

Circular Letter No. 99 /2023

My No. PGIM/EX/14/PGD/PM/23
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 07
06th November 2023

To: Deputy Director General/NHSL, Colombo,
Directors/MSS of Teaching/General Hospitals,
Provincial 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

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PALLIATIVE MEDICINE EXAMINATION
DECEMBER 2023

1. The above examination will commence on Wednesday 06th December 2023.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.
 - (a) Trainees are expected to show attendance of 80% or more in each of the clinical and the taught components.
 - (b) Trainees must obtain a 'satisfactory' grade for the clinical portfolio and the logbook (attendance diary)

Note: (01) Candidates are required to submit a soft copy of the Portfolio as specified in the prospectus. The portfolio will undergo a plagiarism check by the PGIM. No extension of time will be allowed under any circumstances.

(02) Candidates are required to submit the logbook on or before 24th November 2023 as specified in the prospectus. No extension of time will be allowed under any circumstances.

3. The examination will consist of 02 components as follows:

(1) Written Examination

MCQ Paper	SBA (20 Questions) MTF (40 Questions)	02 hours
SEQ Paper	05 questions	02 hours
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(2) Clinical Examination

OSCE (15 stations)	05 Live stations 10 minutes each 10 Non-live stations 05 minutes each
Clinical Viva	20 minutes

4. Candidates who obtain 50% or more marks for each of the two components of the final assessment (Written & clinicals) will be considered successful at the examination and will be eligible for award of the Postgraduate Diploma in Palliative Medicine by the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo.
5. Candidates who are eligible to sit the Diploma 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. A candidate who obtains less than 50% in either or both components of the final examination is considered a failed candidate. Such candidates shall repeat the failed components of the examination at the immediate next attempt. A candidate who fails to pass at this next attempt will be required to take both exam components at the 3rd attempt. A maximum of six attempts within eight years will be allowed for completion of the postgraduate diploma.
7. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows:-
 - (a) Registration fee Rs. 12,500/= (Non Refundable)
 - (b) Examination fee Rs. 67,500/=
 - (c) Application fee Rs. 5,500/= (Non Refundable)
 - (c) Assessment fee Rs. 13,000/= (Non Refundable)

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

Only online payments through the PGIM online portal will be accepted

8. The application form can be downloaded from the website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk
9. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in MOH website – www.health.gov.lk
10. Each year only the scheduled examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.

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11. All examination applications and other documents are collected through a Google form <https://forms.gle/XUDwbh8kTz1jqHhm9> on or before **24th 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.**
12. The results will be valid and official only after confirmation by the Senate of the university.
13. 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 (e.g. 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.
14. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk for further updates.
15. 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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