

My No. PGIM/EX/8/MD/Paed ('23/2)
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
Sri Jayawardanapura/Eastern/Rarata/Sabaragamuwa/Wayamba/KDU

MD (PAEDIATRICS) EXAMINATION – AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2023

1. The Written Component of the above examination will commence on **Tuesday, 22 August 2023**. The examination will be held in Colombo.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the Examination.

- (a) Satisfactory completion of all stages (I), (II) and (III) of the training programme as prescribed in the prospectus.
- (b) Satisfactory Annual Reviews at each stage of training
- (c) Overall attendance of 80% at every component in each stage of training
- (d) Satisfactory Completion of **Professionalism and Ethics in Medical Practice Strand (Certificate issued by the PGIM should be submitted along with the application)**

Note :-

Those who are eligible in terms of the above requirements should submit the application and the “Log Book” which provides evidence of their successful completion of the said training. The signature of the relevant Consultant / Trainers should be obtained before submission of the Log Book.

3. The examination shall consist of written and clinical component.
 - (a) Written Component consists of following segments;
Segment I Structured Essay Question Paper
Segment II Case History Paper
Segment III Data Interpretation Paper
Segment IV Objective Structured Practical Examination (OSPE) – They are projected OSPEs
 - (b) Clinical Component consists of;
 - One Long Case
 - Structured Assessment of Clinical Skills (SACS)
4. Candidates are also informed that **Only those who obtain 50% or more in the entire written component and a minimum mark of 50% each for any two out of four segments and a minimum mark of 45% each for the remaining two segments will be allowed to proceed for the Clinical Component, which is scheduled to be held in Colombo.** All candidates will be informed in writing of their performance in the written component whether they are permitted or not, to proceed to the clinical component of the examination.
5. In the event of a candidate being successful only in the written component, such a candidate will be exempted from the theory component for a maximum of 3 subsequent attempt, provided that the candidate is not exceeding 6 attempts with in 8 years from the first scheduled examination after completion of training.

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6. The clinical component of the examination will commence on **12 September 2023**.
7. To pass the clinical component of the examination each candidate has to obtain a minimum mark of **50%** in each section i.e. Long Case & SACS. In the SACS component, a mark of 50% or above in **minimum of five stations** and overall mark of 50% or more are mandatory.
8. Past question papers can be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk
9. The subspecialties available and the number to be allocated to each shall be determined by the Ministry of Health and the qualified candidates will be informed before or at the allocation meeting.
10. 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.
11. Please note that candidates are allowed only six (06) attempts at the MD Examination which must be completed within a period of eight (08) years from the date of the first examination. However, after failing the fifth (05) attempt the candidate should undergo a minimum period of one year further training before permitted the sixth (06) attempt.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. The candidates should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.
19. The prescribed fees for the examination are as follows:-
 - (a) Registration fee - Rs. 12,500/- (non refundable)
 - (b) Examination fees - Rs.114,000/-
 - (c) Application fee - Rs. 6,500/- (non refundable)(candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)

Note that only payments made through PGIM online portal will be accepted.

At the first instance candidates are required to pay Rs.12,500/- for registration fee, Rs. 6,500 for application fee and Rs.57,000/- the entry fee for the written component. Those who qualify to proceed for the rest of the examination, i.e. Clinical component will have to pay the balance Examination fee of Rs.57,000/-.

20. The Application form could be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk
21. All examination Applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form. <https://forms.gle/ZhR6gai1VX9TvyRQ9> on or before 30 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.**
22. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar will be held. **No repeat or additional examinations will be held.**
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. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
25. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website (www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk).
26. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health—www.health.gov.lk/
27. 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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