

**Circular Letter No. 96/ 2023**

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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/Eastern/Rajarata/Sabaragamuwa/Wayamba/KDU

**MD (EMERGENCY MEDICINE) EXAMINATION – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023**

1. The above examination will commence on **20<sup>th</sup> November 2023**. The examination will be held in Colombo.
2. Applications are invited by me from Medical Officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination:
  - (a) Satisfactory completion of the end of placement assessment in all the clinical appointments during the 3-year program.
  - (b) Satisfactory completion of ARCPs at 12 and 24 months.
  - (c) Submission and acceptance of completed 5 case reports (Annexure 7).
3. The examination shall consist of three components;
  - (a) Theory: MCQ & SEQ
  - (b) OSCE
  - (c) OSVE

(i)	Theory		
	MCQ -	45 SBA	01 hour and 30 minutes
	SEQ -	10 questions	03 hours

Eligibility to proceed to the OSCE & OSVE component of the MD examination. Candidates should satisfy the following criteria to pass the theory component and proceed to the OSCE & OSVE:

- Obtain a non-rounded off cumulative theory mark of 3 or more (MCQ + SEQ)
- Not obtain less than 2.5 in any of the theory components (i.e. MCQ or SEQ)
- Obtain a minimum average mark of 3 for 6 out of 10 SEQs

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Note: If a candidate fails to pass the OSCE & OSVE in the concurrent examination he/ she will be permitted to sit the OSCE & OSVE of the subsequent examination only without appearing for the theory component (i.e. a pass in the theory component can be utilized for one additional examination only)

(ii)	OSCE	-	12 stations	10 minutes per station
(iii)	OSVE	-	02 stations	20 minutes per station

4. To pass the MD examination a candidate should fulfil the following criteria:

Obtain a minimum **not rounded off final** mark of 9 (Theory, OSCE, OSVE)

AND

Not obtain less than 3 for more than one component

AND

Not obtain less than 2 for any component

AND

Obtain a minimum of 3 in 8 out of 12 OSCE stations

AND

Obtain a minimum of 3 in one (1) out of 2 OSVE stations

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 examinations for reasons not acceptable to the Board of Study, the examinations will be counted as attempts.
6. 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.
7. The allocation of Post MD training units will be done as described in “General Regulations and Guidelines -2023 which is available on the PGIM website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) and according to the approved procedures by the PGIM based on merit. The allocated training units shall not be changed for personal reasons.
8. 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. 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.
9. There should be no delay in submitting the research project report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. If there is a delay, the Board Certification will be delayed accordingly.

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. The candidates should pass the Pre Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM website for perusal.
12. 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 delay of the effective date of Board Certification.
13. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows:

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

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

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

14. The application form can be downloaded from the website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk).
15. All examination applications and other documents will be collected through a Google form <https://forms.gle/aJSLzUeQLBGZiuqU9> on or before **10th November 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 you to attach multiple documents. **Please note that incomplete, handwritten, late submission and application sent via email will not be accepted.**
16. 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).
17. Each year only the scheduled examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.
18. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the **Senate of the University**.
19. 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.
20. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website <https://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/>

21. 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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