

Circular Letter No.03 /2023

My No. PGIM/EX/12/MD/GM (22/2)
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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 Jayewardenepura/Eastern/Rajarata/Sabaragamuwa/Wayamba/KDU

MD IN FAMILY MEDICINE EXAMINATION – JANUARY 2023

1. The above examination will commence on **24th January 2023**. 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 the training programme, with documentary proof of same, including the satisfactory evaluation from all respective trainers
 - (b) Satisfactory progress reports(8 reports from 8 rotations) acceptable to the BOS
 - (c) Satisfactory Peer Team Ratings acceptable to the BoS
 - (d) A duly completed Training Portfolio which is accepted and passed by the examiners
 - (e) Completed dissertation which is accepted and passed by the examiners.
 - (f) Satisfactory professional conduct and attendance during the training period certified by the trainers
 - (g) Good health certified by a specialist approved by the PGIM
 - (h) Obtain a pass grade for Continuous Assessments.
 - (i) Candidates are required to submit **Professionalism and Ethics in Medical Practice Strand Certificate issued by the PGIM along with the application.**
3. The MD examination consists of 2 components.
The written component, the OSCE component.
 - 3.1 The written component**
 - (i) Paper 1 : Structured essay questions (SEQ- 6 questions) – 3 hours
 - (ii) Paper 2 : MCQ (60 Questions) -2 ½ hours (40 true false type MCQs & 20 single Best Answer type)
 - 3.2 The OSCE component-** 10 stations (10 minutes each)

To pass the Examination,

Total mark of 636 or more out of 1060 (60% or more)

And

50% (150 marks out of 300) or more for (SEQ)

And

50 % (130 marks out of 260) or more for (MCQ)

And

50 % (250 marks out of 500) or more for (OSCE)

If a candidate fails the MD examination, the candidate will have to re-sit all components of the MD examination in the next attempt. Candidate shall refer to the relevant prospectus for details of the examination.

4. 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.

5. Please note that **candidates are allowed only 6 attempts at the MD examination which must be completed 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.

6. The allocation of Post MD training units will be done as described in “General Regulations and Guidelines -2022 which is available on the PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk. The allocated training units shall not be changed for personal reasons.

7. 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. 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.

8. There shall 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.

9. 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.

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 to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.

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

- (a) Registration fee - Rs. 12,000.00 (Non refundable)
- (b) Examination fees - Rs. 111,000.00
- (d) Application fee - Rs. 6,000.00 (Non refundable)
- (e) Portfolio Assessment fee - Rs 12,000.00(Non Refundable)
- (f) Dissertation Assessment fee- Rs 12,000.00(Non Refundable)

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

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

13. The application form also could be downloaded from the website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk.

14. All examination applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form(<https://forms.gle/uv5zvjbADPhcCZAN6>) on or before **17 January 2023**. All applicants should have a PGIM Gmail Account 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 submissions and applications sent via email will not be accepted.**

15. There shall be **no repeat or additional examinations** which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2023.

16. 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.

17. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the **Senate of the University**.

18. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/> for further updates.

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19. 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.
20. Please bring the contents of this Circular Letter to the notice of all Medical Officers / Dental Surgeons concerned in your department/division/faculty.

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