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To :Deputy Director/NHSL
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 (CLINICAL ONCOLOGY) PART I EXAMINATION – NOVEMBER 2023

01. The above examination will commence on **6th November 2023**.
02. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the examination.
 - (a) Satisfactory completion of stage 1 of the training programme (at least one year of In-service Training) certified by the trainers, in accordance with the requirements of the Board of Study.
 - (b) More than 80% attendance in the lectures/tutorials in scheduled Teaching activities. This has to be certified by the Chairperson/Board of Study in Clinical Oncology.

Note :-

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

03. There will be separate assessments for 06 subjects. They are: (1) Radiation Physics, (2) Medical Statistics, (3) Pathology, (4) Radiobiology, (5) Pharmacology, and (6) Cancer Biology.
04. In the first attempt at the MD Part I Examination the eligible candidates must sit for all subjects.
05. The examination shall consist of:
 - i. A written paper – (structured essay type) – (total of 6 Papers)
 - ii. A viva voce examination – (Total of 6 viva stations)

06. To pass the MD Part I Examination the candidate

6.1 Should pass all six subjects in one single attempt.

6.2 To pass each subject the candidate,

(a) Should obtain an aggregate of 50% or more marks from the written and the viva components

AND

(b) Should obtain an aggregate of 50% or more marks for the written paper of that subject

AND

(c) Should obtain 45% or more marks for the viva voce examination of each subject.

07. Referred candidates

A candidate who has not fulfilled the above requirements to pass the examination will be considered as a Referred Candidate if the following criteria are fulfilled:

7.1 Should have passed three or more of the subjects as described in 6 above.

7.2 The candidate must have obtained for each of the remaining subjects (these will be referred to as the preferred subjects) an aggregate of 35% or more for the written paper and 35% or more for the viva voce examination.

Those who did not pass the examination or get referred will be considered to have failed the MD Part I examination, and must sit for all six subjects.

08. The criteria that should be fulfilled by a referred candidate to pass the examination-

8.1 The candidate should sit all the referred subjects at the next available examination. Such referred candidate should be considered to have passed the MD Part I examination when they pass the referred subject(s) within three consecutive attempts of this examination, Inclusive of the first attempt. four attempts are allowed to pass the MD Part I examination.

8.2 Those candidates who fail in the first attempt of the MD part I examination will have to take all the six subjects in their next attempt at this examination.

09. Past question papers are available in the PGIM Library. <https://library.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/>

10. 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 the reasons applicable, to the Board of Study, the examination will be counted as an attempt.

11. Please note that the trainees would be allowed up to a maximum of 6 attempts within the training programme/Course of study.

12. The selected candidates should report to the training unit allocated to him/her within one month on receipt of the letter of selection to the training programme and allocation to the training unit.

13. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “General Regulations and Guidelines -2023” which is available in PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk The allocated training units shall not be changed for personal reasons.

14. 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.

15. The candidates should pass the Pre- Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available in the PGIM web site.

16. There should be no delay in submitting the dissertation or research report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the Prospectus. If there is a delay, the Board Certification will be delayed accordingly.

17. 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,

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

19. 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)

(Referred candidates need to pay the registration fee of Rs. 12,500/= Application fee Rs. 6,500.00 and Rs. 36 000/= as the examination fees)

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

20. The application form can 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/C7btxeSxc4FkdRZu7> on or before **15th 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.**
22. Each year only the scheduled selection examination in the approved examination calendar shall 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. Trainees should undergo the Professionalism Strand organized by the PGIM. Please note that this is a 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. A trainee following a PG Certificate or PG Diploma or MSc or MD programme shall not be permitted to sit another selection examination for PG Certificate or PG Diploma or MSc or MD. If the trainee leaves the course before completion of programme/course of study, he/she shall not be permitted to sit 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.
26. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
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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