

Circular Letter No. 09/2023

My No. PGIM/EX/14/MD/CN/23
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
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18th January 2023

To: Deputy Director Director/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 CLINICAL NUTRITION EXAMINATION – MARCH 2023

1. The above examination will commence on **10th March 2023**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.

- (a) Completion the two-year clinical training, satisfactorily, with 80% attendance in each component.
- (b) Submission of logbook and portfolio at least eight weeks before the MD Clinical Nutrition Examination for the purpose of assessment.

Note: The candidates are required to **submit a one soft copy of the completed portfolio through the Google form <https://forms.gle/DkfbHWNfJb5VyGPb9>** on or before 30th January 2023 and hard copy of the logbook on or before 28th February 2023. No extension of time will be allowed under any circumstances.

- (c) Candidates are required to submit a certified copy of **Professionalism and Ethics in Medical Practice Strand Certificate** issued by the PGIM.
3. The examination will consist of 03 components as follows:
(1) Written Component

Paper I	Structured Essay Question Paper	03 hours
Paper II	Data interpretation Paper	02 hours

(2) Clinical Component

Segment I	Long Case	75 Minutes
Segment II	Short Cases	40 Minutes
Segment III	OSCE	75 Minutes

(3) The Viva Voce Component

Portfolio and Portfolio based Viva

20-30 Minutes

4. Requirements to pass the examination: -
 - A total aggregate minimum of 50% and
 - Minimum of 50% in the theory component, with at least 40% in each paper
 - Minimum of 50% in the clinical component, with a minimum of 40% in the long case and a minimum of 50% in the short cases
 - Minimum of 40% in the viva component
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Passed theory or clinical component carried over only for one subsequent attempt. In such situation portfolio marks will be carried to subsequent examinations indefinitely. In the event that a candidate does not pass the repeat examination, he/ she shall have to sit for the entire MD end-of -course examination.
8. Please note that **candidates are allowed 06 attempts only in the MSc which must be made within a period of 08 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 being permitted the sixth 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 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 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.

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 is more than two years in sub specialties and the information is available in the prospectus.
14. The candidates who shall commence the Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after August 2011 should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.
15. Following the component 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.
16. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows:

(a) Registration fee	- Rs. 12,000.00 (non-refundable)
(d) Application fee	- Rs. 6,000.00 (non-refundable)
(c) Examination fee	- Rs. 111,000.00
(d) Assessment fee of portfolio	- Rs. 12,000.00 (non-refundable)

(Private candidates will be charged 50% more on each category of fee mentioned above)

Only online payments through the PGIM online portal will be accepted

17. The application form can be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk.
18. All examination applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form <https://forms.gle/Qbazgu4jMKtTR8he9> on or before 28th February 2023. PGIM trainees have to use the email account 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.**
19. There shall be **no repeat or additional examinations** which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2023.
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. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the **Senate of the University**.
22. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/> for further updates.

23. 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.
24. Please bring the contents of the Circular to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.



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