

My No. PGIM/EX/8/PDTM ('24)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine
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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
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POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN TRANSFUSION MEDICINE EXAMINATION
JANUARY 2024

1. The above examination will commence on **29 January 2024**. The examination will be held in Colombo.
2. Applications are invited from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination:
 - (a) Satisfactory completion of the 1 year training programme in the training center to which the trainee has been assigned by the Board of Study in Pathology.
 - (b) Acceptance of all progress reports by the BOS.
 - (c) Attendance according to the Paragraph 10 (Leave) of the PGIM General Regulation and Guidelines for trainees 2023.
 - (d) Submission of the Portfolio and acceptance by the BOS.
3. The examination shall consist of three components,i.e-
 - a) Written Papers – Paper I & Paper II
Paper I- 8 questions of short answer type - duration - 3 hrs
Paper II- 12 questions based on Data Interpretation - duration – 2 hrs
 - b) Practical – One Problem based wet practical on a clinical case scenario
duration - 3 hrs
 - c) Structured Viva – Duration 15 minutes
4. Requirement to pass the PG Diploma in Transfusion Medicine Examination is a minimum total aggregate of 50% (50 marks) and a minimum mark of 50% for each written (30/60 marks) and the practical components (15/30 marks).
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 Postgraduate 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 PG Diploma 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.

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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 effective date of Board Certification. The trainee status of trainees will be terminated in those who delay commencing overseas post-MD training more than four (04) years after the expected date of completing local post-MD training.
10. There should be no delay in submitting the dissertation or research project report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. If there is delay, will be added to the effective date of Board Certification.
11. 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.
12. 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.
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 are as follows:-
 - (a) Application fee - Rs. 5,500/- (non refundable)
 - (b) Registration fee - Rs. 12,500/- (non refundable)
 - (c) Examination fee - Rs. 67,500/-(candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above specified fees)

Note that only payment made through PGIM online portal will be accepted.
15. All examination Applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form. <https://forms.gle/gnJ5nEUtHJGJbmDcA> on or before 12 January 2024. Candidates have to use the email account 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 submission and application sent via email will not be accepted.**
16. The Application form could be download from the website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk
17. The relevant information of the training programme is described in the prospectus and relevant document/amendments.
18. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar will be held. **No repeat or additional examinations will be held.**
19. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health– www.health.gov.lk/
20. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the **Senate of the University.**

21. 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.
22. The candidate who pass the Selection Examination and are selected for the MD programme should undergo the Professionalism & Ethics in Medical Practice Strand organized by the PGIM. Please note that this is compulsory for all MD trainees and should be completed within the first two years of pre-MD training. A certificate will be issued to trainees who complete this strand successfully.
23. 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/ for more information
24. Please bring the contents of this Circular to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
25. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/>

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