

My No. PGIM/EX/6/MD/Ortho/S (23/1)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
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To: Deputy Director General /NHSL,  
Directors 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

**MD (ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY) EXAMINATION – FEBRUARY/MARCH 2023**

1. The above examination will commence on **27<sup>th</sup> February 2023**. The examination will be held in Colombo.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following eligibilities to sit the above examination.

The final examination in MD-Orthopaedics will be held at the end of 4 years and 3 months of training.

- (1) Successful completion of the training programme approved by the specialty board of study in Orthopaedics.
- (2) Satisfactory completion of the clinical training appointments in BOT and HOT
- (3) Passed the OSCE and OSVE
- (4) Passed the portfolio assessment
- (5) Acceptance of research component by the Specialty Board of study in Orthopaedic
- (6) Satisfactory completion of all RITAs
- (7) A certificate of the Professionalism & Ethics in Medical Practices Strand organized by the PGIM should be submitted along with the application.

3. The MD (Orthopaedic Surgery) examination shall consist of (i) two theory papers – (i) Theory Paper I (ii) Theory Paper II (iii) Operative Surgery Viva– OSVE (iv) Orthopaedic Principles and Basic Sciences Viva – OSVE (v) Clinicals I - Long Case (Observed history taking and discussion) Communication Skills-OSCE (vi) Clinicals II - Short Cases – OSCE. The content areas from which the questions are based on is described in the Prospectus.
4. The candidate will have to obtain a minimum mark of 9 or above in at least five (5) components and a minimum mark of 8 in the remaining component. The mark obtained in each component will be the average of all the individual marks awarded by the examiners for that component. The marks obtained in each component will be presented in 2 decimal points and will not be rounded off to the closest integer.
5. Past question papers are available in the PGIM Library. <https://library.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/>
6. Candidates who are eligible to sit the MD examination are required to apply and sit 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 examination will be counted as attempts. When a trainee is unsuccessful at one of the prerequisites/ module examination/ assessments during pre MD training, and is therefore not eligible to sit for the next scheduled MD Examination, the said MD Examination shall be counted as an attempt.
7. Please note that the **candidates are allowed only 6 attempts to pass the MD Examination which must be made within a period of 8 years from the date of first examination.** However, after failing the fifth attempt the candidate should undergo a minimum period of one year of further training before the sixth attempt is permitted.
8. The allocation of Post MD training units will be done as described in “General Regulations and Guidelines -2022 which is available on the PGIM web site [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk). The allocated training units shall not be changed for personal reasons.
9. Post-MD trainees should commence post-MD overseas training within two (02) years after the 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 date of completing local post-MD training will have their trainee status terminated.
10. There should be no delay in submitting the dissertation or research report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. If there is a delay, the Board Certification will be delayed accordingly.

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 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 who shall commence the Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011 should pass the Pre- Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.

14. 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.

15. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows:-

(a) Registration fee	- Rs. 12,000/= (Non Refundable)
(b) Examination fee	- Rs. 111,000/=
(c) Application fee	- Rs. 6,000/= (Non Refundable)

(Candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)

**Note that only payments made through PGIM online portal will be accepted.**

16. The application form can be downloaded from our website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk)

17. All examination applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form, <https://forms.gle/J6HEwVc1NRC9DwDe9> on or before **3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023**. PGIM trainees have to use the email created by the PGIM to access the google form. You should attach your exam application with all the relevant documents 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.**

18. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in MOH website

19. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
20. 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.
21. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk)
22. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty

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