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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 Jayewardenepura,/Rajarata/Eastern/Sabaragamuwa/Wayamba/KDU

MD (RADIOLOGY) PART I EXAMINATION – DECEMBER 2023

1. The above examination will commence on 4th **December 2023**.
2. Applications are invited from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the examination.
 - a. Satisfactory completion of the MD (Radiology) Part I training programme
 - b. Attendance of not less than 80% at each of the following
 - i. Practical components of work documented in the Log Book maintained by the trainee
 - ii. Lectures/film viewing sessions/tutorials
 - iii. Clinico-radiological meetings
 - iv. Journal club meetings
 - c. Submission of the following documents
 - (i) Attendance registers mentioned in 12.1.1a) and 12.1.1b) of the Prospectus 2015.

Attendance registers for all above compulsory activities have to be maintained. These have to be submitted to BOS in the month of October, each year.
 - (ii) Log book
 - (iii) Recommendations made by the Supervisor/s, on the appraisal form for postgraduate trainees. Skills should be further assessed at this stage, in addition to the assessment of skills during the in service programme.

- (iv) Portfolio – completion of relevant components and certification by the trainer/s of satisfactory progress
 - (v) Progress reports
 - (vi) PTR forms
 - (vii) Approval of the Research Proposal and commencement of the project certified by the supervisor
- d. Certificate of recommendation issued by the committee appointed by the Board of Study in Radiology after assessing above.

Note :-

A certificate from the Consultant, certifying the satisfactory completion of the candidate's work and attendance of the training programme, must be submitted with the application.

3. The examination shall consist of two components i.e. Theory & Practical
 - 3.1 Theory – Segment 1 – Two MCQ papers each comprising 60 questions to be answered in 90 minutes.
 - Segment 2 – SEQ paper. 6 questions to be answered in 2 hours.
 - 3.2 Practical – Segment 3 – Spots (Image Viewing Session) 20 stations
 - Segment 4 – Viva – Voce board I & II
4. In order to pass the examination a candidate must obtain 50% or more of the total aggregate mark AND 50% or more in each of the four segments of the examination.
5. Procedures relating to candidates who failed MD Radiology Part I Examination
 - 5.1 A candidate with a total aggregate score of less than 50% or who has scored less than 40% in any one of the segments irrespective of the score for the other segments should sit for both Theory and Practical components.
 - 5.2 A candidate who obtains a total aggregate score of 50% or more and obtained 50% or more for one component but has obtained between 40% and 50% in one or both segments of the other component, will be required to sit for both segments of that component at the next attempt.

Trainees will be permitted not more than 2 attempts or a maximum period of 2 years from the date of commencement of a given examination (whichever is earlier) to pass that component.

Failing those two attempts, the trainee will have to re-sit the entire examination. A trainee not successful at MD Radiology Part I examination after 1st attempt will still be allowed to continue into the 2nd year of pre-MD training programme. Such trainees will be placed at the bottom of the merit list at the selection of 2nd year short training rotations in selected specialized areas.

A trainee who does not pass the MD Radiology Part I examination after 2 attempts will have to leave the training programme temporarily. Such trainees can sit for exam as “external re-sits”. After being successful, the trainee will resume in-service 3rd year of training in his / her previous training center. Such trainees will be placed at the bottom of the merit list at the selection of 3rd year Short Training Rotations in selected specialized areas.

6. The relevant information regarding the training program, and requirements for Board Certification are described in the Prospectus and in other relevant documents published in the PGIM website.
7. Past question papers for segment 2 of the component can be downloaded from the PGIM library. library.pgim.cmb.ac.lk
8. Candidates who are eligible to sit the MD part I 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.
9. **Please note that candidates are allowed only 6 attempts at the part I examination which must be made within a period of 8 years from the date of first examination.**
10. The selected candidates should report to the training unit allocated to him/her within one month on receipt of the letter of selection.
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. The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons.
12. 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.
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 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.

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 delay, the Board Certification will be delayed accordingly.

15. 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

16. The candidates should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available on the PGIM website.

17. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector as follows: -

(a) Registration fee	- Rs. 12,500/= (Non-Refundable)
(b) Examination fees	- Rs. 72,000/=
(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.

18. Exempted candidates are required to submit the application together with a letter indicating whether they would sit again for the theory/Practical component of the examination before the closing date of applications. Candidates who sit for only one component need to pay the registration fee of Rs. 12,500/= Application fee Rs. 6,500.00 and 36,000.00 as the examination fees.

19. The application form can be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk

20. All examination applications and other documents will be collected through a Google form. <https://forms.gle/iVoVzsmdbgNFAS9> on or before **19th November 2023**. Candidates have to use the email accounts created by the PGIM to access the Google form. The exam application with all the 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.**

21. Each year only the scheduled examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. No repeat or additional examination will be held,

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 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.

24. The candidates who pass the Selection Examination and are selected for the MD programme should undergo the Professionalism Strand organized by the PGIM. Please note that this is compulsory for all MD trainees and should be completed within first two years of pre-MD training. A certificate will be issued to trainees who completed this strand successfully
25. The orientation programme on “PGIM library resources and services” is mandatory for all postgraduate trainees who enter PGIM training programmes. Please refer library.pgim.cmb.ac.lk
26. A trainee following a PG Certificate or PG Diploma or MSc or MD programme shall not be permitted to sit another selection examination for a PG Certificate or PG Diploma or MSc or MD. If the trainee leaves the course before completion of a programme/course of study, he/she shall not be permitted to sit for another selection examination for a minimum period of two years from the date of leaving the programme/course of study. This rule shall not apply for online and part time courses.
27. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website (www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk)
28. 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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