

My No. PGIM/EX/8/PD/Cli.Haem ('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 CLINICAL HAEMATOLOGY EXAMINATION
- MAY/JUNE 2024 (PROSPECTUS 2013)

1. The above examination will commence on **Thursday, 16 May 2024 - Written Papers**
The examination will be held in Colombo.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.
 - (a) Attendance according to the Paragraph 10 (Leave) of the PGIM General Regulation and Guidelines for trainees 2024
 - (b) each of the 5 components of the period of in-service training PG Diploma in Clinical Haematology (general haematology, paediatric haematology, haemato oncology, blood transfusion and haemostasis and thrombosis) AND
 - (c) the seminars conducted during the period of in-service training
3. All candidates will be informed in writing of their performance in the written component whether they are permitted or not, to proceed for the rest of the examination.
4. The examination consists of 03 components as follows;
 - (a) **Theory Component**
Theory Paper I – The essay question paper - All 4 Questions must be answered in 3 hours. All questions shall carry equal marks.

Theory Paper II – The Structured essay question paper – All 6 questions must be answered in 3 hours. All questions shall carry equal marks.

Candidates who obtain a minimum of **50% marks** and above for the Theory Component will be eligible for Practical Examination and Viva Voce

(b) **Practical Component :**

- Transfusion - One - problem based wet practical and 04 to 06 short questions. Duration - 3 hours -all questions to be answered
- Coagulation - One problem based wet practical and 04 to 06 data interpretation questions. Duration – 3 hours
all questions to be answered
- Short Cases - 15 to 20 cases of morphology & special investigations.
Duration - 3 hours - all questions to be answered
- Long Case - 05 to 08 cases of morphology and data interpretation questions. Duration – 3 hours - all questions to be answered

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(c) **Viva Voce:**

Duration - 30 minutes. 15 minutes each with two Panels.

To pass the Practical component of the examination the candidate should fulfill all following criteria.

- An overall 50% of the entire practical component.
 - Minimum of 45% marks for each sub component of the practical examination (Transfusion, Coagulation, Short Cases & Long Case)
 - Minimum of 50% should be obtained from the combined short and long cases.
5. To pass the examination each candidate must obtain **a minimum of 50% for entire examination & a minimum of 50% for the theory component & pass the practical component.**
 6. **A candidate who has passed the theory component and failed to obtain the required 50% in the practical component will be allowed to sit the next subsequent practical examination and viva voce. In such cases the mark previously obtained at the theory component will be considered in the final computation of the marks. If such a candidate fails this attempt, he or she will be required to sit the entire examination at the next subsequent attempt. Candidates who opt for the practicals need to pay the application fee Rs. 6,500/- registration fee Rs. 14,000/- and Rs. 49,500/- the examination fee.**
 7. Past question papers (Theory) are available in the PGIM library. <http://librepository.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/handle/1/2146>
 8. 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.
 9. 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 attempt the candidate should undergo a minimum period of one year further training before permitted the sixth (06) attempt.
 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 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.
 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. 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.
 13. The trainees 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 effective date of Board Certification.
 14. The candidates should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.

15. Following the completion of prescribed requirement for Board Certification including overseas training the prospective trainee applies for Board Certification with the relevant documents within one month following the completion of such requirements. If this is not followed, the date of Board Certification will be delayed.
16. The prescribed fees for the examination are as follows:-
- (a) Application fee - Rs. 6,500/- (non refundable)
 - (b) Registration fee - Rs.14,000/- (non refundable)
 - (c) Examination fee - Rs. 74,500/-
- (candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above specified fees)

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

17. All examination Applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form. <https://forms.gle/WQzxNfTBaAnuR16H7> on or before 03 May 2024. The Candidates 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 of multiple documents. **Please note that incomplete, handwritten, late submission and application sent via email will not be accepted.**
18. The Application form could be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk
19. The relevant information of the training programme is described in the prospectus and relevant documents/amendments.
20. Each year only the scheduled PG Diploma Examination in the approved examination calendar will be held. **No repeat or additional examination will be held.**
21. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health– www.health.gov.lk/
22. 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.
23. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
24. The candidate who pass the Selection / PG Diploma 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.
25. 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
26. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk for further details.

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



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