

**Circular Letter No. 85/2023**

My No. PGIM/EX/13/MD/Med/Parasit (23)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
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Colombo 7.  
28<sup>th</sup> August 2023

To: Deputy Director General/NHSL,  
Directors/MS of Teaching/General Hospitals,  
Regional Directors of Health Services,  
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,  
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya,  
Sri Jayewardenepura/Eastern/Rajarata/Sabaragamuwa/Wayamba/KDU  
Director/MRI,

**MD (MEDICAL PARASITOLOGY) EXAMINATION – NOVEMBER 2023**

1. The above examination will commence on **28<sup>th</sup> November 2023**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the MD (Medical Parasitology) examination. Candidates must -
  - (a) Show at least 80% attendance in each of the following training components -
    - (i) In-service training appointments
    - (ii) Research project
  - (b) Obtain a satisfactory progress report from trainers for each appointment
  - (c) Submit Peer Team Rating forms as required by the PGIM
  - (d) Submit the dissertation
  - (e) Submit the Training Portfolio
3. The examination shall consist of four parts, as set out below:  
**Part 1 – Theory examination**  
**Part 2 - Laboratory examination 3**  
**Part 3 – Assessment of Training Portfolio**  
**Part 4 – Assessment of Dissertation**
4. To pass the MD in Parasitology Examination, a candidate will be required to obtain the following:
  - (a) A final percentage mark of 60% or more  
**AND**
  - (b) A minimum of 50% or more for the Theory part of the examination  
(Theory papers I and II together)  
**AND**
  - (c) A minimum of 50% or more for the Laboratory part of the examination  
(Laboratory Examinations 1,2 and 3)  
**AND**
  - (d) A Minimum of 50% or more for the dissertation

5. 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 examination for reasons not acceptable to the Board of Study the examinations will be counted as an attempts.
6. Please note that **candidates are allowed 6 attempts only in the MD which must be made 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.
7. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar will be held. **No repeat or additional examinations will be held.**
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](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk). The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons. The number of available 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 allocation.
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. 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.
11. 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.
12. The trainees must, within one (1) 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 delay of effective date of Board Certification
13. The candidates should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available on the PGIM website.
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
(d) Dissertation assessment fee	- Rs. 13,000.00 (Non refundable)

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

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

15. The Application form can be download from [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk)
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. All examination applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form, <https://forms.gle/U7Ra4bZWxDwAjZC58> on or before **26<sup>th</sup> October 2023**. Candidates have to use the email accounts 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.**
18. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health—[www.health.gov.lk/](http://www.health.gov.lk/)
19. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
20. 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 behavior, 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.
21. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website ([www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk)).
22. 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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