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To : Deputy Director General/NHSL, 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/Rajarata/Sabaragamuwa/Wayamba.

**MD (ANAESTHESIOLOGY) FINAL EXAMINATION – MARCH 2023**

1. The above examination will commence on **16<sup>th</sup> March 2023**.
2. Applications are invited from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.
  - (a) Satisfactory completion of all clinical appointments prescribed in the training program as prescribed in prospectus 2022.
  - (b) Successful completion of 3 ARCPs.
  - (c) Completion of the eight(08) mandatory workshops/courses (listed in section 8 in prospectus 2022.)and
  - (d) Should have completed Professionalism and Ethics in Medical Practice Strand- (**certificate to be submitted along with the application.**)

Note :-

- (a) Candidates possessing recognized foreign specialist qualification/should make a formal application with documentations in order to be considered for exemption from the Selection examination and the Clinical training period, to sit the Final examination. Certified copies of the clinical appointments completed as prescribed in the regulations and the certified copies of primary/final examination certificates must be forwarded for scrutiny by the Board of Study.

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3. The current format of the MD (Anaesthesiology) final examination is described in the Prospectus 2022.

4. The MD (Anaesthesiology) examination shall consist of three components. ie Theory, OSCE and OSVE.

### 5. Requirements to pass the MD examination.

The final closed mark is obtained by adding the non-rounded off closed marks of the 3 components.(i.e. Theory, OSCE,OSVE). In order to pass the MD examination, following criteria must be met.

Obtain a minimum rounded off cumulative mark of nine (9)

**AND**

Obtain a non-rounded off closed mark of **three (3)** in at least two components.

**AND**

Obtain a minimum closed mark of two (2) in all components.

**AND**

Obtain a minimum closed mark of three (**3**) **at four(4)** out of seven (**07**) OSCE stations.

### 6. Re Sit Candidates

- A candidate who obtains a non-rounded off closed mark of **three(3)** or above and passes the **Theory component** (MCQ plus SEQ) of the examination but fails the overall examination will be exempted from the requirement to sit for the theory component for **one** subsequent attempt provided he/she obtains a minimum non rounded off closed mark of **two (2)** in the other 2 components (OSCE and OSVE).
- Theory component mark that would be carried over to a subsequent examination attempt stated above will be a close mark of **three (3)**.
- If a candidate who passes the MCQ does not sit for the SEQ and/or OSCE and /or OSVE of same examination, the candidate will have to re sit the MCQ examination.
- When calculating the number of attempts, the first attempt at the MCQ will be considered as the first attempt at the exam.

7. 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 Ministry of Health prior to the post MD allocation.
8. Past question papers are available in the PGIM Library. <https://library.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/>
9. Candidates who are eligible to sit the MD final 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.
10. **Please note that candidates are allowed only 6 attempts at the final 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 further training before permitted to sit for the sixth attempt. These requirements will not apply to those candidates who have sat the Anaesthesiology Part IB examination before 1998.
11. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “ General Regulation & Guidelines 2023” which is available on PGIM website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. The candidates who commenced the pre MD (Registrar) or 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.
17. 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.

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

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| (a) Registration fee | - Rs. 12,000/= (non refundable) |
| (b) Examination fees | - 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)

**Only online payment through the PGIM online portal will be accepted by the PGIM.**

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

20. All examination applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form. <https://forms.gle/PAThas9bD8cvKcRr8> on or before **3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023**. PGIM trainees have to use the email account created by the PGIM to log into 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.**

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

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

23. 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.

24. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website ([www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk))

25. 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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