non refundable)
  - b) Registration fee - Rs.12,000.00 (non refundable)
  - c) Examination fees - Rs.70,000.00

(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**

14. The application form can be downloaded from the website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk>
15. All examination Applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form. <https://forms.gle/8xiYJ6qbhzvCfAXT6> on or before 13 January 2023. Candidates have to use the email account 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.**
16. Each year only the scheduled examination in the approved examination calendar will be held. No repeat or additional examinations were held.
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/](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. 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](http://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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