

My No. PGIM/EX/8/MD/TM (23)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
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Colombo 7.
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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
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MD IN TRANSFUSION MEDICINE EXAMINATION – AUGUST, 2023

1. The above examination will commence on **14 August 2023**. The examination will be held in Colombo.
2. Applications are invited from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination:
 - (a) Over 80% attendance in all training activities
 - (b) Satisfactory progress report
 - (c) Satisfactory PTR reports
 - (d) Satisfactory completion and acceptance of the dissertation
 - (e) Satisfactory completion and acceptance of portfolio
 - (f) Submission of **Professionalism and Ethics in Medical Practice Strand Certificate issued by the PGIM along with the application.**
3. The examination shall consist of three components, ie-
 - a) **Theory Papers – Essay**
Paper I – 3hours. **All 5 questions to be answered.** The type of question will be either a single question or in parts or short notes.
 - Basic Sciences (Immunology, Genetics, Haematology, Microbiology, Parasitology)
 - Immunohaematology (Red cells/Platelets/White cells)Paper II – 3 hours. **All 5 questions to be answered.** The type of questions will be either a single question or in parts or short notes
 - Blood Centre Operations
 - Clinical Transfusions/Recent Advances
 - b) **Practical – The Practical examination has 3 components**
 - Clinical Case Discussion (Paper work) – 3 hours (Problem based 14 data interpretation questions)
 - Haematology Exercises related to transfusion – 3 hours (Consists of three parts each carrying equal marks
 - Part 1: morphology, slides or pictures
 - Part 2-A wet practical on quality assessment on blood products
 - Part 3-A wet Practical on coagulation on a case based scenario
 - Immunohaematology exercise –Red cell serology exercise – 3 hours. (A wet practical on a problem based case scenario)
 - c) **Viva Voce** – Duration 30 minutes (two panels with at least two examiners in each)

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4. A candidate should score 50% or more of the total mark given for the examination **AND** 50% or more for theory **AND** 50% or more for practical **AND** 50% or more for Clinical Case Discussion (Paper Work) and obtain 50% or more for at least 7 of the 14 data interpretation questions **AND** 45% or more for the Haematology exercises related to transfusion **AND** 50% or more for the immunohaematology exercise – red cell serology exercise.
5. Past question papers can be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk
6. 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.
7. Please note that candidates are allowed only six (06) attempts at the PG Diploma examination which must be completed within a period of eight (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 permitted the sixth (06) attempt.
8. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “General Regulation and Guidelines 2023” which is available on the PGIM web site: www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk. The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons.
9. 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 effective date of 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.
10. There should be no delay in submitting the research report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. Any delay will be added to the effective date of Board certification.
11. The trainees must, within one (01) 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.
12. 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.
13. The candidates should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.
14. The prescribed fees for the examination shall be as follows:

a) Application fee	- Rs. 6,500.00 (non refundable) -
b) Registration fee	Rs. 12,500.00 (non refundable) -
c) Examination fees	Rs. 114,000.00

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.
15. The Application form could be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk

16. All examination Applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form. <https://forms.gle/8CwJQkw3K5BQvTum8> on or before 14 July 2023. PGIM trainees have to use the email account created by the PGIM. 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 submission and application sent via email will not be accepted.**
17. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar will be held. **No repeat or additional examinations will be held.**
18. 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.
19. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
20. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website (www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk).
21. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health–www.health.gov.lk/
22. Please bring the contents of this Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.

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