

**Circular Letter No 24/2022**

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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,  
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences, Universities of Peradeniya/ Colombo/  
Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya/ Sri Jayewardenepura / Rajarata/ EUSL/ Sabaragamuwa/  
Wayamba/ KDU.

**MD COMMUNITY MEDICINE THEORY EXAMINATION – JUNE 2023**

01. The above examination will commence on **01<sup>st</sup> June 2023**.

02. The examination shall consist of two components.

- A. Two Theory Papers
- B. Structured Oral Examination (SOE)

**A. Theory papers**

The two theory papers will consist of four (04) questions in each paper with a duration of two (02) hours per paper.

**B. Structured oral examination (SOE)**

There will be two viva boards, each of 20 minutes duration.

03. In order to pass the examination a candidate should obtain an overall aggregate of 50% or more with a minimum mark of 50% for each theory paper and an average of 50% for the SOE. Those who fail the examination will be allowed to follow the training programme but will have to pass this component before the submission of the thesis.

04. The allocation of Pre and Post MD training units will be done as described in “General Regulations and Guidelines -2023 which is available on the PGIM web site <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk>. The allocated training units shall not be changed for personal reasons.

05. 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.
06. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows :-
- (a) Registration fee - Rs.12,000.00 (Non-refundable)
  - (b) Examination fees - Rs.70,000.00
  - (c) Application Fee - Rs. 6,000.00 (Non-refundable)

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

**❖ Only payments made through the PGIM online portal will be accepted.**

07. The application form can be downloaded from the <https://pgim.cmb.ac.lk>
08. All examination Applications and other documents will be collected through a Google form <https://forms.gle/ETbi2xuGPY9SrjbY9> on or before **28<sup>th</sup> April 2023.** PGIM trainees have to use the email account created by the PGIM 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.**
09. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar will be held. **No repeat or additional examinations will be held.**
10. 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.

11. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the **Senate of the University**.
12. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk> for further updates.
13. 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](http://www.health.gov.lk)
14. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all Medical Officers / Dental Surgeons concerned in your department/division/faculty.

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