

My No. PGIM/EX/8/MD/Part II/His (24)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
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Colombo 7.
18 December 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 HISTOPATHOLOGY PART II EXAMINATION– MARCH 2024

1. The above examination will commence on **Monday, 19 March 2024** and the Postmortem component of the above examination will commence on **Monday, 05 February 2024**.
2. Applications are invited from medical officers possessing the following minimum requirements to sit the above Examination.
 - (a) Attendance according to the Paragraph 10 (Leave) of the PGIM General Regulation and Guidelines for trainees 2023.
 - (b) Submission of the Portfolio
 - (c) Satisfactory progress reports
 - (d) Completion of the cut-up assessment
 - (e) Candidates are required to submit **Professionalism and Ethics in Medical Practice Strand Certificate issued by the PGIM along with the application.**
3. The examination consists of 04 practical components as follows:-
 - (1) 15 Histopathology Slides 3 hours
 - (2) 15 Cytology Slides 2 hours 30 minutes
 - (3) 15 OSPE cases 3 hours
 - (4) (i) Postmortem 3 hours including 30 minutes question time
 - (ii) Clinico-Pathological Conference – two cases 2 hours including 20 minutes viva
 - (iii) Viva Voce 20 minutes
 - (iv) Cut-up assessment 45 minutes

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4. Requirement to pass the MD Part II Examination in Histopathology
 - (i) An overall aggregate mark of 50% or more from Components 1,2,3 & 4 **AND**
 - (ii) 50% or more for each slides, for at least 10 out of 15 slides of Components 1 (Histopathology Slides) **AND**
 - (iii) 50 % or more for each slides, for at least 10 out of 15 slides/cases of Components 2 (Cytology) **AND**
 - (iv) 50% or more for each station, in at least 10 out of 15 station of Component 3 (OSPE) **AND**
 - (v) 50% or more for Component 4
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 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.
7. 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.
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 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.
9. 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.
10. There should be no delay in submitting the dissertation or research report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. If there is delay, the Board Certification will be delayed accordingly.
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 on the PGIM website.
14. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows:
 - a) Registration fee - Rs. 14,000.00 (non refundable)
 - b) Examination fee - Rs. 125,000.00
 - c) Application fee - Rs. 7,500.00(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. The relevant information of the training programme is described in the prospectus and relevant document/amendments.
17. All examination Applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form. <https://forms.gle/9cvDkz5GHmy3afk8> on or before 12 January 2024. Trainees have to use the email account created by the PGIM. 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.**
18. Each year only the MD Examination in the approved examination calendar will be held. **No repeat or additional examination will be held.**
19. 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
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. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk
23. 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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