

**Circular Letter No. 013/ 2024**

My No. PGIM/EX/14/MD/CN/23  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
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01<sup>st</sup> February 2024

To: Deputy Director General/NHSL, Colombo,  
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 IN CLINICAL NUTRITION EXAMINATION – MARCH/ APRIL 2024 (PROSPECTUS 2017)**

1. The above examination will commence on **28<sup>th</sup> March 2024**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.

- (a) Completion the two-year clinical training, satisfactorily, with 80% attendance in each component.
- (b) Submission of logbook and portfolio at least eight weeks before the MD Clinical Nutrition Examination for the purpose of assessment.

Note: The candidates are required to **submit a one soft copy of the completed portfolio through the Google form** <https://forms.gle/yamHNuhbh1UzypaA8> and hard copy of the logbook on or before **14<sup>th</sup> February 2024** as specified in the prospectus. No extension of time will be allowed under any circumstances.

- (c) Candidates are required to submit a certified copy of **Professionalism and Ethics in Medical Practice Strand Certificate** issued by the PGIM.
3. The examination will consist of 03 components as follows:  
(1) Written Component

Paper I	Structured Essay Question Paper	03 hours
Paper II	Data interpretation Paper	02 hours

(2) Clinical Component

Segment I	Long Case	75 Minutes
Segment II	Short Cases	40 Minutes
Segment III	OSCE	75 Minutes

(3) The Viva Voce Component

Portfolio and Portfolio based Viva

20-30 Minutes

4. Requirements to pass the examination: -
  - A total aggregate minimum of 50% and
  - Minimum of 50% in the theory component, with at least 40% in each paper
  - Minimum of 50% in the clinical component, with a minimum of 40% in the long case and a minimum of 50% in the short cases
  - Minimum of 40% in the viva component
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 Interim Specialty Board, the examinations will be considered as attempts.
6. Please note that **candidates are allowed only 06 attempts at the MD examination which must be completed within a period of 08 years from the date of the first examination.** However, after failing the fifth attempt the candidate should undergo a minimum period of one year further training before permitted the sixth attempt.
7. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “General Regulation & Guidelines 2024” which is available on PGIM website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) 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 effective date of Board Certification. The trainee status of trainees will be terminated in those who delay commencing overseas post-MD training by more than four (04) years after the expected date of completing local post-MD training.
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 a delay, the Board Certification will be delayed accordingly.
11. The trainee must, within one (01) 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 the effective date of Board Certification.
12. The candidates should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available on the PGIM website for perusal.

13. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows:

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| (a) Registration fee            | - Rs. 14,000.00 (non-refundable) |
| (d) Application fee             | - Rs. 7,500.00 (non-refundable)  |
| (c) Examination fee             | - Rs. 125,500.00                 |
| (d) Assessment fee of portfolio | - Rs. 15,000.00 (non-refundable) |

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

**Note that only payments made through the PGIM online portal will be accepted.**

14. The application form can be downloaded from our website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk)

15. All examination applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form <https://forms.gle/QDWXrUVr6MvaHBLMA> on or before **01<sup>st</sup> March 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 uploading multiple documents. **Please note that incomplete, handwritten, late submissions and applications sent via email will not be accepted.**

16. 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.

17. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.

18. Each year only the scheduled examination in the approved examination calendar will be held. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.

19. Please refer to 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](http://www.health.gov.lk)

20. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/) for further updates.

21. Please bring the contents of the Circular to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.



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