

My No. PGIM/EX/8/MD/Cli.Haem ('23)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine
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Colombo 7
10 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

MD CLINICAL HAEMATOLOGY EXAMINATION – DECEMBER 2023

1. The above examination will commence on **Friday, 15 December 2023.**
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following minimum requirements to sit the above Examination.
 - (a) Successful completion of the Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Haematology Examination.
 - (b) Attendance in the period of in-service training in each of the specified clinical training rotations, as per the General Regulations and Guidelines of the PGIM
 - (c) Submitted the completed portfolio documenting the training during the Postgraduate Diploma & MD training period.
 - (d) Satisfactory progress reports.
 - (e) Satisfactory Multi Source Feedback forms
 - (f) Candidates are required to submit **Professionalism and Ethics in Medical Practice Strand Certificate issued by the PGIM along with the application.**
3. The examination components as follows;
 - (a) **Theory Component** – This will consist of 2 essay papers.
Each paper will have **4 questions and all 4 questions must be answered** in 3 hours.
All questions will carry equal marks.
 - (b) **Practical Component** –
This will consist of the following four subcomponents.
 - OSPE/OSCE 15 stations in 2.5 hrs. All questions to be answered.
 - Two Clinical Cases – (one will be in haemato oncology) 1.5 hrs
 - Data Interpretation with case discussions including morphology – 3 hrs
 - Coagulation and transfusion data interpretation – 3 hrs
 - (c) **Viva Voce Component**- 40 minutes - 20 minutes each by two panels
4. The candidates should obtain minimum marks as follows to be successful at the examination
 - **A minimum of 50% overall for the entire examination**
AND
 - **A minimum of 50% for the theory component (Essay Papers)**
AND
 - **An overall 50% for the entire practical component and a minimum of 50% for each of the four sub components of the practical examination.**
 - **AND obtain 50% or more for a minimum of 8 out of 15 of the OSPE/OSCE stations.**

5. Past question papers are available in the PGIM library.
<http://librepository.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/handle/1/2146>
6. 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.
7. Please note that candidates are allowed only six (06) attempts at the MD Examination which must be completed within a period of eight (08) years from the date of the first examination. However, after failing the fifth (05) attempt the candidate should undergo a minimum period of one year further training before permitted the sixth (06) attempt.
8. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “General Regulation and Guidelines 2023” which is available on the PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk and according to the approved procedures by the PGIM based on merit. The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons.
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 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.
10. 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.
11. The trainees must, with one (01) calendar month of satisfactory completion of the prescribed requirements, apply for Board Certification. All relevant document must be submitted with the application. Failure to do so will result in a effective date of Board Certification.
12. 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.
13. The candidates should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.
14. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows:

a) Registration fee	-	Rs. 12,500.00 (non refundable)
b) Examination fee	-	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 listed fees)
Note that the only payments made through the PGIM online portal will be accepted
15. The Application form could be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk
16. All examination Applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form. <https://forms.gle/9XzreUZ9LMTEG4zWA> on or before 30 November 2023. All applicants should have a Gmail Account to log in to a google form. Trainees have to use the email account created by the PGIM. You should attach your exam application with all the relevant documents 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.**

17. Each year only the scheduled Examinations in the approved examination calendar will be held. **No repeat or additional examinations will be held.**
18. 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.
19. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
20. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk
21. 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
22. 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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