

Circular Letter No. 19/2023

My No. PGIM/EX/3/MD/S/II (23/1)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
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To : 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/Rajarata,
Sri Jayewardenepura/EUSL/KDU

MD (SURGERY) EXAMINATION – MARCH/APRIL 2023

1. The above examination will commence on **28th March 2023**. The examination will be held in the **PGIM, Colombo and National Hospital, Colombo.(NHSL – Colombo)**
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.
 - (a) Should have Passed the Selection Examination in Surgery;
 - (b) Should have participated and successfully completed the training programmes approved by the Board of Study in Surgery on basic surgical skills, basic laparoscopic skills and trauma care. **Certificates of successful completion to be provided;**
 - (c) Should have completed the clinical training appointments in Basic Surgical Training Programme satisfactorily and accepted by the Board of Study – appointment cards will be checked;
 - (d) Should have passed the OSCE;
 - (e) Portfolio/Case Book assessment should be satisfactory;
 - (f) Research components accepted by the Board of Study in Surgery.

and

- (g) A certificate of the Professionalism & Ethics in Medical Practices Strand organized by the PGIM should be submitted along with the application.

Note:-

Only those whose Case Books have been already accepted and approved by the Board of Study would be eligible to sit the MD examination. Case Books should have been submitted at least 6 months before the examination. The case book will undergo a plagiarism check by the PGIM.

3. The examination shall consist of (1) Written Papers (2) Objective Structured Viva Examination (OSVE) and (3) Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE). The content areas from which the questions are based on are described in the Prospectus.

Marking would be based on the following format.

Failure	1
Borderline	2
Pass	3
Good pass	4
Excellent pass	5

4. **Requirements to pass the MD examination.**

Candidate should obtain a minimum total of 9 marks

AND

Not obtain a mark of 2 for any two components

AND

Not obtain a mark of 1 for any single component

AND

Obtain a minimum of 3 at four out of six OSVE stations

AND

Obtain a minimum of 3 at five out of seven OSCE stations

5. The following sub-specialties will be offered to the candidates who pass the examination

A. **In General Surgery with special interest in**

- (a) **Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery,**
- (b) **Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Surgery,**
- (c) **Lower Gastrointestinal Surgery,**
- (d) **Vascular Surgery,**
- (e) **Breast Surgery,**
- (f) **Endocrine Surgery,**
- (g) **Trauma Surgery,**

B. **In Gastrointestinal Surgery, Paediatric Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Genito-Urinary Surgery, Thoracic Surgery, Urological Surgery, Vascular Surgery, Neuro Surgery, Cardio Thoracic Surgery and Surgical Oncology,**

At the point of post MD allocation, the base specialty and any available subspecialties which are approved at the time of the post MD allocation will be offered to candidates, according to merit. The number of available base specialty and subspecialty training vacancies offered for Post MD training if any will be determined based on the vacancy list provided by the MOH prior to the post MD allocation.

6. Those who opt to do General Surgery will be required to select an area of special interest with General Surgery according to the 2012 prospectus. The total period of senior registrar training according to this program will be 3 years. This option of General Surgery with special interest will be offered only for those who sit for MD Part II for the first time from July 2012 onwards.
7. Past question papers are available in the PGIM Library. <https://library.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/>
8. Candidates who are eligible to sit the MD examination are required to be present for the first scheduled examination after completion of the training program. 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.
9. Please note that the **candidates are allowed only 6 attempts of the MD (Surgery) 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 being permitted the sixth attempt. These requirements will not apply to those candidates who have sat the Selection/ Part I examinations before 1998.
10. The allocation of Post MD training units will be done as described in “General Regulations and Guidelines -2023 which is available on the PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk. The allocated training units shall not be changed for personal reasons.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. The candidates who commence the Pre MD (Registrar) or Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after 1st August 2011 should pass the Pre- Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.
16. Following the completion of prescribed requirements for Board Certification including overseas training the prospective trainee should apply 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.

