

**Circular Letter No 30/2024**

My No. PGIM/EX/10/MD/VEN (24)  
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To: Deputy Director General/NHSL, Colombo,  
Directors/MSS of Teaching/General Hospitals,  
Provincial Regional Directors of Health Services,  
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,  
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya,  
Sri Jayewardenepura/Rajarata/Eastern/Sabaragamuwa/ Wayamba/KDU.

**MD IN VENEREOLOGY EXAMINATION–MAY 2024**  
**(PROSPECTUS 2017)**

1. The above examination will commence on **13<sup>th</sup> May 2024**. The examination will be held in Colombo.
2. Applications are invited from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the MD (Venereology) examination.
  - a) Attendance according to the paragraph 10 (Leave) of the PGIM General Regulations and Guidelines for Trainees 2024.
  - b) Candidates should have satisfactory progress report and completion of the Logbook.
  - c) Candidate should submit the Dissertation to the BOS.
  - d) Successful completion of Professionalism & Ethics in Medical Practice Strand conducted by the PGIM. (Certificate should be attached along with the application)  

Candidates should submit a certificate/s from supervisor/s concerned that they have fulfilled attendance according to the PGIM regulation at each of the training attachment and have satisfactorily completed the training programme along with the application.
3. The examination shall consist of 03 components.
  - (i) Written Papers - Paper I (Essay Type Questions) and Paper II (Short Answer questions)
  - (ii) Clinicals - Long case and Short cases
  - (iii) OSCE - Long OSCE (four stations) and Short OSCE (six stations)

Candidates shall refer to the relevant prospectus for details of the examination.

4. Requirements to pass the Examination.

Candidates who obtain 50% or more of the total 1000 marks

AND

a minimum of 50% in written papers

AND

a minimum of 50% in the clinical cases in one sitting

AND

A minimum of 50% in OSCE in one sitting shall be considered to have passed the MD examination

AND

A pass in the MD Dissertation.

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 examination for reasons not acceptable to the Board of Study the examinations will be counted as an attempts.

7. Please note that **candidates are allowed only 6 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 to sit for the sixth attempt.

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

9. The allocation of post MD training units will be done as described in “General Regulations & Guidelines– 2024” and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. **The allocated training units shall not be changed for personal reasons.**

10. 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.

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 sub specialties and the information is available in the prospectus.

12. 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.

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:

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| a. Application fee  | - | Rs. 7,500.00 (Non Refundable)  |
| b. Registration fee | - | Rs. 14,000.00 (Non Refundable) |
| c. Examination fee  | - | Rs. 125,500.00                 |

***Note that only payments made through PGIM online portal will be accepted.***  
(Private candidates will be charged 50% more on each fee of the PGIM)

16. The application form can be downloaded from the website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk>.

17. All examination Applications and other documents will be collected through a Google Form. <https://forms.gle/WHK7ZBKEijfDXRNf9> on or before **25<sup>th</sup> April 2024**. Candidates have to use the email accounts created by the PGIM to access the google form. The exam application with all the 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.**

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 of Colombo.**

20. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in PGIM website – [www.health.gov.lk](http://www.health.gov.lk).

21. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website for further updates. <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk>.

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

  
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